

The following Historical Notes
on the Church, School and village
life of Woodbury Salleton were
written by Lady Dunboyne of
Greendale, the Vicar and School
Mistress.

By Mr. John Halling first school master
at W. Satterton, writing (in very old age) to
the then Vicar, the Rev. W. Fowler.

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July 7th 1907. Sheffield.

Dear Rev. Sir,

Over two years have passed
since my dear Wife & myself celebrated
our Diamond Wedding day, when I intended
to write you, but having been busily
engaged, and a severe accident incapacitated
me for a considerable time, it has been
postponed.

I spent a quarter of a century of my
life in Woodbury Satterton which perhaps
was the happiest part of a long life.

Miss Marianne Piddley of Greendale
seeing the utterly neglected state of W.S.
was advised by the Rev. Aaron Necke of
Kings Perwell (her Spiritual Father) to open
a school, which she did in a cottage
at first with one schoolmistress, after
with a second. The cottage proved too
small. A house was necessary. I was
recommended by Mr. Necke and altho' scarcely
18 years of age was appointed, the cottage
proved too small, preparations were made
for building and the site procured, when
it became obvious a church was much

needed, it was a task to take 130 children or more to Woodbury twice a day on Sundays. altho the smaller ones were not expected to go in the afternoon (at that time she clothed 100 Boys & girls) the site intended for the school was utilised for the Church, a small orchard now the Burial Ground, was purchased from Mr Pitt, the Lord of the Manor, practically given, when all was arranged - I waited upon Bishop Philpott at Bishopstone (his Secretary was present) and fully explained all the particulars the chief point was, if Miss M. Pilsley built, would he allow the Patronage to be vested in her and her heirs, which was most readily granted, a fortnight after, he called to see the site and was exceedingly kind in every way.

The busy work commenced, the old Tute Barn was purchased from the Priest vicars of Exeter Cathedral nearly all the farmers in the Parish assisted more or less in drawing the materials free some ~~considerable~~ the stone was enough to build two Churches but alas the great waste in working, and

a Dandy foundation on the North side of the Church swallowed up a large quantity, Stone was procured at Exmouth quarried at low water, & taken to Lymington, then carted to the site the inside walls was built of Babbacombe fine stone, carted from Topsham, the Chancel arch, constructed of Heavitree sand stone, the sand for Plucco of the walls from Haldor, the carting became a serious item.

I assisted the Ladies in painting the windows - Miss Thornycroft (nee Sweet) painted all the Figures, I did the scrolls, which occupied us about 10 months, the glass was burnt by Beer of Exeter.

The Letters in the windows are from Westminster Abbey, I painted all with one exception, this was a great undertaking in addition to other duties from 5 + 6 am to 9 p.m. a rather difficult one. The Foundress placed on all the Texts above the 2 verses in the W. Window which I suggested, the first difficulty was some of the Letters such as B. R. M. & others

which commenced with an Elephas Snow
W, X, Y, Z. I had to moderate, no
common people could have read them
the next, getting in the space allotted.

Mr. Price gave the Communion
Table, which he procured by adding
a new top, it made a most suitable
table, he also with the architect
contributed the Pulpit, carved some
Panels. To correspond with old ones, he
gave the organ. Later considered it
not good enough for the Church, enlarged it,
I happened to go to Devon, a fortnight
after it was completed & spent a
day with him at Newton Abbots. Miss
Oceland, Killester worked the covers
for the 2 Communion books. The
3 Labels were 3 Guineas each. The
Bullion fringe $2\frac{1}{2}$ per yd.

The Madripores for the Chancel
are from Babbicombe & Torquay supplied
by Stevens, Exeter. While the Church was
building Robin's built their Nest in
the Chancel & saved their young,
never disturbed by the workmen. To
commemorate which Mr. Stevens, London
Sculptor, (son of the above) sent the 2 Bosses

of the Chancel Arch.

Mr. Wypell, Exeter Church Decretal
fitted up what was necessary being his
first work, now known thro a great
part of the world for Ecclesiastical Furniture
even in this city the Firm supplies
Clergy men with clothes.

A lawsuit was threatened
by the owner of Bridge farm on account
of the chancel extending too far in the
vicarage, but in the meantime Mrs
M. Porsby bought the farm.

