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INTRODUCTION

THE system of Visitation, whereby the bishop supervises his diocese, was the growth of many centuries, and, perfected in the Middle Ages, was handed down with little alteration until modern times. In this publication we are concerned, not with a Visitation itself, but with an inquiry made by a bishop in advance of his Visitation, a procedure which took its rise at the beginning of the eighteenth century. It was in 1706 that William Wake, later Archbishop of Canterbury, made his primary Visitation of the diocese of Lincoln, and in preparation for it, addressed a Letter of Advertisement to his clergy, with a series of questions, "taking this opportunity," as he said, "to desire you when you come to the Visitation, to bring with you in writing the best account you can of your several parishes in the following particulars." These questions demanded the name of the parish and its extent, the name of the patron, the value of the living, and the numbers of the Dissenters and of meeting-houses. They made inquiry as to any Person of Quality or Gentleman of Estate residing within the parish, and as to any antiquities or any monuments of note in the church. Similar letters and questions were circulated for subsequent Visitations, and the practice was continued by Bishop Wake's successor, Edmund Gibson, at his primary Visitation in 1718, when he issued a Letter and Queries in anticipation of it. "The Practice of transmitting queries to the Clergy, which was begun by my Pious and Learned Predecessor, is of such great and apparent use that I should think myself much wanting, not only to myself, but to my successors, if I did not continue it." The list of questions was slightly extended.¹

In the diocese of Oxford this method of inquiry was adopted by Bishop Secker for his Visitation in 1738, "being desirous to obtain as particular a knowledge as I can of the State of my Diocese in order to qualify myself for being more useful in it." This opportunity of acquainting the bishop with the conditions prevailing in the parishes of his diocese evidently proved of such value as to be permanently retained, and similar letters and questions were published for the Visitations of his successors. Indeed the list of questions continued to lengthen from the twelve compiled by Bishop Secker in 1738 to the more penetrating series of thirty issued in the name of Bishop Bagot precisely a century later.

The queries for the Visitation of 1854 are the first we have for the episcopate of Bishop Samuel Wilberforce—any issued for his earlier Visitations are not available—and the lists with the answers returned by the incumbents (or curates) of the Archdeaconry of Oxford are here printed by kind permission of the Lord Bishop of the diocese.² They are bound together in one volume, now deposited in the Bodleian Library (*MS. Oxford Diocesan Papers d. 701*), and are arranged in alphabetical order of parishes, as also are those for the other two archdeaconries. It is believed that in the lapse of a century the material has acquired historical value, and the year 1854 appears peculiarly opportune in more than one respect. Wilberforce, the "remodeller of the episcopate," had been ruling his extensive diocese for nine years, a period long enough to allow his abundant energy, reforming zeal, and dominating personality to be reflected in the life of the diocese. His aims and ideals are fully expounded in the triennial charges delivered to his clergy, and the returns made by them for his

¹*The Lincoln Record Society* 4 (1913), p. ii.

²What is the origin of this particular formula? Mr. J. F. C. Harrison tells me that an almost identical set of questions was circulated in the diocese of York for a Visitation in 1864.

successive Visitations are evidence of the progress he was making. Other factors combined to make the decade 1850-60 a period of unusually rapid change for the Church of England as a whole. The impulse of the Oxford Movement was now percolating into the parishes, even in the country, and many tokens of the views and practices associated with this revival may be found in our returns. Moreover, the effects of the drastic reforms in the organization of the Church introduced within the previous twenty years, were making themselves felt in the parishes. "Non-residence, pluralism, the ubiquity of the parochial curate in place of the parson or vicar were as familiar in the reign of George III as in the reign of Henry VIII, and the ecclesiastical legislation of 1836-40 destroyed far more of the old system than the Reformation had overthrown."¹ In 1854 the absentees belong to an older generation of the clergy and are rapidly dying out. The Rector of Middleton Stoney is the last of a long race of wealthy pluralists.

The returns are of value as well for the social as for the ecclesiastical historian. There is evidence for the strength of dissent and for schools and for adult education. The questions relating to the fabric and the fittings of the church are of interest for a period when an unusually large number of ancient buildings were suffering restoration. Doubtless many incumbents would have concurred with the report of the Vicar of Chesterton that "we are now scraping and cleaning." Frequent allusions to desk and pulpit suggest that the old "three-deckers" were being dismantled and resolved into their component parts.

Only one of the questions calls for more than passing comment. No. 19, relating to the Census, is peculiar to this Visitation and was omitted in 1857. The Census Bill of 1850 had authorised the Secretary of State to issue in the census of the following year questions as to such "further particulars" as might seem to him advisable, and the Registrar-General took advantage of this clause to gather intelligence about the religious and scholastic institutions of the country. After some discussion in Parliament the Religious Census, as it was called, was made voluntary, and confined to an inquiry as to the existing accommodation for religious worship and the attendance at all places of worship on the Census Sunday, March 31 1851. The proposal was bitterly opposed by the Bishop of Oxford, who on March 27 1851, presented in the House of Lords a petition from the Deanery of Newbury, praying that the answers be made compulsory or the questions be withdrawn.² The replies, he said, would necessarily be vague and incorrect, and the general result would be conducive to the propagation of error rather than truth. Garbled statistics would be obtained, and had not Mr. Canning once observed that nothing was so fallacious as facts, except statistics? There can be little doubt that the Bishop was voicing the alarm of many Churchmen and their suspicion of the use that might be made of the figures resulting from the census. In recent years the Church had lost many of its ancient privileges and others were in jeopardy.

The report (abridged) of the Religious Census was published in 1854,³ and fortified by the answers to his Visitation queries Wilberforce returned to the attack in the House of Lords on July 11.⁴ The Census Sunday had been wet and the Church congregations had been smaller than was usual. Many of the clergy had regarded the questions as importunate or intrusive, and had neglected

¹A. Hamilton Thompson in *The Lincoln Record Society* 33 (1940), p. LIII.

²Hansard's *Parliamentary Debates*, 3rd series cxv, coll. 629 ff.

³H. Mann, *Sketches of the Religious Denominations of the Present Day . . . and the Census . . .* [1854].

⁴Hansard, *op. cit.*, cxxxv, coll. 23 ff.

to make their returns.¹ The Dissenters, on the other hand, had resorted to every ingenious device to pack their conventicles, and in many cases the numbers recorded were greatly in excess of the available accommodation. The only consolation he could derive from the figures was "to thank God that the great majority of the people of the country do still belong to the Established Church."

Perhaps the Bishop succeeded in his manifest intention to deride and discredit the Religious Census of 1851, as the experiment was not repeated. The Census Bill of 1860 contained a clause requiring under penalty the disclosure of every individual's "religious profession," but was withdrawn under pressure from the Dissenters as "an infraction of religious liberty."² Presumably the Church stood to gain by a compulsory return, when many, who were not in the habit of attending Church services, might be expected to declare themselves members of the Establishment. A voluntary return, based upon the congregations of a given Sunday, was calculated to yield a higher proportion for Dissenters.

The question relating to Charity Sermons raises points of interest. The parish churches were still maintained by compulsory Church rates, and, apart from the alms at the Communion service, collections were seldom taken except on the rare occasions of a royal brief or an appeal from the bishop. Among the objects for which support was asked in 1854 was the welfare of the wives and children of the soldiers serving in the Crimean War. This contribution had been made on the public day of Solemn Fast, Humiliation and Prayer, observed by the Queen's command on Wednesday April 26.

