

| DATE OF INSTITUTION. | NAME OF VICAR. | NOTES. | NAME OF PATRON. |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 29 March, 1717 ... | Thomas Shewring (Junior) | | Rector of Cradwell (Tho. Shewring, clerk) |
| 31 Oct., 1723 ... | Geo. (Ingram) 8th Viscount Irwin | On death of T. Shewring, Mr. Ingram, before succeeding to the title, was Chaplain to the House of Commons; R. of Cradwell, 1719—1763; Canon of Westminster, 1724; died 14th April, 1763 | Isabella, Dowager - Viscountess Irwin. |
| 1763 ... | James Giles ... | On death of George, Lord Vis- count Irwin, Giles was also R. of Cradwell, 1763—85 | The Bishop (by lapse) |
| 1785 ... | James Wigget | On resigntion of Giles, Wigget was also R. of Cradwell, 1785. | Rector of Cradwell (Jas. Wigget) |
| 1839 ... | William Maskelyne, M.A. ... | The Ecl. Rev. Report, 1835, gives pop. 420; net val. of benefice £269 per annum | (Wm. Maskelyne) |
| 1855 ... | George Staunton Simcoakes, M.A. | 2nd s. of Wm. Maskelyne, gent. of Porton, M.A., Penh. Coll., Oxf., 1834 | Rector of Cradwell |
| 1864 ... | Wm. John Buckland, M.A. (Oxf.) | Of Trin. Coll., Camb.; and M.A. of Oxford, 1863 | Rector of Cradwell |
| 1903 ... | Harry Kenrick Adkin, B.A. (Lond.) | Eldest s. of Thos. Buckland, gent. of Bumpstead, Middlesex, M.A. Wore. Coll., Oxf., 1861 | Mrs. H. K. Adkin (by purchase) |
| 1910 ... | Gilbert Lee Hanky, M.A. (Camb.) | Do. | do. |

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VICARS OF HANKERTON.

According to the original deed of gift in the Malmesbury Cartulary, Hankyntone, consisting of ten cassates (or hides), was given, A.D. 901, by King Edward the Elder to God and Malmesbury Abbey in exchange for other lands called Fearnbergas, distant twenty miles from the Monastery (*Reg. Malm.* i. 315), probably Farnborough in Berkshire. It seems certain therefore that the ministrations of the Church in Hankerton date back at least as early as the tenth century.

The names of the early incumbents have not been preserved, and at some period before A.D. 1221 the rectorial estate had been assigned to Malmesbury Abbey, and a vicarage ordained. The advowson or right of presentation of clergy to the vicarage was vested in the Rector of Crudwell by virtue of his office, and though occasionally leased with the "farm" of the Rectory of Crudwell (as in 1552, 1600, and 1699), remained inherent in the Rector until very recent times. Vicar in 1221—Ralph, son of Roger de Crudwell, who had probably been nominated to Hankerton by Henry de Courtenay, Rector of Crudwell (*see Registrum Malmesbur.* i. 288; ii. 43, etc.)

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| 6 Kal. Mar., 1343 | William Crisp | ... | ... Rector of Crudwell (Wm. de Weston) |
| 26 Nov., 1351 ... | William Nowell | | ... Do. ... Do. ... Rector of Crudwell, after an enquiry which established the Rector's right. ... Rector of Crudwell (Wm. de Newenham) |
| 10 Sept., 1364 ... | William Nywby | ... | |
| 14 June, 1379 ... | John Bagbrok | ... | |
| 12 Jan., 1386 ... | John Wandesford | ... | |

Church of the Holy Cross, Hankerton.

Church Officers.

Vicar—THE REV. G. L. HANKEY, M.A.

Churchwardens—{ MR. JOSEPH CHIVERS.
MR. ARTHUR HISLOP.

Sidesmen—{ MR. D. COOPER.
MR. H. GARDNER.
MR. J. SHEPPARD.
MR. F. WORTHINGTON.