At the time of building the
chancel my wife was occupied early
summer mornings in working the back
of the Chair in the Chancel, it was
worked on canvas, thro cloth. It was
impossible to draw out the canvas, I
had to cut each thread with a Penknife
The late Lady Rolle came several
times to see the Church. (She was present
at the consecration) especially when
she was about to rebuild Bickon Church,
and once took her Brother, Lord Clinton
asking my wife to uncover her Chair
turning to her Brother said "Here
Charles, I have seen a great deal

of needlework, but never any to equal this! My 2 neeces or two from Margate some time ago visited the Church to see their Aunts work, reported it was taken great care of: the woodwork cost 8 guineas.

My wife played the organ gratuitously for 20 years - in consideration thereof she was presented with a Silver Tea Service, the poor people contributing their pence.

The Boardress designed the noble Chance Arch. After I left the S. Church window was blown out & was repaired by Miss Pidsley.

Mr. Stannus had the large panes of glass in the Parsonage substituted for the leaded work.

After I left I understood Mr. Thornycroft & Miss Pidsley increased the income at W. Salterton also added the land at the back of the Parsonage as well as the field in front.

Mr. Stannus while in occupation could not get the field in front to run his horse even by renting, the Tenant objecting, as it

would take away one ^{of} his best fields.

I was glad to hear the endowment was increased. I think it was always the intention, but all could not be done at once, the buildings having cost about £10,000.

It is rather singular, I should have been the first Schoolmaster, first Clerk, first Portwote, and first to have been married in the new church, in which I had taken such lively interest.

When I read your appointment by Mr Charles Thornycroft, I concluded Mr Thornycroft must have passed away. I did not make a note of it, hence I could not direct the letter with your name, and failed at two public libraries in getting a clerical list. I have not heard from Woodbury, for many years, all my old friends have died.

All the work was begun & carried out with much prayer, I trust the Lord's Blessing will rest abundantly upon you and in all your endeavours to promote his honour.

and glory.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely.

John Walling.

P.S. - Lady Rolle sent the "Pines
Deodara" (which she told me she
reared herself) as well as the Fir on
the opposite side of the Chancel yard.

I suggested the Rose of Sharon
and the Lily of the Valley for Bobbes
at the Porch.

My wife & myself, were
invited to spend our holidays when
the Ladies were staying near Clovelly,
and had made arrangements for the
opening of the school, we returned, they
went on to Lintagel, where Miss

Pidsley died suddenly. She told me
ten days previously, her Physician had warned
her that the next attack would be
fatal. The active spirit had out
worn the feeble body. It might well
be said of her "She hath done
what she

(remainder of quotation not discernable)

The Church of The Holy Trinity
at Salterton in the Parish of Woodbury
was consecrated on the 24th September
1844 by Bishop Henry Phillpotts.

By Rev. Charles & Chas. Viner 1910.

It has struck me that it is well to make
a record of the history of this Ecclesias-
tical Parish during the lifetime of some
who remember the generous founder, Miss
Anne Pidsley & such events as the
building & opening of the Church.

St. Salterton was an outlying part
of the two parishes of Woodbury &
Colston Raleigh. There was no Day
nor Sunday School.

The stone for the Church building
was brought from an old barn at
Woodbury; the farmer hauling the same
free of cost. The Vicarage & School were
built immediately after the Church; the
fields were given by Miss Pidsley except
the further part of the largest field which
was exchanged in the time of the Rev.
George Grey, for one called 'New Head'.

The living was endowed by Miss Pidsley
Mrs. Thonycroft who married Miss Pidsley.

School
built after
the
church

School
endowed
1885

adopted daughter, handed over in 1885
the sum of £1500 for an endowment of
the school - The deed is in the
Church Chests. There is a sum of £200
invested in bonds in the names
of Sir John Rennaway & C. C. Thompson
Esq. the interest to be applied to
Church repairs.

Miss Anne Pidsley died in 1847.
Her sister lived on for many years
at Spendale and was a great benefactor
to the village. This parish shares
in the Charities of Woodbury - Speer Charity
Haydon's Charity
Hayman's Charity.

also in the Medical Charity - referred to
in Mr. Turner's notes

1882 - 1903 By Rev Henry Powell
Alford.