In the previous year the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel had benefited by a Royal Letter, accounting for the many references to the "Queen's Letter" in the Visitation answers. Collections for this Society had been taken in this way at intervals since 1711, but the royal patronage was now bestowed for the last time. When the Society next applied in 1856 the Secretary of State refused to advise the Queen to issue another brief. Thus "the promotion of the moral and religious welfare of Her Majesty's subjects in all parts of the world failed to be recognised as a valid plea for the renewal of the Royal favour."³

Many parishes also contributed in response to the Bishop's urgent appeal on behalf of the new Training College for Schoolmasters at Culham, one of the favourite enterprises launched by Samuel Wilberforce. The foundation-stone had been laid in 1851, and the College, though still unfinished, had been opened on June 6 1853. But the future was clouded by a large financial deficit and payment of the debt by Lady Day 1854 was a condition of a government grant. A fair sum of money is said to have been raised by the church collections.⁴ An earlier appeal had been made for Cuddesdon Theological College, and a few collections are noted in the return. The buildings were completed, and the College had just been opened on June 15.

It is scarcely necessary to add by way of explanation that the term "Rangers" was a popular and suggestive nickname for the Primitive Methodists, then at the peak of their activities. They were evidently thorns in the flesh of the

¹A clergyman in Staffordshire complained that many of his parishioners engaged in the glass-works absented themselves from church on Census Sunday in consequence of their "unclean condition."

²Hansard, op. cit., CLIX, coll. 1695 ff. The subject was still being debated in Convocation in 1880. *The Chronicle of Convocation* (1880), pp. 22 ff.

³S.P.G. *Report for the year 1857*, p. 26.

⁴L. Naylor, *Culham Centenary History* (1953), p. 32 f.

country parsons. "National schools," of which many are recorded, were those supported by the National Society for promoting the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church, while "British schools" were sponsored by its Dissenting antagonist, the British and Foreign School Society.

For convenience the questions have been printed separately on the first page, and the answers alone have been transcribed under the names of the parishes. Where no answer has been given the number of the question has been omitted. Peculiarities of spelling and punctuation and the use of capital letters have been as far as possible retained.

As a commentary on the text occasional use has been made in the footnotes of the Bishop's Diocese Book (1854—)¹, to which he confided the impressions, gained on his confirmation tours, of the clergy and their parishes and frequently of the churches, in which he preached. To make them relevant quotations have for the most part been confined to the period of a calendar year from the Visitation. In a few cases it has been felt more discreet to substitute a bare reference for quotation, which the curious are at liberty to investigate for themselves.

¹*MS. Oxford Diocesan Papers d. 178.*

VISITATION

[You are requested to write down in the space left at the top of this Paper the Name of your Parish or District in large and distinct characters.]

26, Pall Mall, July 3rd, 1854.

Reverend Sir,

INTENDING, by God's permission, to hold my ordinary visitation on days which will speedily be notified to you, and being desirous of obtaining previously such information as may enable me to render it effectual to the purposes for which it is designed, I request that you will return full and explicit answers to the following queries, writing the answer to each query in the blank column. You will be pleased to send this paper, so filled up, and signed by yourself, by post, addressed to me at 26, Pall Mall, before the 8th instant.

I am,

Reverend Sir,

Your affectionate Brother,

S. OXON.

QUERIES PREPARATORY TO VISITATION, TO BE ANSWERED BY THE OFFICIATING MINISTER

1. What is the name and address of the Incumbent? and the date of his institution and induction?
2. Has he during the last year been resident during the time prescribed by law?
3. Does he perform the whole duty, or has he an assistant Curate?
4. Does he hold any other benefice, or serve any other cure? and if so, What?
5. Is the Curate, if any, duly licensed?—What is the date of his licence?
6. What is his name?—Is he Priest or Deacon?
7. Does he perform any other duty as Incumbent, Curate, Lecturer, Chaplain, Master or Assistant in any school, and where?
8. State the duty performed in your church or chapel in each week; specifying how often Divine Service is performed, the hours at which it commences, and the number of sermons preached.
9. When do you catechise the children of your parish? and what method of catechising do you pursue?
10. How often do you administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper?
11. What is the average number of communicants at the great festivals? What is the average number at other seasons? Do you keep a list of communicants?
12. What is the average number of your congregation? Is it increasing or decreasing?
13. Does it bear a fair proportion to the population of the parish? If not, to what do you attribute the deficiency?
14. State the different objects for which Charity Sermons have been preached in your church within the last year.
15. What Schools are there in your parish: distinguishing daily schools for Adults, for Children, and for Infants under six years of age, and Sunday schools: how are they supported, and how many scholars are there in each?

16. Are you able to retain your young people in your Sunday School after they have ceased to attend the Daily School ?
17. Have you adopted any other mode of retaining them under instruction by Adult or Evening Schools ? And if so, what success have you found to attend such schools ?
18. What Dissenting places of worship are there, and what is the probable number of Dissenters in your parish or chapelry ?
19. Can you give me any information as to the correctness of the numbers given in the recent Census of members of the Church and of Dissenters, or as to the mode in which the returns were made on which those estimates were founded ?
20. Can you mention any thing which specially impedes your own ministry or the welfare of the Church around you ? Can you, if so, suggest any remedies ?
21. Is your church or chapel in good repair, and duly provided with all things necessary for the decent performance of divine service, according to law ?—Do your Churchwardens regularly discharge their duties ?
22. Have any alterations been made in the church or chancel, either as to the fabric or in the manner of fitting up, since my last visitation, and if so, under what authority ? Specify what they are.
23. Is there any other matter which you think it expedient to bring under the Bishop's notice ?

(Signed)

Incumbent.

To the Reverend the Officiating Minister of
Adderbury with Boddicot and Barford

ADDERBURY East and West Townships
Oxon.

1. Charles Alcock
1836
 2. No. He has had leave of absence
 3. He has a Curate
 4. None
 5. Yes. 1851. Xmas.
 6. William S. Sanders. Priest
 7. None
- | | | Mornings | Even | Sermons | |
|----|------------------|------------------|--------|---------|-------------------------|
| 8. | On Sundays (2) | $\frac{1}{4}$ 11 | 3 p.m. | 2 | In Lent and |
| | On Holy Days (2) | 11 | 7 | 1 | Advent there is |
| | Wednesday (2) | 11 | 7 | 1 | daily service |
| | Friday (2) | 11 | 7 | 0 | at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ a.m. |
- i.e. weekly regular services 6. sermons 3. Occasional services and sermons.
9. Every Sunday in Boys and Girls Schools alternately. Publicly in Church every Sunday afternoon in Lent after the 2nd Lesson. In publick catechising I use "Mants Ch. Catechism explained"¹ as a Text Book which the children learn. On this I question them taking a third part of the Catechism each Lent.
 10. Monthly. On the great Festivals and the Sunday after Xmas and Easter.
 11. About 50. Easter the greatest 98. Ascension Day the least 16.
About 40.
Yes
 12. Morning. For several Sundays that I have noticed it has varied from 170 adults to 200.
Afternoon from 250 to 300. Regular congregation and communicants increasing since Dec. 51.
 13. A very fair proportion compared with the surrounding parishes, but I cannot secure two regular attendances from the mass of those who might come.
The hour of service 11 a.m. suits the rich and not the poor.
 14. The National Soc. The Culham Dioc. Training School. The Wives and Children of Eastern Army. The S.P. Gospel in F.P.
 15. There are three Schools for the children of the Poor.
 1. Endowed Boys School under charge of New College Oxon. 55 Boys on the books.
Girls School supported by subscriptions. 62 on books.
 3. Infants do do do 70 on books
About 30 more on Sundays in the Boys and Girls School
 16. Yes.
 17. Not as yet. The establishment of an Infant School and building a school, with numerous services and the constant care of 1470 people have hitherto occupied all my time. I retain in the Choir and under occasional instruction a few young men.