Representative on the Ruri-decanal Conference—
MR. J. CHIVERS.

To the Parishioners of Hankerton and to all who take a kindly interest in Hankerton Church.

My Dear People,

The year that has just passed has not been marked by any very special event, but I hope that some quiet progress has been made in the cause of the Church. You will find an account of the work in the following pages.

I should like here to thank all those who have helped in the work either by personal service or by alms-giving. I am sure that the more voluntary help a parish receives the more is the welfare of the Church promoted.

I would draw your attention to the list of Vicars of Hankerton from the earliest times. I am able to publish it through the kindness of the Rev. W. Symonds who has expended much labour and skill in compiling it.

The Rev. H. K. Knight-Adkin has also sent me a list of Vicars compiled by a friend of his, but Mr. Symonds' list is the more complete. Mr. Adkin has promised to have the complete list written out and framed. It will then be hung in the church. Our best thanks are due to Mr. Symonds and Mr. Adkin for their kindly interest in this matter.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year, I am,
Yours sincerely,

G. L. HANKEY.

PARISH NOTES.

The special Lent Services were held as usual on Thursday evenings and were fairly well attended. They took the form of Litany of Penitence, prayers and mission hymns. The addresses on the Seven Words from the Cross were given by the Vicar.

On the Sunday evenings in Lent a course of sermons was preached by our friend the Rector of Long Newton.

The Easter Services were marked by their usual brightness. The number of Communicants was 22, rather less than last year. The decrease is accounted for by the fact that there were no visitors or strangers present.

At the Vestry Meeting held on Easter Monday Mr. Chivers was re-elected people's warden and Mr. Hislop re-appointed Vicar's warden. Messrs. Worthington, Cooper, Sheppard and Gardner were elected sidesmen.

The Confirmation was held at Crudwell on April 18th, when the Bishop of Bristol confirmed the following candidates from this parish:—Barbara Holcombe and Amy Gwendoline Marshall.

It is probable that this is the last Confirmation which the present Bishop of Bristol will hold in this neighbourhood, as there is a likelihood of his resigning in the spring, owing to advancing years. Those of us who have seen and heard him in recent years have always been struck with his remarkable vigour and strength. His Confirmation addresses have always been marked by their helpfulness, simplicity, and sound advice. We should all pray that the remaining years of his life will be happy and peaceful after his long life of faithful and strenuous work. Also we must not omit to pray that a wise choice will be made in appointing his successor.

We have acquired a new violet Altar Frontal for use during the seasons of Lent and Advent. Particulars as to its cost will be found among the accounts. It is of simple design and looks quiet and dignified, and in every way suitable to its surroundings. It was made by Miss Hankey, assisted by Mrs. Cooper, who are both to be congratulated on the excellence of their work.

Winchcomb Book Charity.

This Account is not ready for publication. It will be posted on the Church Notice Board in due course and printed in next year's Record.

Church Clock Fund.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Acknowledged in last year's Record | ... | ... | 24 5 2 |
| Sale of Photographs | ... | ... | 0 0 3 |
| Proceeds of Concert | ... | ... | 2 4 4 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | £ | s. | d. |
| | 26 | 9 | 9 |
| | | | <hr/> |

Bank interest for 1913 is to be added to the total.

Church Furnishing Account.

| RECEIPTS. | PAYMENTS. |
|--|-----------|
| Balance | £ s. d. |
| Balance | 5 4 6 |
| | £ s. d. |
| Curtains and Rods for School Windows ... | 0 12 7 |
| Mohair Mat for Church ... | 0 7 6 |
| Material, etc., for Violet Altar Frontal ... | 3 0 9 |
| Balance in hand... ... | 1 3 8 |
| | £ s. d. |
| £5 4 6 | £5 4 6 |

Piano and Lantern Fund.