I was licensed to the Vicarage of Woodbury
Salterton on 21 July 1882, the Deed of
Presentation having been signed on June
29th my 26th Birthday. I had been
Curate to Pres. Alford. Vicar of Broad Clyst
and Rural Dean for two years serving
the little Chapel Lane at Westwood. For
a few weeks I had had charge of Felton
in Somerset under Dr. Hardman, who had
built both Church & Vicarage and
himself lived at Yatton.

When I went to W. Salterton the
Churchwardens were W. Stokes &
John Phillips both of the tenants
of the Patron, the Rev. John Thornycroft
Mr. Thornycroft presented by right of his
wife whose maiden name was Swete.
The Adornment had passed to her by
the Will of Miss Elizabeth Pidsley, whose
sister Anne had built the Church. At Miss
Pidsley's death Greenhalgh had been
bought by Lord Darboyne & in 1882 he was
living there with Lady Darboyne & Miss
Butler, his daughter. Miss Butler married
Lt. Col. Peters, the following April. I found

The Church well attended. It had a strong
Evangelical tradition, and drew some
members of its congregation from Woodbury.
The chief of those was Mr. Hole an old
Portsmouth who had once been in the
Navy, and was present at the Battle
of Navarino. He had attended the Church
ever since its consecration (1844) He deeply
resented any change in the Services but
continued to attend until failing health
prevented him. He was over 90 when he
died. He was buried in the Churchyard
at Woodbury. Two ladies, Mrs Brewster &
Miss Johnston, rivals in good works, and
in other ways, also came regularly to
W. Sabbath on Sunday mornings. Mrs Brewster
gave \$100 for a new organ in 1884. The
old organ had been built by an amateur,
Dr Price of New York Albion whose son was
for many years Curate & afterwards Vicar
of Bully's Salt. The organ cost \$120
& came from Messrs. Hill of Candor Town.

At a later date, ten years later,
the Church was regularly attended by
Mr. W. H. Peters of Haverfield whose
second wife, Miss Butler, was a cousin
of Lord Dunboyne, and by Lady Chelmsford

who also came from Lympstone, and his brother, Colonel Halley.

Chief

Parishoners

The Chief parishioners in 1882 were John Taverer of Grindle, George Pyne of Postle, John Stokes of Bridge 7, James Smith of Cooke farm, Grace Wilson of Heathfield, George Smith of Pylehayes, Joseph Pyle of Hog brook, Wm Hartnell of Upper Hog brook & Jesse Pyle of Shop Lane. Many of these were still in the Parish 20 years later. At my first Vestry Meeting, in 1883 James Smith & Grace Wilson became

Church Wardens and stayed in office some years. In 1884 the latter died and the former left the Parish a few years later.

Other Church Wardens were John Taverer, Joseph Pyle, George Pyne & Jesse Pyle.

Organist

I found Arthur Phillips, organist, at a salary of £5 a year. He played the organ all the time I was Vicar and was not about half a dozen times during the 20 years. The Parish presented him with a gold watch, a signet ring and a Bible when he had completed his 20th year as organist.

Sexton

John Skinner had been Sexton for many years and continued in office until

1884 when Edwin Auer succeeded him, John Skinner was much troubled with rheumatism & walked with two sticks. He was very autocratic & used the sticks on the boys heads in Church. Children services when the children sat in the front seats greatly troubled him. He had the opinion of Church warden Savender, who said on one occasion "Labouring men should sit with labouring men, Farmers with Farmers, Gentle folk with Gentle folk, and Lords with Lords".

Mr Turner
School master

The
School
Salary

Mr. Turner, who had been School Master for a ^{few} years only at that time acted also as Parish Clerk. The School was very full, about 80 children being in attendance. The School master had a fixed salary of £60 with $\frac{1}{2}$ the Government grant + $\frac{1}{4}$ the School pence, from \$85 to \$95 in all.

Rev. J. L. Fulford
Woodbury
Church.

Mr. J. L. Fulford was Vicar of Woodbury. He was a most kind hearted man but injudicious. He continued to set the Parish against him from the first. He had a lawsuit about the right of appointing Church wardens, the custom at

Woodbury having been for the Parish to elect both. He lost the case, which cost him several hundred pounds. He was liked personally, but his influence in the Parish was not very great and the Church was poorly attended. He died in 1898, after being Vicar for nearly 52 years.