¹R. Mant, *A familiar and easy guide to the understanding of the Church Catechism* (1840)

18. A *Quaker* Meeting House. An *Independent and Wesleyan* Place of Worship.
 Quakers 19 Baptists 4
 Independents 60 R. Catholics 1
 Wesleyans 20
 In this calculation I have allowed Dissenters not merely their *members* but those who attend the meeting house regularly. Many of these come to church also.
19. I cannot succeed in obtaining the returns, but from observation made by others I believe the numbers attending the several Dissenting Places to be small. The civil census was in the hands of Churchmen. The Religious—given to the chief person of each denomination. I was not here in March 1851, but I believe the largest attendance to be about 70 including children.
21. Yes
 22. None
 23. Yes. I have stated this in a letter.

ADWELL

1. William Lewis Buckle, Banstead, Nr. Epsom
1813
2. He does not reside at Adwell
3. His curate performs the whole duty
4. The vicarage of Banstead, Surrey.
5. Yes.
Dec. 20 1852
6. Charles Vere Spencer
Priest.
7. He performs duty as Rector of Wheatfield.
8. Divine service is performed once on every Sunday with a sermon, morning or evening alternately with Wheatfield ; morning at 11, evening at 3. Also one service on Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Ash-Wednesday.
9. On Sundays before afternoon service. They are catechised on what they read, and occasionally with the Church Catechism.
10. At Easter, Whitsuntide, and Christmas, and 3 or 4 times besides in the course of the year.
11. About 8 or 10 is the average for all seasons
No.
12. About 50
13. Yes I think so.
A good many adults and children attend from Postcombe, which is mostly in Lewknor Parish
14. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. Also a collection was made for the wives and families of soldiers ordered to the seat of war.
15. There is a private dame's school with about 10 scholars. On Sundays there is a large Sunday school at Postcombe of between 40 or 50 children, of whom about 12 belong to Adwell, the others to Lewknor Parish. The schoolmaster is paid by the Rector.
16. Yes
17. No
18. There are no dissenting places of worship, and no professed dissenters

20. A church or chapel is much needed at Postcombe which contains 6 Adwell and 27 Lewknor cottages, besides other dwelling places. There are a good many too infirm to go as far as either Adwell or Lewknor.
21. Yes
Yes
22. Not since my being licensed to the curacy.

ALBURY

1. The Revd Frederic Bertie. Albury Tetsworth Oxon
date of institution sept 1820
2. He has.
3. He performs the whole duty.
4. He holds the benefice of Wytham, and the perpetual curacies of South Hinxey and Wootton, and does not serve any other cure
7. He do.
8. Divine Service is performed twice every Sunday commencing at the hours of 11 A.M. and three P.M., twice on Christmas Day, once on Good Friday, on Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday. One sermon every Sunday, Christmas Day and Good Friday.
9. Every Sunday at my house and at certain seasons (particularly Lent) publicly in the church. I confine my instructions to the Ch. catechism and Scriptural History.
10. Six times a year
11. About six and twenty at the former, and twenty at the latter.
12. From seventy to eighty.
13. I think so
14. One for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts.
15. One school for fourteen boys and girls, supported by a legacy left on land, and a Sunday class at my own house, for all who choose to attend.
16. Yes, most of them.
18. There is no dissenting Place of worship. There are not above five or six dissenters in the parish.
19. I believe the numbers were correctly stated.
21. It is.
They do
22. None
23. I am not aware of any.

Parish of ALKERTON
Oxon

1. Robert Edward Hughes, 1846.
2. non-resident.
3. Yes, has no curate.
4. Holds the adjoining benefice of Shenington, where he resides.
8. One service on Sunday with a sermon, either at 11 A.M. or $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 P.M.
9. No school at Alkerton. Children go to Shenington school.
10. 4 times each year
11. About 18. A list of communicants is kept.
12. About 70
14. Sermon for Ch. Building Society and for soldiers wives and childn.
15. The childn. of Alkerton go to the school at Shenington.
16. for the most part yes

18. A cottage is used as a meeting house for Ranters
 21. Yes
 Yes

ALVESCOT

1. Arthur Neate. Alvescot Lechlade
 Oct. 4 1829
2. Yes
3. Yes, no curate
4. Holds and serves Shilton as Vicar.
8. Morning service at 11 A.M. with sermon } On Sunday
 Evening service at 3½ P.M. without sermon }
9. Yes, using the Church of England catechism and the prayer book generally
10. Four times a year
11. About 20. I don't keep a list
12. The church is generally pretty full and the congregation is *not* decreasing
13. It ought however to be fuller, the population being about 380*. There are two dissenting chapels in the place.
14. Soldiers wives and children. Socy. for Propg. the Gospel in Fn. Parts.
15. There is a Sunday and daily school *open* to all Parishioners above 4 yrs. inclusive. A cottage of £5 per annum constitutes all the endowment.
16. No
17. No
18. One reformed Baptist and one Ranters chapel. I should not think there were more than a dozen adults.
19. Confirmed Dissenters who never come to Church perhaps not so many. The influx of strangers on a Sunday must vitiate such a census if supposed to represent the amount of dissent in any one place.
20. Nothing peculiar. The doctrine of the dissenting preacher is more palatable and the style more intelligible to the poor than that of the Church of England *minister*. Plain popular lectures various subjects on winter evenings and not in the church might in some hands be made the instruments of good.
21. Yes
 Yes.
22. Chancel painted and the Commandments etc. fresh lettered, gold.
 New Communion rail
23. No.

*I believe 376 by the census.

AMBROSDEN, Oxfordshire.

1. L. G. Dryden, Ambrosden, Nr. Bicester.
 April 10 1838.
2. Yes
3. Performs the whole duty
4. No
5. No curate
8. Two full duties on Sunday—Morning Service at eleven and Evening at 3 p.m.
 Two sermons
9. Previous to the Sunday Services, and make use of the Church Catechism, and the Tracts of Society for promoting Xtion knowledge.

10. Four times a year. Xmas, Easter, Whitsunday and Michaelmas.
11. Twenty five
12. The Congregation varies in number who attend, according to the weather and the distance from the church.
13. Certainly not. In consequence of Dissent, disinclination to attend the church and the distance many reside from the church.
14. The Sermon on Fast day for benefit of Soldiers' (Wives and Children) ordered to the East. One ordered by the Queen's letter, etc., etc.
15. Only a Sunday School at Ambrosden, and a dame school at one of the hamlets. Schools are much needed, but the population including the two hamlets *very poor*, both Farmers and Labourers. Landed property very much divided. Dissent much amongst them and no prospect of acquiring any funds for that purpose.
16. No
17. No
18. There are dissenting places of worship in each of the two hamlets.
19. No
21. Yes
- Yes
22. None

ARDLEY

1. John Lowe, Ardley Rectory, Bicester.
April 1815
2. He has been resident during the *whole* of the last year
3. He performed the whole duty, without a curate
4. None
5. None
6. None
7. No
8. Morning and afternoon services with a sermon at each service, except on Sacrament Sundays when the morning sermon is omitted. Also prayers every Wednesday morning. Morning service commences half past ten ; afternoon service at half past two o'clock. Number of sermons preached 94 or 5.
9. Chiefly at the Sunday school and day school. I endeavour to teach the meaning of the catechism and to enforce its practice.
10. On the three great Festivals of Xmas Day, Easter, Whit Sunday, and generally on the 1st Sunday in each month.
11. The average number of communicants at the great Festivals is rather more than 20. At other seasons about 13. I do keep a list of communicants.
12. About 50 and sixty adults in the mornings, and between seventy and eighty in the afternoons.
Neither.
13. I think it bears a fair proportion to the population of Ardley.
14. The National Society for the Education of the poor.
15. One day school for children, supported by weekly pence and by the Incumbent, and the Vicar of Stoke Lyne. Thirty in the day school and 50 in the Sunday school.
16. Generally for some time.
17. No

18. There is no Dissenting place of Worship in this parish. There are three Wesleians who go occasionally to a chapel at Fritwell.
19. I cannot.
20. Nothing special, save unbelief and hardness of heart, these are my great hindrances, and, in a few cases, the love of drinking.
No.
21. It is
They do so
22. None
23. None

ASCOTT UNDER
WHYCHWOOD

1. Frederick Edwin Lott, Leafield Parsonage.
Witney. 1848.
2. There is no parsonage at Ascott and the incumbent resides at Leafield
3. He performs the whole duty.
4. The Perpetual Curacy of Leafield
7. No
8. One full service on Sunday, alternately at 11 and 2½ past.
9. As opportunities are afforded on the Sunday and in the course of the week.
10. Six times in the year
11. 30 is the usual number at all seasons. No.
12. Stationary
13. Scarcely.
14. In aid of the Culham College for schoolmasters in obedience to the Queen's letter.
15. The schools are mainly supported by Lord Churchill.¹
16. In some instances
17. No
18. One small dissenting chapel.
19. No
21. Yes.² The churchwardens perform this duty
22. No
23. No

¹The second Lord Churchill (1802-86), of Wychwood Park.