| RECEIPTS. | EXPENDITURE. |
|--|--------------|
| Profit on Tea Party ... | £ s. d. |
| Subscriptions— | 0 6 0 |
| Mrs. Worthington ... | 0 10 0 |
| Mr. Worthington ... | 1 0 0 |
| Mrs. Worthington, Senr. ... | 0 10 0 |
| Mrs. John Roberts ... | 0 10 0 |
| Rev. H. K. Knight-Adkin ... | 1 1 0 |
| Mr. F. E. Bates ... | 2 2 0 |
| Mrs. Golding ... | 0 1 0 |
| Proceeds of Concert, per Lady Katharine Howard ... | 8 0 0 |
| Proceeds of Jumble Sale ... | 9 3 4 |
| Sale of Harmonium ... | 3 0 0 |
| Debt on Lantern ... | 1 14 0 |
| | £ s. d. |
| Cost of Piano ... | 19 19 0 |
| Material for Piano Cover ... | 0 5 8 |
| Carpet for Stage ... | 0 15 0 |
| Curtain, do. ... | 0 11 3 |
| Cost of Lantern ... | 5 14 6 |
| Lantern Sheet ... | 0 6 4 |
| Slides purchased ... | 0 4 6 |
| Lantern Catalogue ... | 0 0 9 |
| Postage, etc. ... | 0 0 4 |
| | £ s. d. |
| £27 17 4 | £27 17 4 |

The most important event in this Archdeaconry during 1913, was the Missionary Exhibition held at Chippenham from June 17 to June 25. It is impossible here to describe the Exhibition. It was full of interest and much valuable knowledge was gained by those who visited it, and many were no doubt impressed with the tremendous importance of the Church's work abroad. A few members of our Mothers' Meeting visited it on June 18, and some of the Day School children were conducted over the various courts on June 20. Neither grown up people nor children will easily forget what they saw and heard. The whole affair was admirably organised; only those who took an active part in it know what an enormous amount of work was necessary to ensure its success.

It is hoped that this Exhibition has done permanent good by informing Church people of what is being done and of what still remains to be done in foreign and colonial lands. As a direct outcome, a permanent Ruri-decanal Missionary Committee is being formed and every parish in the Deanery is to be represented. The immediate duty of this Committee will be to organise a general annual missionary meeting for the Deanery to be held at some convenient centre. No doubt it will devise other means to maintain interest in this most essential Church work.

Our own Parish Missionary Meeting, held on Nov. 12, was acknowledged to have been one of the best ever held in Hankerton. The speaker was the Rev. M. W. Ragg, Government Chaplain at Cawnpore. It was easy to see that he is an enthusiastic missionary, though his work necessarily lies with the Christian population of India. The room was comfortably full and his description of Indian village life was followed with keen attention. It was on this occasion that our new parish Lantern was used for the first time. Our friend Captain Moore, of the Church Army, came all the way from Ashton Keynes to work it for us and his kindness was acknowledged by an enthusiastic applause. A vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. Ragg for his address. Who among the readers of these lines can remember Mr. Ragg's story of the quarrel of the five fingers and the lesson it conveyed about the importance of prayer?

A new departure in Church life, as far as Hankerton is concerned is the Free Will Offering. It is unnecessary here to describe the whole scheme. It is part of a movement which is spreading throughout the length and breadth of the Anglican Church. Not in England alone but in India, Australia, and other colonies people are beginning to learn that it is their duty and privilege to give to the support of their Church. Our contributions, of course, will go to the Bristol Diocesan Fund. Everything points to the success of this particular Fund, and it may safely be said that Hankerton has so far done its part. This system of alms-giving has come to stay. Many more Hankerton Church people, however, ought to contribute. As yet only about twenty people have done so.

The Harvest Festival was held on Oct. 9. The church was prettily decorated, though there was hardly as much fruit and vegetables as usual.

The day began with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at eight o'clock. Evensong was said at seven o'clock when the Rev. H. K. Knight-Adkin preached to a large congregation. Many of his old friends were very pleased to welcome Mr. Adkin and his visit was altogether a very happy one.