There is not very much to record concerning my sojourn at W. Salterton. The chief alterations in the Church were the new organ, ~~for~~ which I have already referred, the Lecture & Bible, the introduction of lamps which made Evening Services possible, the raising of the Altar on two marble steps, the carved panels & cornice behind the Altar and the recoloring of the Chancel. But what improved the Church more than anything else was the removal of the, dreadfully ugly glass from the East window, & the insertion of the present beautiful glass, in memory of my dear friend, Lord Durbone. This was done at the sole expense of Lady Durbone, the other alterations were paid for in various ways, chiefly by subscriptions.

Three great celebrations took

Queens
Jubilee
~~1887~~

place during these years. The Queen's Jubilee in 1887. The Diamond Jubilee in 1887 and the coronation of King Edward in 1902. All these events were celebrated at W. Salterton as in most other places in the Kingdom & all took place in beautiful weather & were very successful. In each case about £20 was collected & spent.

First
Confirmation
by Bishop Temple

The first Confirmation ever held in W. Salterton Church was held in 1884 by Bishop Temple. This service was held rather frequently afterwards (in 1886, 90, 96, 98 & 1900) as the Church is conveniently situated for the group of Parishes to which our Parish belonged.

On the 12th November 1902 the Warden & Fellows of New College Oxford, presented me to the Rectory of Worthington near Shrewsbury and on 16 Feb. following I was admitted to the Rectory by the Bishop of Hereford who had been my old Headmaster at Clifton College. Thus my connection with W. Salterton was finally severed.

I had been vicar for 20 years & 6 wks. 3 weeks & 5 days. It is more than seven years since I left and I look back upon the Parish in which

I spent the best years of my life with
feelings of mingled penitence & thankful-
ness.

Wootton Rectory

27 June 1910.

1877-1917 By F. G. Turner.

The School
Mr Turner

In October 1876 the Rev. G. Grey visited
the Winchester Diocesan Training College for
Teachers and applied to the Principal
for a Head Teacher for W. Salterton School.

The Principal proposed Mr. F. G. Turner
to accept the Post. He accepted it.

Previous to his two years at Winton he
had served five years apprenticeship
at Mr. James Clapham under Mr. W. Taylor
who later was Normal Master at
Battersea Training College.

Mr. Turner arrived in the village
on Jan. 3rd 1877.

On the 7th (Sunday) he went to Church
with Sunday School children,
from each side about 60 in number. They
all sat in the gallery with the Choir.

The latter consisted almost entirely of
the older school girls & a few young
women. Mrs Grey superintended the
choir.

Finding the new Schoolmaster accustomed to Choir-work, Mrs Grey asked him to take charge of the Choir. He did.

After some time men were added to for many years the Church Music at W. Salters, was perhaps the best in the neighbourhood.

This teacher's first day in the Day School was on Jan. 8th 1877. There were about 60 children in the school. He was struck by the number of good looking children. Farmers' children and labourers' children were those whose parents had always lived in the Parish & their forefathers before them.

There was a private school carried on at the Post Office under Mr & Mrs Harrison. Gradually, they came to the Church School and the numbers in the School Register reached 99.

The work was difficult with a staff consisting of Head Teacher & a Pupil Teacher (Annie Hodnett) & a mistress.

Mrs. Turner, the Head Teacher's mother superintended the girls' Needlework. During forty years the numbers

have gone up & down.

About 1890-92 there was a great change in the population of the village. Old families left & others came but of quite a change in class.

At the present time (1915) there are several cottages tenanted by one person only, and several cottages formerly occupied by agricultural labourers are occupied by persons above that station.

The village used to boast of two Boat makers, a Blacksmith, a Carpenter, a Butcher & there were no less than four small shopkeepers.

The Plantation, that once grew Rhododendrons & other pretty shrubs and the grass of which was carefully kept is now almost an eyesore rather than a place of charm. Many of the cottages which had the appearance of well-to-do agricultural labourer's homes, now for the most part have the appearance of neglected

Over 400 children have attended this school during the teacher's 40 years of office. Perhaps an unusual happening has occurred viz. - that in the school has been a boy whose

mother and grandmother had been taught
in this school by the present teacher.
The boy is Frederick Mitchell, the
mother (before marriage) Gertrude Clarke
and the grandmother (before marriage)
Bessie Coombes.