²The Bishop did not agree with this verdict, and his visit on March 22 1855 led to a restoration by Street. *Diocese Book*, f. 20.

ASTHALL

1. Henry Gregory. Witney
1834
2. He has not
3. The whole duty
4. He serves the cure of Coggs
8. Alternate morning and evening service on Sunday, Good Friday and Xmas Day, a sermon is preached at each service
9. The ordinary mode every Sunday afternoon
10. Six times a year
11. A list is kept, the number is generally ten.
12. I have not counted the congregation since the census. In seasonable weather the attendance in the afternoon is very good, bearing a fair

13. proportion to the population of the parish. In the morning it is smaller, but in both cases is decidedly on the increase. More than half the population being two miles from the church, bad weather considerably diminishes the congregation.
14. The widows and orphans of soldiers on the Fast day, and the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts.
15. A dame's school kept on Sundays and week days supported by a small endowment and annual subscription.
16. Such young persons do not attend the school
17. Instruction of this kind is not provided.
18. There is not any dissenting place of worship in the parish, though a room is licensed and used occasionally, not constantly.
19. I am not able so to do.
21. It is.
The churchwardens are well affected to the church and discharge their duties.
22. The church has been re-seated and new singers gallery under authority of the Ordinary
23. There is not at present.

ASTON ROWANT

1. Robert Williams, Aston Rowant, Tetsworth.
Instituted May 2 1845
Induction May 14 1845
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
5. No
6. No
7. No
8. Two services with sermons every Sunday, at the hours of 11 and 3 o'clock.
9. At different periods of the year. Privately, sometimes publicly.
10. Four times a year
11. Thirty five.
About the same number.
Always the numbers.
12. Morning 80 and 60 children
Afternoon 170 and ditto.
Rather decreasing.
13. No. The Mormonites¹ sad influence.
14. Society for P. of the Gospel in F. Parts.
For wives and children of soldiers.
For Culham teaching school.
15. One daily mixed school for children.
One Sunday school for boys and girls supported by subscription, about sixty scholars.
16. Yes
17. No
18. One Independent Chapel and a few Mormonites
19. No

¹H. Mann, *Sketches of the Religious Denominations of the Present Day . . . and the Census . . .* [1854], pp. 52, 82.

20. The Mormonites
No
21. Yes
Yes faithfully.
22. No
23. No

BAMPTON FIRST PORTION

1. Rev. C. L. Kerby, Stoke Talmage, near Tettsworth.
I do not know the date of his induction etc.
2. Wholly absent
3. No
4. Stoke Talmage
5. My licence is dated 1845
6. John Allen Giles.¹ Priest.
7. No
8. Morning at 11 afternoons at 3.
2 sermons every Sunday
10. In the usual way
11. About 40 or 50
We keep a list.
12. About 500
13. Yes
14. Whenever there is a queen's letter and for the wives of sailors and soldiers.
15. National Schools, from funds
about 70 in each.
17. Occasionally
18. 2 chapels
19. No
21. Yes
22. No
23. No

¹John Allen Giles (1808-84), a prolific writer and an editor of ancient texts. On March 6 1855 he was tried and sentenced to a years imprisonment for making a false entry in the Bampton marriage register to cover the frailty of one of his servants. *D.N.B.*; *Proceedings of the Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society* xxix (1884), pp. 166-8.

BAMPTON 2ND PORTION.

1. Dacres Adams, Bampton, Witney
Instituted 12 May, 1837
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty of his Portion.
4. He has no other benefice.
8. There are four churches or chapels in the parish. In the church at Bampton there is daily service at 11 o'clock on Litany days and at 5 on the other days. On Sundays two services with sermons at 11 and 3, and at the other three chapels one service with sermon alternately.¹

¹"The Church of Bampton is open for divine service on Sundays at the hours of 11 and 3, and on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11. To these have of late been added services in the chancel at 8 in the morning on ordinary days, and at 11 and 4 on ~~Sain ts~~ days. The Sunday services are on the whole well attended but at the weekly services there is but a scanty congregation owing, no doubt, to the laborious daily occupation of the inhabitants." J. A. Giles, *History of the Parish and Town of Bampton* (1848), p. 30.

9. For a few Sundays in the year after the second Lesson during afternoon service, and always in the school before service. I do not confine myself to the words of the Catechism, but bring forward those subject which I consider most useful to the children and congregation.
10. Every month and also on the great Festivals.
11. About 60 at the great festivals and between 45 and 50 at other services. I do keep a list of communicants.
12. I cannot state this with any accuracy, perhaps between 8 and 900, in all four churches on Sundays. The afternoon service is generally well attended. I do not think the number at all decreases.
13. It does not. I attribute the deficiency partly perhaps to the peculiar circumstances of this parish with 3 incumbents,² which somewhat unsettles the parishioners, partly to the more exciting and more attractive doctrine of the Dissenters with regard to election and such other like subjects, but chiefly to the careless indifference of professed Churchmen.
14. For the wives and families of the soldiers and sailors and for the Queen's Letter.
15. The boys and girls school at Bampton and a mixed school in one of the hamlets daily. Sunday schools 4, supported chiefly by endowment and the rest by voluntary subscription.
Bampton schools daily and Sunday about 140 children. In the hamlets about 100 altogether on Sundays, and 40 in the mixed school
16. Many of the girls remain, but very few boys
17. I have had an evening school in the winter for some years, but it has fallen off for the last two years. It has done some good, but I have been rather disappointed at the result.
18. There is one small Baptist Meeting House at Bampton and two others in different hamlets. I cannot be accurate respecting the number of Dissenters, perhaps about 300 professed members, but more who occasionally attend their meetings.
19. I myself made the returns as carefully as I could, but I can give no information about any thing else
20. Perhaps the special impediment in the parish is that there are three Portionists with equal power and authority, and in the church around a want of cordial co-operation among the clergy.
21. The church is in tolerable repair, but requires much to be done to restore it to its former fair proportions, and to make the settings more appropriate for Divine Worship.
12. None lately.
23. Nothing that I can think of at present.

²For the three Portions cf. Giles, op cit., pp. 25, 30 ; *Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society*, liii (1931), pp. 40-43.

BAMPTON 3RD PORTION

1. The Revd. Ralph Barnes
residing at Ardington, Berks.
3. Curate of Bampton 3 Portion.
The Revd. Fredk. Newman.
4. Ardington Berks.
Licensed June 26 1854
6. Frederick Newman. Priest.
7. No

8. At Bampton, Sundays 11 a.m. 3 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays 11 a.m., other days 5 p.m., Saints days 11 and 5. There is a sermon on Wednesdays in Advent and Lent. At Aston Shifford and Lew services at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. alternately.
9. The children are catechised in school before service
10. At Bampton the first Sunday in every month.
At the other churches 6 times a year on the average.
11. At Bampton about 70, at other seasons about 40.
At Aston Shifford and Lew the number is but small. I have kept no list of communicants.
12. The congregations seem on the whole increasing.
I have no means of reckoning the different numbers
17. There was an adult school last winter for about 3 months, about 30 young men attended
20. The present division of the Parish duties does not appear to work well either in the Church or Parish. There appears however no remedy for this until the death of one of the incumbents and the separation of the Parishes.