The Sunday School has been carried on in its quiet way during the year. Only occasionally are children absent and then there is nearly always a reasonable cause. The subject of instruction has been the Old Testament history and the lessons are illustrated by beautifully coloured stamps.

The prizes for 1912 were distributed on Sunday, Jan. 12. The list of prizes for last year is as follows:—

Special Prize presented by Mrs. Worthington: Dorothy Hislop.

First Prize: Class 1, Katie Gardner; Class 2, Fred King; Class 3, Sydney King.

Second Prize: Class 1, Albert King; Class 2, Laddie Cooper; Class 3, Amy Denley and Fred Denley.

The Prize for the neatest Stamp Album: Hilda Cooper.

For repetition of Collect: George Golding.

Awards are also given to: May Holcombe, Winnie Bailey, Ernest Denley, W. Denley and Edwin Denley.

Alms Fund.

| RECEIPTS. | PAYMENTS. |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Balance from last year 0 6 7 | Altar Candles ... 0 11 5 |
| Alms at Holy Communion ... 1 17 6 | Relief of Sick and Poor 0 10 4 |
| | Altar Flowers ... 0 4 5 |
| | Durham Mission Hymn Books ... 0 6 7 |
| | Confirmation Veils ... 0 2 0 |
| | Books of Devotion ... 0 1 2 |
| | Free Will Offering Envelopes ... 0 3 8 |
| | Organ Music ... 0 2 0 |
| | Sundries ... 0 0 6 |
| | Balance ... 0 2 0 |
| £2 4 1 | £2 4 1 |

Day School Account.

| RECEIPTS. | EXPENDITURE. |
|--|--|
| £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Balance ... 4 11 5 | Subscription to Voluntary Schools Assoc. (2 yrs.) 0 7 10 |
| Rent of School House ... 5 5 0 | Fuel (Managers' Share) 0 8 10 |
| Donation (Lord Suffolk) 3 0 0 | Land Tax ... 0 3 6 |
| Hire of Room for two political meetings ... 0 14 0 | Paraffin ... 0 4 3 |
| Subscription, Boys' Club 0 5 0 | To Messrs. Ponting (Hopper windows) ... 5 5 0 |
| Do. Carving Class ... 0 1 1 | Insurance, Fire ... 0 7 6 |
| | Insurance, Children ... 0 3 6 |
| | Re-binding Hymn Book 0 2 5 |
| | Postage, etc. ... 0 0 11 |
| | Balance ... 6 12 9 |
| £13 16 6 | £13 16 6 |

Churchwardens' Account (Easter, 1913).

| RECEIPTS. | £ | s. | d. | EXPENDITURE. | £ | s. | d. | |
|--------------------|-----|----|----|-------------------|-----------|----|----|---|
| Balance ... | ... | 6 | 2 | 1½ | Coke | 3 | 13 | 0 |
| Collections ... | ... | 7 | 4 | 6½ | Oil | 1 | 9 | 2 |
| Subscriptions ... | ... | 4 | 5 | 0 | Insurance | 0 | 15 | 3 |
| Contents of Box... | ... | 0 | 3 | 7 | Candles | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| | | | | Sacramental Wine | 0 | 10 | 0 | |
| | | | | Colouring Chancel | 0 | 16 | 2 | |
| | | | | To Clerk | 4 | 5 | 0 | |
| | | | | Cleaning | 2 | 12 | 0 | |
| | | | | Washing | 0 | 7 | 10 | |
| | | | | Cheque Book | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| | | | | Balance | 2 | 10 | 10 | |
| | | | | | £17 | 15 | 3 | |
| | | | | | £17 | 15 | 3 | |

List of Special Collections.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|----|----|-----|
| Church of England Waifs and Strays Society (1912) | 0 | 11 | 10 |
| Sunday School | 0 | 6 | 3½ |
| Queen Victoria Clergy Fund | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Bristol Diocesan Board of Missions | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| Additional Curates' Society | 0 | 10 | 5 |
| Malmesbury Cottage Hospital | 0 | 11 | 9 |
| North China and Shantung Mission | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Cambridge Mission to Delhi | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| * S.P.G. | 2 | 6 | 11 |
| | £5 | 19 | 11½ |

* Including contents of Church Box and of two private missionary boxes, and the collection at the Missionary Meeting, November 12th.