Renovation
of
School

After more than fifty years
the interior of the schoolroom had
become badly in need of renovation.
In 1903 - 4 the Vicar, Mr Fawkes,
through the change brought about by
the County Councils taking over the
bulk of the school expenses & thus
leaving the Endowment Fund practically
free, put the schoolroom in thorough
repair & a great boon added. A well
was dug in the Vicarage Paddock
from which a pipe conveys good
water to a rotary pump in the school
lavatory. There was no drinking water
on the premises previously.

The Teacher's house, at the same
time was also made a comfortable
dwelling. Soon after Mr. Chase's taking
charge of the Parish, the school
Playground was tar-paved. This
has proved another great boon.

The schoolroom is kept much cleaner
and the whole building kept dry.

A flagstaff & Union Jack has been
provided and a lamp placed at the
entrance of the Playground. Two
shelters have been added to the premises
during the recent term which
greatly add to the comfort of the children
and provides the teachers with the
possibility of teaching outdoors.

For many years this teacher
has been a member of Woodbury
Parish Council and a member of
the Committee for the management
and distribution of Woodbury Parish
Charities.

This is mentioned here, as it
should not be lost sight of, that
for more than 100 years it has been
the rule for this part of the Parish
to receive one sixth part of the
amounts available for distribution.
With this year (1917) another
charity - the Woodbury Medical Charity
has come into working order. The
amount available is to provide
Hospital & Dispensary Recommendations

payment for medicines etc, and also
payment in cases of emergency for
conveyance to Hospital or Dispensary

At the present time the
Over of Woodbury is Chairman of
these Charities

It should not be forgotten
that the Clock in the School Tower
was placed there in Dec 1876 by
the Rev. Jos Thornycroft & Mrs Thornycroft.
The same also endowed the
school in 1881.

Forty years in the same
small village is a long holding;
perhaps too long. There are events
which are forgotten. There are events
which can be remembered with
pleasure and perhaps pride. But
there are others, which it would
be happiness if ^{they} could be forgotten

Sept. 29th 1917.

Woodbury Saltton 1879-1917 by
Lady Marion Dunboyne, Oct. 31st 1917.

Cold winter
of 1879-80

My first acquaintance with W. Saltton dates from the cold winter of 1879-80 - the winter when the Canal froze between Topsham & Exeter, the poor Swans were more than once imprisoned in the ice.

model
village

It was then a model village, only just deprived of the almost motherly care of Miss Pidsley, our predecessor at Greendale, of whom few now living, retain personal recollection, though her name is still honored by the descendants of those among whom she lived.

Many more were also, who told us of the younger sister Miss Marianne Pidsley to whom W. Saltton owes his Church, School & Parsonage, & who helped to change it from a resort of the re-erods-wells of the neighborhood, into a pretty & peaceful country village.

Many names recur to my memory of friends long since passed to their

rest. Among those most valued were,
good old Mr & Mrs Pomey, including
the blind man, who wrote poetry & whose
life of active cheerfulness was a lesson
to all, the Stadders, old Skinner the
Sexton & perhaps most of all, dear
old blind Betty Ware, known to the
whole neighbourhood as "Aunt Betty."

Our Clergyman in those days, was
the Rev. George Grey, then in very
delicate health. Both he & his wife
were kind & friendly to newcomers.

The choir was extremely good for
a County choir thanks mainly to the
good offices of Mr. Phillips who for
over 25 years walked to & fro (from
Woodbury) to fill the part of voluntary
organist. Our first Christmas Eve is
vividly imprinted on my memory. Late
in the evening we were surprised by
voices outside the drawing room window
& on peering out into the wintry night,
we discovered a donkey cart, containing the
lane old Sexton, with various younger
companions on foot who had come to
serenade us with Christmas hymns & carols.
Of course, they were invited in, to

Mr Phillips
of Woodbury
Organist

down hot coffee & sing in the hall,
among glistening holly & evergreens,
& heartily to exchange Christmas greetings.
Among the many Christmas evenings
of a long life, this one shines out
with especially sweet & tender ~~memories~~
memories.

Woodbury Satterton school children
were a merry sight in those days, in
their scarlet cloaks, the gift of
Mrs Thornycroft. Miss Popley's adopted
daughter.

Mr. Grey died, after a long illness
in 1882 & Mr. Thornycroft presented
the living to the Revd. H. P. Alford,
then a young bachelor, whose sermons
created no small sensation in our quiet
neighbourhood.

About a year & a half later, he
brought home his bride & the next few
years were among the brightest that
Woodbury Satterton had known.