BANBURY

1. W. Wilson Junor., Banbury
July 10 1849
2. Yes
3. Has three curates
4. No
5. one, Sep. 1833
one, Jan. 1854
one, just come, and not yet licensed
6. T. Gowing. Priest
B. Speke. Deacon
F. G. Wilson. Priest
7. No
8. St. Marys—Mother church
Sunday at 8 and 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 3 and 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Daily at 9
Wednesday also at 7
Sermons 3 every Sunday
one every Saints Day, and one on Wed. Ev.
S. Paul, Chapel of Ease
Sunday at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 3 and 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Saints day Even. at 7
Friday Even. at 7
Sermon 2 every Sunday
one Saints Day Ev. and one Friday Ev.
9. Every Sunday afternoon at the chapel of ease the service is especially devoted to this object when a few remarks are made to the children on some part of the catechism, and they are questioned thereon after 2nd Lesson.
10. Once a week once a month
and the great Festivals and the great Festivals
11. 140 30
80 28
12. It is difficult to say, but about 1000 at St. Mary's and 360 in Neithrop and is increasing
13. Since the new churches are open, they are both nearly crowded, and the old church is very nearly as full as before, its pews are still at inquiry.
14. The Queen's Letters
Propagation of the Gospel
Church Missionary

Jews

Charitable Society

Church Funds and National Schools

15.	Evening schools for adult	males	(1) Total	180	Average	50*
	(voluntary)	females	(2)	25		20
	(and pence)	girls at home	(3)	66		52
	Day School	boys	(4)	154		120*
	1/6 Endow. rest volun.	} girls	(5)	135		90*
	and pence		(6)	140		120*
	Sunday School	boys	(7)	180		
	(voluntary)	girls	(8)	Government		
		infants	(9)			

* under Government inspection.

16. For about one year, the boys.
We have also a class for grown girls who are not yet confirmed, held in the vestry
17. Evening schools are more successful with girls than boys
18. Romanist Quakers Unitarians
Wesleyans Independents Primitive Methodists
 Baptists ditto 2
(Campbellites¹ meet in a schoolroom)
19. It is impossible with the present lax boundary to the Church of England to say, who are hers and who not, almost *all* the poor receive our ministrations, and about half the other classes.
I have made enquiry as to the census and can hear nothing.
20. The faculties which exist by Act of Parliament on the pews of the Mother church, and the law of Church rates.
21. Both are so
22. Two new churches have been consecrated in the Parish, which remains as at first. A curtain has been erected to keep out the wind in the old church, otherwise no alterations.
23. No

¹J. H. Blunt, *Dictionary of Sects*, etc. (1874) gives us the choice of (1) Campbellites or Rowites, followers of the Rev. John McLeod Campbell convicted of heresy by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. He was ministering at this time in a chapel of his own in Glasgow. Only twenty five persons were recorded in the 1851 census as attending the Campbellite place of worship on the census Sunday. Dr. Campbell "never attempted to found a sect." (*D.N.B.*) (2) American Campbellites, a species of Baptists. "A few are to be found in England."

1. Charles Forbes. March 1846 Parish of SOUTH BANBURY
2. Yes
3. Performs the whole duty
4. No
7. Chaplain of the Banbury Union Work-House
8. Two full services on Sundays, $\frac{1}{4}$ before 11 o'clock and $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 o'clock. Morning prayers on Wednesdays and Fridays, Saints Days etc.
9. No schools in my Parish. The children attend the National Schools in the other parish, which are supported by both parishes.
10. Monthly
11. At great Festivals about 55, at other seasons abt. 40. My congregation is chiefly composed of mechanics and the lower classes, who have not been much accustomed to church, but still there is a deplorable lack of attendance.

12. There is no falling off in my Congregation.
13. By no means a fair proportion. Banbury has been proverbial for Dissent.
14. Chiefly in support of conducting Divine Service, there being no Church Rates.
15. No schools
18. *Primitive Methodists*, Roman Catholics, Baptists, Ranters etc. and a host of denominations too numerous to particularize, as the several sects are so differently named.
19. The return in the recent Census of the population of South Banbury was most erroneously given, and this drew my attention to it before it was published and led to a correspondence, which ended in my giving a probable acct. from the numbers of houses.
20. 1. The want of the regular machinery of schools. 2. There is more to do in such a parish than the physical and mental strength of one man can possibly accomplish to his satisfaction, and the Vicar has not means to employ a Curate or Curates.
21. Yes. *Most efficiently in every respect.*

BARFORD ST. MICHAEL

1. Philip Hookins, Milcombe, Nr. Banbury
14 Dec. 1852
3. Rev. Fr. Hutchinson, resident.
4. Milcombe P.C. and Milton, hamlet of Adderbury.
5. His license is dated March 1854
6. A deacon.
7. He assists as well at Milcombe and Milton
8. The full service every Sunday at 2.30 p.m. Two services on the days of Holy Communion at 10.30 and 6.0
9. In Lent they are catechized in the church.
10. Once a month
11. 8 communicants
12. 120 to 150
13. The population members 400
14. For Culham and Barford Church.
15. A day school for children above 5 yrs. and another for infants. The former is supported by the contributions of a very few, the latter assisted. In the former the average is 50, in the latter 10.
16. A few.
17. We propose establishing an adult school in the winter evenings
18. There are 2, the one a Baptist and the other Wesleyan. In the latter are 6 or 7 members and an average attendance of from 20 [?] to 50, in the
19. former are 2 members and an attendance of from 7 to 10.
When the census was made in the incumbency of Mr Hall the Wesleyans were more numerous.
20. We hope the worst impediments have been removed.
21. The chancel is in bad state and the tower. The rest of the Church is good.
22. The nave and south aisle have been lately restored.

BECKLEY

1. George Theophilus Cook, May 15 1847
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole himself

4. No
7. No
8. Two full services on Sunday with sermons. Prayers on week days except Saturdays and when absent—Sermons on Saints days generally, in Lent Advent and Holy Week.
9. Not in church
10. Once a month and or Festivals
11. About 20. Seldom more than 30
12. It remains much the same
13. In the afternoon, but not in the morning
14. For the training school at Culham
15. 2 mixed, one infant, 2 Sundays. Supported endowment, subscriptions and the children's pence.
16. For a while but not very regularly
17. By evening schools with better success the last winter than heretofore, but the numbers not so great as they might have been.
18. None
21. The flooring of the nave is not in good repair.
22. A pair of altar candlesticks and some stands for candles have been presented, wch. I did not consider myself at liberty to refuse.

BEGBROOKE, Oxford

1. Revd Ellis Ashton.
Huyton Vicarage, Prescot.
3. Has a Curate.
4. Huyton, Nr Prescot.
5. Yes. Easter 1853
8. James Ambrose Ogle, Priest.
7. No
8. Two full services *with Sermons* on Sundays (except when H.C. is administered, when there is no Morning Sermon). }
11 a.m. and 3 p.m. }
9. Catechizing in Lent, on Sunday afternoons after 2nd Lesson.
10. Monthly, and on great Festivals
11. Average No. of Comts. fr. July/53 to July /54=11½. I do not find the number vary much upon great Festivals
12. I can only guess at the average. I shd. say taking M. and Ev. it was about 30, but the aftn. service is attended better than M.
I believe it to be about the same as it has been for some years
14. Culham Dioc. Training School
S.P.G.
15. One school for children and infants mixed, daily, 20 scholars, attendance regular
Sunday school mixed, 15 scholars, attendance middling. Supported by voluntary contributions and children's pence.
16. Yes
17. I tried an adult evening school in the winter months, with tolerable success. The smallness of the parish makes it a hard matter to go beyond the most ordinary routine in school affairs
18. None
21. Yes
22. I believe, not any

BENSINGTON, Oxon.