The amount collected by the Free Will Offering Scheme is close upon £2, which has been sent up to the Central Diocesan Fund.

The numbers in the Day School keep much about the same. The attendance on the whole has been good. On April 30 we parted regretfully with Miss Evelyn Collins, who had been assistant mistress under Miss Shepherd for four years. She had been appointed to a more responsible post in the Shipton Moyne Church School. Before her departure she was presented by the children with a handsome copy of Tennyson's Works.

The vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Miss Amy Marshall as monitress.

The Diocesan Inspection in Religious Knowledge was held on April 2nd by the Rev. F. H. Manley. His report was as follows:—

"In this school a wide and varied syllabus of instruction has been taken during the past year and was exceedingly well known. The teachers deserve much praise."

F. H. MANLEY.

The Managers of the Day School, acting under the direction of the County Council Education Committee, have put in three hopper windows, two in the south and one in the east window frames. The cost was £5 to which Lord Suffolk very kindly contributed £3.

The Parish Tea and Concert took place with its now usual brilliant success. There were 60 people present and the profit, amounting to 6s., was handed over to the Piano Fund.

A Rummage Sale on behalf of the Piano Fund was held on Feb. 25. It was crowded with eager purchasers. The sale finished up with a Dutch Auction and many a bargain was made. The net profit of the sale was £9 3s. 4d.

The piano is now paid for and has become the property of the Vicar and Churchwardens of the parish.

Our very best thanks are due to Lady Katharine Howard who gave us the proceeds of a concert held at Charlton amounting to £8. This gave us more than we needed for the piano, and it was agreed among those who helped with

the Rummage Sale that the surplus profit should go towards the purchase of a parish magic lantern. A first rate lantern has been bought from the Church Army, and will be in use on many occasions during the winter months.

Readers are referred to page 12 for an account of the Piano and Lantern Fund. The small debt on the lantern will, it is hoped, very soon be wiped out.

The Church Clock Fund increases but slowly. A very successful concert was held in aid of it on April 9. We were glad to welcome several old friends from neighbouring parishes who contributed to the enjoyment of the evening. The net proceeds amounted to £2 4s. 4d.

A series of Lectures on Gardening, under the auspices of the County Council, was given in the School during November and December by Mr. T. Sharp, F.R.H.S. Many thanks are due to Mr. Sharp for his very careful instruction. Hankerton people generally are already considered very good gardeners, but their reputation will increase by leaps and bounds if they will take the pains to carry out the advice given by Mr. Sharp in these lectures.

The Mothers' Meeting continues on its successful career. There are not quite so many members now as a year ago owing partly to illness and partly to removal from the parish. Mrs. Chamberlain very kindly entertained the members to tea at her house on January 2nd.

The Girls' Friendly Society goes on much as usual. Three of the members are in situations. It is hoped that two others will be admitted in the spring. The Junior Candidate Class is increasing in numbers. At present the number is eight, and there are more to come.

The Boys' Club made a good start on January 23rd when the members were entertained to a tea party by the Vicar. An informal concert among themselves followed. For some reason there does not seem to be a very keen demand to meet again during the coming year.

A good strong cover has been made for the school piano. The material was bought out of the piano fund and Mrs. Cooper with her usual kindness and goodwill made it. We are very grateful to her. Her work has saved a good many shillings.

Baptisms.

1913.

Jan. 26.—Henry Charles, son of William and Ethel Mary Gleed.
Feb. 23.—George David Humphries, son of Arthur John and Minnie Cooper.

Marriages.

Nov. 15.—Reginald Samuel Stallard and Emily Sarah Smith.
Nov. 26.—Frank Yeates and Mary Lucy Tombs.

Burial.

May 8.—George James Cooper.