The Jubilee day of 1887 is
especially printed on my memory—such
a brilliantly fine & thoroughly happy
day, with its bright service of Thacker
giving us Dinner & Tea for young

& old, followed by heavy athletic sports.

Perhaps its atmosphere of thankful joy especially appealed to me, on account of my husband's recent recovery from a serious accident.

His arm had been broken, & his life endangered, by a savage bull, from which he had rescued Robin, our faithful bailiff for 25 years.

There was much rejoicing at seeing him in his own place at the village dinner, although he had to carve by deputy, & neither he nor Robin had fully recovered from the encounter.

A year passed on & many changes took place in our quiet village, which like many others, suffered from the "bad times" & the effects of the South African War.

One day stands out in especial brightness in my memory, that on which Peace was proclaimed. What a joy it was to see the happy faces - every cottage hanging out a little flag of jubilation & every bell that could be found, tinkling its note of rejoicing. Mrs Alford gave the children an

unprompted Feas in the garden & there was a joyful Thanksgiving dinner in the Church.

A few years more & our Vicar & his wife had left us for a larger sphere.

We had spent 20 years together & seen them pass from extreme youth to sober middle age, & our hearts were sad over the parting.

Their successors were the Rev. W. & Mrs. Franks, who, with their two very charming daughters, left many affectionate memories, when unfortunately his health compelled him to give up all active work.

For eight years after that, we were blessed with the ministrations of the Rev. C. H. Chase & now, alas, he & dear Mrs. Chase, have also left us, to spend their remaining years, I trust, in peaceful happiness, among those dearest to them.

The new Vicar, the Rev. Wynnell Carter & his wife have just arrived in the Parsonage. I can only hope that in eight years time, those among us who are yet spared, will have as

much cause for thankfulness as I
have in reviewing the Blessings of
the past.

1909-1917 By Rev. Charles H. Chase

In July 1909 I was appointed Vicar
as the Rev. W. Fawkes had been obliged
owing to ill-health to resign.

The first event of interest was the
consecration of a new addition to the
Churchyard in the following September,
the necessary funds for fencing etc had
been raised in the Rev. Fawkes time
but the levelling had to be done; the
farmers carted the earth which was taken
from the corner at Cross Hills which
was ~~taken from~~ removed to widen the
road for motor traffic. The Bishop of
Exeter (Dr. Robertson) came for the conse-
cration; the Church was full, & tea was
provided for a large number in the School
Room. The Bishop visited the Parish
again in the Spring of 1910 for a
Confirmation, & the same time, dedicated
the Parish Room, built by Lady Penboye
in the memory of her husband. This
room has proved a great blessing to the

place. A mess club was held in it for some years. & will it is hoped be recovered at the conclusion of the war.

The Coronation of King George V was an event of outstanding importance.

The day was well observed by a service in the church; a dinner for men in the schoolroom; and a tea for every Parishioner. Sports were held in the field at the back of the Parsonage, & bonfires were lit at night. Mr. Ware very wisely closed his Public House at 11^{am} and did not open again all day.

A large sum was collected & out of the balance a lamp was erected at the small churchyard gate.

During my incumbency the population of the Parish very largely decreased, owing to the departure of most of the large families, and the renting of cottages by widows or married couples without children, as far as can be ascertained the decrease has been from 365 to 270. Several cottages have been abandoned as untenable. Others have been rebuilt or improved & 2 new ones built. The School

Decrease
in
Population

Average has decreased to nearly half the number.

District
Nurse

In 1911 a District Nurse was secured in conjunction with the Parishes of Cylesbeare, Farrington, & Woodbury. This has proved an immense benefit & the appreciation of the poor has grown yearly.

The interest in foreign mission work has not become deepened & the support given for "The Woodbury & Kilkerton Bed" in the Hospital has given point to prayers & offerings.

The Mothers Union and Girls Friendly Society have been started in the Parish, and are we believe proving themselves means of uplift in the direction of home influence and purity of life.

A Bible class for men was held for some years but the war caused it to be suspended.

The Parish Magazine started in 1910 has had a vigorous life and its circulation monthly has been nearly as many as there are houses in the Parish. We should like to make special

record of one of the oldest inhabitants
of the Parish - for whom personally I
had a great respect and affection,
Mr. Dagworthy who as Vicar Choral was
-der rendered loyal service to his
Church - He belonged to a very old
family & his father was also Church
Warden for many years.