1. Samuel Hay Cook
Bensington, near Wallingford
Inducted December 1850
2. Non-resident by licence
3. There are 2 Assistant Curates
4. No
5. Both licensed
Rev. James Ruston, licd. after Trinity ordinn 1852
Rev. Richard Lambert — do — Xmas — 1853
6. Rev. J. Ruston. Priest
Rev. R. Lambert. Deacon
7. None
8. Divine service 3 times on Sunday at 11 a.m. and at 3 and 7 p.m., three sermons, or 2 do. and catechising. Also at 9 every morning except Saturdays, at 11 a.m. (with sermon) on all Festivals, and at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, more in Lent
9. In school, and at church in the afternoon service sometimes. Catechising by question and answers
10. On 1st Sunday of every month, and at the three Great Festivals
11. From 30 to 40 generally.
No.
12. Not decreasing, rather the contrary.
13. No. There is a great deal of dissent here, and many, I fear, go no where, especially in the hamlets.
14. S.P.G., Culham Training School, and the Nat. Soc. Queen's Letter.
15. A daily school for boys and girls about 60
do do infants about 70
A Sunday do for boys and girls —80
Supported by volunt. subsns. and children's pence
16. Very seldom
17. The Evening school in winter is very badly attended
18. Several meeting-houses, chiefly held in cottages.
19. I did not make any return on the subject.
20. Dissent, and the great number of public houses, 14 or 15.
21. 1. The chancel is still in an unsatisfactory state.
2. Yes
22. The nave has been re-pewed, with open seats.
Your Lordship has seen it since.
23. This living, with a population of 1,300, is under £200 per ann., the people very poor, rates very high, the great tithes more than £1000 per ann. are wholly alienated at present from us, conducting nothing towards the very heavy burdens of keeping up the schools, clubs, relieving the sick, poor etc. etc. Ought not this to be changed if possible? The Dean and Chapter of Ch. Ch. own the tithes, and *lease* them out to a layman here.

Parish of BICESTER
Oxfordshire

1. John Wm. Watts
Instituted Oct 30, inducted Nov. 2 1843
2. Yes
3. I have an assistant Curate

4. I am chaplain of the Bicester Union
5. He is duly licensed
6. Elisha Lorenzo Clarke. Priest.
7. No
8. Three full services on the Sunday, $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10, 3, and at $\frac{1}{2}$ past six.
9. They are catechized every week.
10. On the 1st Sunday in every month, and on New Years Day, Easter Sunday, Whitsunday and Christmas
11. About 130 on great festivals, 100 generally, perhaps rather more.
No, because I know them all.
12. Mornng. about 800, afternoon 1000, Evng. about 400.
About the same at all times.
13. Yes, very fair.
14. Ch : Miss., Pews, Pastorial aid, Parochial Schools.
15. Two old foundation schools. The National school for girls. Blue Coat for boys. No infant school, *one much wanted*. The state of *my schools the source of constant anxiety*.
16. Very frequently, but when they leave the daily school, it is generally to go into service, and then we lose them.
17. No
18. Two, Independent and Wesleyan. I can scarcely say what number of dissenters, but they come to church generally once on the Sunday.
19. No
20. No, nothing in particular
21. Yes
22. No
23. No

BINSEY near Oxford

1. Robert Hussey¹, 25, Beaumont Street, Oxford
Perp. Curate of Binsey from May 1845
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
7. None of these duties. But duties in the University.
8. Prayers and Sermon every Sunday once, viz. the Morning and Afternoon Service on alternate Sundays. The same once on Good Friday and Christmas Day. At 11 a.m. and 2.30 or 3 p.m. according to the light.
9. The few whom I can get to catechise, I teach in the Sunday Schools
10. Monthly. But sometimes there are not enough to communicate monthly.
11. For the last year it averages between 4 and 5, throughout. I keep the numbers always : and I know the persons well enough.
12. About 20. Just now, accidentally, decreasing, through (a few) deaths and departures from the place.
13. I believe it bears a fair proportion, compared with larger places, and perhaps also, considering the state of ignorance of some, and past neglect ; but there is much godless apathy, which no human means seem able to touch.
14. For the Diocesan Training School and the Propagation of the Gospel.

¹Robert Hussey (1801-56) was appointed in 1842 the first Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History. *D.N.B.*

15. One small Sunday School containing all the children whom I can get in the parish : of whom very few are old enough to learn anything from me. There is a small benefaction, £6 per annum, which supports this.
18. None
20. Nothing special
21. Yes. But I have only one Churchwarden : the Parish has not been able to furnish two for many years.
22. New Communion Table, to replace the shabby dirty old one, and a new cloth, and hangings for the pulpit ; put up by the Parish and myself. But I am not quite sure now, whether before or after the last visitation
23. *Only* that among *these questions* it might have been convenient that the number of the population of each parish shd. have appeared, as well as the amount of Church attendance.

Bix

1. Horace Robert Pechell
Bix, Henley on Thames. 1822
2. He has
3. He has an Assistant Curate
4. He does not
5. He is duly licensed, in the Diocese, about ten or eleven years ago.
6. Thos. Knapp Chittenden. Priest.
7. He has lately been appointed Chaplain at the Union School at Wargrave.
8. Service on Sunday at eleven o'clock in the morning and Sermon
9. On Sunday afternoon.
10. Five times in the year
11. From 25 to 30.
I do not.
12. From 50 to 70.
13. To those who are within reach of the Church.
14. None have been preached.
15. There is a daily and a Sunday school, supported wholly by myself.
16. Some few
18. No dissenting places of worship, and scarcely any dissenters.
21. It is in good repair etc.
I have no complaint to make against the Churchwardens.
22. There have been none.

BLACKBOURTON

1. James Lupton. Instituted and inducted 1827
2. He has.
3. He has had occasional assistance from Oxford.
4. He holds the Rectory of St. Michael Queenhithe, London
8. Full service with sermon twice every Sunday and on great Festivals.
Service begins at eleven in the morning, and three in the afternoon, *except*
9. *in the summer months, when we sometimes have service in the evening.*
Examine the children at the Sunday school in the Church Catechism.
10. On great Festivals and at Michaelmas. I keep a list of communicants and
11. my numbers range from 21 to 9.
12. I would like the churchwardens to answer this question.
13. I think it does.
14. A Queen's Letter, and for the Fulham Schools [*sic*]

15. Merely a Sunday School
18. There is a Dissenting Chapel, and I think the poor generally are inclined to be dissenters.
19. I cannot.
20. My great want is a day school. I am shorn of my strength entirely for want of one. I could make use of the school for giving lectures at night and otherwise instructing my poor ignorant congregation.
21. The church is not in good repair and I do not think the churchwardens do their duty.
22. None
23. Nothing but to draw your Lordship's attention to my great want—a school.