After over 8 happy years we
leave the place with many regrets,
in younger hands & earnestly pray
that God's work may go forward & deeper

1917 to Oct. 1918 By Rev. Wynell
H. Carter.

On the resignation of the Vicar (Rev.
C. H. Chale) I was appointed by Mr C.
E. Thornycroft the Patron to the living
of W. Salkerton, after having been Vicar
of St. Mary Archer, Exeter for 13 years.
The Bishop of Exeter (Lord William
Goscombe Cecil) publicly licensed me to
the Benefice on Dec. 13th 1917. Those
present at this event were Mr C. E.
Thornycroft - Patron. Lady Danbyne,
Miss G. Venter, Miss Cecil (The Bishop's
daughter) Miss Martini, Miss Ocland. The

Church Wardens & their wives, Mr + Mrs
Lavender, Mr + Mrs George Smith and many
parish wives all having tea at the Vicarage
after the service. I have introduced
the Hymns "Ancient & Modern" in place
of 'Church Hymns' which I think was
much appreciated by the congregation
generally. A complete set of small
book markers for the Altar Book have
been presented to the Church by the
children. A candle extinguisher by
Miss F. Vinter.

A silver book also a new Chant-book
the gift of Mrs Walter Phillips.
Three sets of coloured Alms Bags (red,
white & violet) presented by Miss F. Vinter.
Altar linen by Miss Sicey.

During my short vicarage - during
this Great European War, this little
Parish did some war work.

A War Savings Association was
started with Mrs Carter as secretary &
Miss F. Vinter later on became treasurer.

A Moss Depot for drying & picking
over sphagnum moss was started in
the Parish Room. Miss F. Vinter &
other helpers assisting in the work.

Sphagnum
moss

The Day School managers were Lady Dunboyne, Mr. C. P. Thornycroft, Mr. G. Javelier, Mr. George Pyne (of Postlake) Mrs. Carter & myself as Vicar.

The number in the School when the Registers were checked in Sept. 1918 ~~was~~ ^{were} 39 (full attendance)

The Sunday School meets both morning & afternoon and attends Service at Church at 9 o'clock, on Saints Days, Lady Dunboyne entertained the School children to tea & games at Greendale in August.

I prepared eleven candidates for Confirmation in March. The Confirmation being held in Woodbury Church by the Bishop of Crediton.

Among Parochial organisations there still continues to be a branch of the Mother Union & also a branch of the G. F. S. Mrs Carter taking a great interest in these organisations.

In April 9, at the Bishop's suggestion & approval undertook the charge of the Parish of Topsham to release the Vicar who went as Chaplain to the Forces. The Sunday Duty at W. Satterton was

undertaken by the Rev. Frederick Williams
Rector of Farington & I frequently came
over from Topham on Weekdays visiting
& celebrating the Holy Communion on
Santo Days. In August 1918, I was
presented to the 'living' of Cofton, by
the Earl of Devon to sever my connection
with W. Satterton on Oct 10th 1918. The
Rev. M. H. Hayman, Vicar of Beercrocombe
or Taunton was presented to the 'living'
as my successor, by the Patron Mr
Thornycroft. Mr. Hayman having formerly
taken charge of this Parish for 6 months
during the vicarage of Mr. Frookes
& having resided for some years at
Woodbury is no stranger to W. Satterton
& many of the parishioners & others
remembered him quite well & will I
am sure extend to him & Mrs Hayman
a very hearty welcome.

I preached my last sermon at
the Harvest Festival on Sunday even.
Sept 15th to a large congregation: the
Church having been beautifully decorated
for the Festival.

I have forgotten to mention the
Rogation Service which was held during

Rogation
Service

that season at Postlake Farm. This
out-door service was started I believe
by Mr. Chase in the year 1914 & has been
held regularly at the same place ever since.
This year 1918 the late Vicar Mr. Chase
preached & other Clergy taking part were
Rev. Weber, Rector of Clyst St. George.
Rev. Williams of Harvington & myself.
The Choir of Woodbury, Clyst St. George,
& W. Salterton taking part in the service.