Parish of BLETCHINGDON

1. Thos. Dand, Bletchington Rectory, Oxford.
August 1846
2. He has been resident during the time
3. He performs the whole duty without an assistant curate
4. No
5. No curate
7. None
8. Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock. Evening service at 3 o'clock.¹
Two sermons preached, except in December and January, when the children are catechised in the afternoon instead of a sermon. The
9. catechism is chiefly on the Collect and Gospel of the day, or the Catechism and Liturgy
10. Six times in the year
11. Forty five and forty probably. There are I believe about one hundred persons in the parish, who have communicated once or oftener since I have been here, but I have no list
12. Probably 200 in the morning and 150 in the afternoon, not decreasing certainly.
13. Yes, comparatively so far as I know from clergymen who have officiated here.
14. The National Society, and the Training Institution at Culham.
15. Day and Sunday schools for boys and girls. The day schools supported chiefly by Lord Valentia,² the Sunday schools by the Clergyman. There are about 70 day scholars and 65 Sunday scholars
16. Generally
17. No
18. There is a place where the Ranters come to preach occasionally, but I believe there are no professed Dissenters except two Scotch Presbyterians and two Roman Catholics.
19. I believe that no persons were returned as Dissenters here in the recent census, but many of the poor here as elsewhere will attend both Church and Meeting
20. I can, but not a remedy.
21. The Church is in good repair and duly provided according to law.
22. No
23. No.

¹In March 1855 Lord Valentia was complaining of a lack of services. *Diocese Book*, f. 71.

²The tenth Viscount Valentia (1785—1863), of Bletchington Park.

BLOXHAM CUM MILCOMBE

1. James Hodgson, Rectory House, Bloxham.
Instituted October 15 }
Inducted October 16 } 1852
2. Yes
3. Has two assistant Curates
4. None whatsoever
5. The Curates are duly licensed.
The date of the first licence of the first Feb. 20, 1853
That of the second is May 19 1853
6. The name of the former is Thomas Gott Livingston (Deacon). The name of the latter is John William Hewett, Priest.
7. The Rev. John William Hewett is day master of a new Grammar School (All Saints) in this parish.¹
8. On Weekdays Mattins in Summer at 8 ; in winter at 9.
———— Evensong in Summer at 6.30 ; ——— at 4.
On Sundays Holy Comn. at 8 (except Gt. Festivals and First Sunday in the month). Morning Service at 10.30 ; Aftn. at 3 ; and in summer Evng. service at 6.30. A sermon at all except 8 at the H.C. On Holy Days—On Vigil Evensong and *sermon* at 6.30 ; H. Com. at 8 a.m. ; Mornng. Serv. at 10.30 ; Evensong at 6.30 (S) ; 4 (Winter).
9. Always on Sundays, once a week or the Ch. Catm. besides. Also at sundry times in the schools using catechetical manuals, such as J. M. Chanter's Help Catm. bef. Ch. Catm.² and Hopwood's Previous Exercises to Ch. Catm.³
10. On Great Festivals (inclg. Ascension Day) and on 1st Sunday in the month after the morning service at 10.30. On other Sundays and Holy Days at 8 provided there are 3 communicants beside the Priest.
11. The average has not been kept. Have had on Christmas Day 44 comts. ; on Easter Day 51 ; generally on first Sunday of month abt. 30.
On other Sundays and Holy Days not more on an average than a bare congregation : often not enough to continue celebration.
12. Between 300 and 400, I think.
It remains about the same.
13. By no means. I attribute it partly to previous neglect of the parish : partly to much indifference to religion in the parish : partly to my own deficiencies in promoting religion and to the general dislike of High Churchmanship.
14. In the past year fr. July 1853 to July 1854 Charity sermons have been preached for "Culham Training College," "The Parochial Schools" ; the "Soc. for Propg. the Gospel" ; "The Wives and Chren. of Soldiers and Sailors ordered to the War" ; the Sons of the Clergy and Clergy Orphan Societies ; and the Annual Expenses of the Church.
15. Under my control there are a Daily School for Boys and one for Girls ; supported partly by endowment (£25), partly by subsns. (£20) and by

¹A brief memoir of Hewett by W. D. Macray may be found in *The Bloxhamist* (February, 1914), and cf. *MS. Top. Oxon. f. 49*. The school was founded by Hewett in 1853 but came to an end in 1856 for lack of financial support. It was re-founded in 1860 by the Rev. P. R. Egerton and was transferred to the Woodard Corporation in 1896. K. E. Kirk, *The Story of the Woodard Schools* (1937), pp. 135-8.

²J. M. Chanter, *Help to an Exposition of the Catechism of the English Church for the use of her Younger Members* (1844-1850).

³H. Hopwood, *Progressive Exercises on the Church Catechism* (1849/50).

myself abt. (£25). There are Sunday Schools ; one for Boys one for Girls. These about 70 girls and 40 boys.

There are other schools (Dissenting etc.) in the Parish, this number I don't know.

16. During the two years I have been here I have been able to do so pretty well
17. I tried an Adult Man and Boys School last winter ; but it was not successful—I only obtained those boys who come to the Sunday School. I propose trying it again next winter
18. There are 2 small Meeting Houses : one had an attendance I am told of abt. 100 (Baptists), the other I do not know (Wesleyans). I do not know the probable No. of Dissenters : many Ch. people go to Meeting in the evening
19. As the return was made before my appointment I cannot speak on this head.
20. I do not know anything wh : specially impedes my ministry.⁴
21. The Church is in good repair and duly provided.⁵
The Churchwardens I think discharge their duties as far as they are able.
22. I do not think any alterations, except a temporary wooden vestry, have been made since the time mentioned.
23. There is much complaint abt. pews etc. The Misses Cother from not havg. obtained such a pue as they desired have now left the Church and go regularly to an adjoining Church. There is also a habit of *letting* the pews for money ; and parties offer them for sale.⁶
The above returns apply to Bloxham only : Milcombe is not included, as it is now all but separated from Bloxham.

⁴A more exhaustive answer to this question was returned in 1857.

⁵" In 1850 we removed all pews in the Chancel and in front of the Screen : and placed open benches in the Chancel. The pews before the screen were erected in another part of the ch. At the same time the Pulpit and Desk were removed : and the Screen cut down. A new Altar Table and Vestments supplied and the Altar Rails carried across the Chancel instead of on 3 sides. Under the authority of the Vicar and Wardens : and with consent of the Bishop." (1857). *MS. Oxford Diocesan Paper*, d. 179, f. 66.

⁶The Bishop was kept busy with " pue quarrells " when he visited on March 16 1855. " Pews are the Devil's Freehold in a church, about which he can at any time stir up malice and hatred. *Diocese Book*, f. 75. The Bishop had enlarged on the evils of pews in a speech of 1847. *Rules, Proceedings, and List of Subscribers to the Diocesan Society for the increase of Church Accommodation etc.* (1850), pp. 5 ff.; cf. also *A Charge delivered to the Clergy of the Diocese of Oxford at his primary Visitation* (1848), pp. 55 ff.

BRADWELL with the Chapelry of KELMSCOTT

1. Thomas William Goodlake, Bradwell, Lechlade.
Instituted 21 July 1954 and Inducted 24 July 1854
2. Yes ¹⁸⁵⁴
3. He performs the whole duty
4. No
8. On Sundays Ash Wednesday Christmas Day Good Friday and Holy Thursday in the *Mother Church*.
Morning and Evening 11 and 6 ; in the *Chapel* aftn. service 2 except on Communion Sundays in the morning, on all other Holy Days one at the Church and one at the Chapel. One sermon on all Sundays and other Holy Days at the Church and Chapel. Daily Matins or Evensong alternate years 8 a.m. 6 p.m. Matins and Litany W. and F. 11½ a.m.
9. Every Sunday from Advent to the beginning of Harvest aft. the Second Lesson, on wh. Lesson generally ask some questions, and then proceed in

? Typo?

order on the Ch. Catechism. Beaven¹ is the text book by wh. the mistress prepares them for me, but I endeavour to make it as instructive and edifying as I can to the whole congregation.

10. On all the grt. Festivals and the first Sunday in every month

11. At the Church on the gt. Festival	25	} 36
— Chapel do.	11	
— Church other seasons	13	} 20
— Chapel do.	7	

I keep a list of communicants.

12. At Church 130 Mornng. 82 Eveng.

At the Chapel 54 Aft.

It is slightly on the increase.