1918-1920 by Rev. M. H. Hayman
soon after my coming here as Vicar the
terrible war with Germany, Austria &
Turkey ended on Nov. 11th 1918 after lasting
over 4 years & costing many thousands
of lives. The Memorial of this awful
conflict is to take the form of a Tyche
Gate & about £100 has been collected for
it during the year 1919. The last year
has been a very sad one - with the
Parish having lost its great helper - the
saintly Lady Purboyne who passed away
suddenly at Greendale on June 17th.
Words fail to tell what she was to
W. Salterton - "She was a Mother in Israel"
Secondly the serious prolonged illness

lady
Dunboyne
dies

of my wife has prevented me from doing
all I should have liked to have done
in the Parish and as the Doctor says
she will never be able again to do
any Parish work I have decided to
resign this Benefice early in 1920.

During the past year the Choir
have considerably improved & the
Psalm are chanted again - the Cathedral
Psalter being used. The Sunday School
had a nice treat at Xmas 1918. Lady
Dunboye distributing several beautiful
prizes - The members of the Choir
had an enjoyable outing to Jericho Mount,
in July 1919. The Library has been
re-opened in the Parish Room -
several new books being added. I
 fervently hope that the Church may
be better attended. - the congregation
at present being lamentably small.
To get people to the House of God
is the first thing to be done.

1920-1942 By Rev. A. L. Lewis

Early in the year 1920, the living of W. Satterton was offered to me & in March I was instituted by Bishop Cecil. Early in the year, a new (stone) Lych Gate was erected & dedicated to the memory of the men (2) who had fallen in the World War & a Thanksgiving to God for the safe return of the 27 who had gone out. I would like to recall the condition of the Parish in those far off days.

There was no doctor nearer than Synastone, & no telephone nearer than Woodbury - We had no buses either to Exeter or Exmouth. The only transport was a farmer's trap (sometimes available). The Church was lighted with 8 small lamps fixed on the walls. In a short time these were removed, & four 200 candle power lamps were hung from the roof, which greatly improved the lighting - a few years before the war (about 1937 I think) the East Devon Elect. Light was brought to Woodbury, and after many letters had been written (& interviews) with the Company, the power was brought to our Parish & the Church, the Parish Room, the Vicarage,

1920

No

doctor

No

telephone

No

buses

of the School House were all wired, a very great improvement. The Choir paid the cost of wiring the Parish Room. As I have said, in early 1920 there was no form of transport, but in three months after our arrival, buses were running to Exeter & Exmouth - and about the same time a doctor took up residence at Woodbury, a great blessing to the Parish.

We are glad to say that Dr Darbyschire is still doing his good work in the Parish.

Dr Darbyschire

In 1926, some of our people thought that we ought to buy the organ & choir stalls & erect them near the Chancel to improve the singing - The very beautiful East Window (now alas blocked out) was given by Lady Darboise in memory of Lord Darboise - She also gave the excellent Parish Room in his memory. I suggested to her daughter the Hon Mrs Peters that she may like to pay the expense of removing the organ & choir stalls (£60) in memory of her mother. This she kindly did. She also gave some 'stock' interest on this (£10 per annum) for the upkeep of the Room. Her gifts to us were a great boon, as we had no regular income for the upkeep of the Room.

Some years ago, while I was Vicar, the Spire was struck, a good deal of damage was done but as we were insured in the Ecclesiastical Insurance Gr^o, the cost of the repairs (over £90) was paid by the Board - The Musical Side of our Church Service has always been a strong feature in the Parish. Mr. Turner, who was the Schoolmaster for 40 years, was an excellent Trainer of the Choir - This labour of love he carried on up to his death - Mrs Lewis then carried on this work of training the choir, & in former days we had a very fine choir.

On the occasion of the visit of Bishop Cecil to our Church & also later Bishop Curzon, both expressed their appreciation of the rendering of the Service.

It may be interesting for new comers to the Parish to learn that when our Church was being built, Crake Prison was being pulled down. Miss Pidsley, in 1844 who gave the Church & the School, asked the builders to let her have the lock & key from the old prison door, thus they did & these are on the South door. It will be noticed that the door can only be used

Mr
Turner
&
choir.

outside - During our stay at W. Salkata
we had Scouts, Cubs and Girl Guides.
For nine years we had our own
Parish Magazine, but when the Diocesan
Magazine was started we thought we
should join this in order that we
should learn what other Parishes were
doing - We spent 22 years in the
Parish, & we shall have many
happy memories of our stay in the
Parish.