13. The Congregation at the Chapel does, but not so that at the Church. The deficiency is attributable to the distance of the large hamlet of Filkins from the Church, the prevalence of dissent, some of the inhabitants going to Broughton Church, and the insufficient pastoral superintendence for 50 years.

14. For Natl. Society, Diocesan Training College and Wives and Children of Soliders.

15. One Church daily school for children at Bradwell. 2 do. Dames' schools for infants also at Filkins, one Dame a member of the Church, the other a Primitive Methodist. Abt. 12 children at each of their schools. At the Bradwell Ch. school an average attendance of 47. The children pay a penny a week and the rest of the funds obtained by voluntary contributions. A Sunday school at Bradwell of 70 children, and at Kelmscott of 25.

16. Abt. 13

17. I have a class of 9 senior children on Sunday mornings who will not go to school. I have no adult or evening school.

18. There is a Baptist meeting house and room for the Primitive Methodists. The number including children I shd. say 210

19. The numbers given in the recent census of members of the Church was taken by myself. I do not know how the Dissenters returns were made, and from this paper having to be returned to-day wh. I received only yesterday evening I cannot obtain this information

20. The impediments are part neglect, distance of the hamlet of Filkins frm. the Ch., the non-observance of Daily Service or the days ordered to be kept holy by the Church in the neighbouring parishes

21. The Church and Chapel are both so.

Two of the Churchwardens do. The other is not a Communicant and seldom at Church, his excuse for the latter neglect his being a Farrier.

22. None

¹J. Beaven, *A Help to Catechising for the use of Clergymen, Schools and Private Families* (1841, 1843).

BALDWIN BRIGHTWELL, Oxon.
Tetsworth.

1. George Day

July 2 1841

2. Yes

3. Performs the whole duty.

4. No

8. Two full services on Sunday, Christmas Day and Good Friday with Sermon, the usual hours are eleven o'clock in the morning and 3 or $\frac{1}{2}$ past

two in the afternoon. Morning Service on Ash Wednesday and evening service on Ascension Day.

9. Before morning and after evening service. Sometime the children repeat the Catechism, at others are examined as to the meaning of the usual parts of it, and at others read the lessons for the day and are questioned thereon.
10. Six times in the year.
11. From 20 to 30, the numbers are not larger on the great festivals than on other occasions as the poor usually go to see their friends at these seasons. No list of communicants is kept.
12. From 80 to 100
I trust not decreasing
13. With many it is a custom not to attend more than once a day especially with the farmers. The generality of the poor are tolerably punctual and attentive.
14. For the annual Queen's Letter and on the day of Humiliation for the Widows of Sailors.
15. A day School supported partly by voluntary contribution and partly by children's pence, the Scholars averaging about 25. A Sunday School supported by the Rector of about 30 children.
16. But few boys. The girls continue longer
18. No place of Dissenting Worship, about 6 persons of various denominations
21. Pretty good repair but needs various little improvements for the preservation of the fabric.
22. No

BRITWELL SALOME.

1. James Thomas Johnson, Britwell Salome Rectory, instituted and inducted July 1851
2. Yes
3. Performs the whole duty
4. No
8. Two full services on Sundays commencing at 11 and 3 o'clock. Sermons preached two on every Sunday, when the Sacrament is not administered.
9. On the week days in the School, uses the Plain and Broken Catechism.¹
10. Six times a year
11. Two dozen
A dozen
Yes
12. From 60 to 80
does not vary much
13. Yes
14. The training institution at Culham and the Socy. for the Propagn. of the Gospel.
15. A daily school for children and a Sunday school.
16. Not often
17. No
18. A small Wesleyan Chapel.
About a third of the Parish.

¹The Church Catechism broke into short Questions with an Explanation of some Words for the easier understanding of it : to which are added Prayers for the Charity-Schools. Many editions of this manual were published through the eighteenth and early part of the nineteenth centuries. A 'broken catechism' was included in the alteration of the Prayer Book proposed in 1689. F. Procter and W. H. Frere, *A New History of the Book of Common Prayer* (1901), p. 216.

- 19. No
- 21. Yes
- 22. No
- 23. No

BRIZE-NORTON

- 1. Revd. J. Penson, Bampton, Oxford.
1805
 - 2. Yes
 - 3. Has a Curate¹
 - 4. Yes ! he holds the Rectory of S. Peter-le-Bailey, Oxford.
 - 5. Yes
June 11 1854
 - 6. Joseph Hallifax. Priest.
 - 7. No
 - 8. Morning Service at 11 o'clock without Sermon
evening Service at 3 o'clock with Sermon
only Sunday services
 - 9. I intend catechizing after the evening Service on Sundays and take
" Beaven " ² as a text book to be learned by the children
 - 10. Four times a year
 - 11. As I have been only one week in the Parish it is impossible for me to
answer these questions
I intend to keep a list of Communicants
 - 15. Mixed day school for children, and Sunday school
 - 18. An Independent Chapel
- ¹In December 1853 the Bishop was urging the need of a curate, having heard that
" all is going to pieces for want of one." *Diocese Book*, f. 92.
²cf. BRADWELL p. 21.

BROUGHTON, Oxon

- 1. C. F. Wyatt, M.A. Broughton Rectory, Banbury
1819
- 2. Yes
- 3. He has an assistant Curate
- 4. No
- 5. The Curate is not yet licensed.
- 6. R. S. Falcon M.A. Deacon
- 7. No.
- 8. Twice each Sunday. Morning service at 11. Afternoon service at 3.
A sermon at each service. On Ash Wednesday and Fridays in Lent,
Ascension Day and Xmas Day.
- 9. In Lent after Second Lesson in the afternoon.
The method indicated by the Church Catechism.
- 10. Every month
- 11. 55
30
Yes
- 12. About 250, rather increasing.
- 13. Yes.
- 14. S.P.G.F. Parts and Culham Training College
- 15. 1 Daily School for children.
1 Sunday School for children.

70 children in the Daily School and supported by Lady Saye and Sele's Charity chiefly. About 80 in the Sunday School supported by subscriptions.

16. No, only for a short time.
17. An Evening School for adults was opened last winter and attended by 14 till the spring of the year
18. A small room belonging to the Independents.
Thirty.
19. No
No
21. Yes
Yes
22. No
23. No

BROUGHTON POGGS

1. John Jos : Goodenough, Broughton, Nr. Lechlade
Inducted in the year 1845
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty without the assistance of a curate.
4. No
8. Service is performed twice on every Sunday at eleven and at 3 o'clock and one sermon delivered each day.
9. During the Sundays of Lent generally
10. Four times in the year
11. The average number of communicants is about twenty but a list has not usually been kept.
12. Between forty and 50 independent of children
The average number for nine years
14. For the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts and for the Benefit of the Widows and Orphans of these killed in war.
15. One school for children supported entirely by myself in number about 12 ; and 12 others who attend the Sunday School and continue some years
16. After leaving the daily School.
18. There is no dissenting Place of Worship in the Parish and I cannot state the numbers of Dissenters
21. The church is in good repair and things necessary provided, but it is difficult to state that the churchwardens regularly discharge their duties.
23. The Commandments are not fixed up in the Church

BUCKNELL

1. Wm. Master, Bucknell Rectory, Bicester
Novr. 1833
2. Yes
3. Performs the whole duty.
4. No
7. No
8. Twice every Sunday at 11 and half past 2. Prayers during Lent Wednesday and Friday at half past 10 morning, and at some hour *daily* in Passion Week. One sermon every Sunday, alternately, mornng., and afternoon.¹ Occasionally two sermons.

¹The Rector's refusal to preach more than one sermon on Sunday perplexed the Bishop in 1857/8. A local incumbent thought it would be useless to press him any further—"Master no preacher. Shines in the sickroom." *Diocese Book*, f. 100.

9. Each Sunday in Lent, in the afternoon Service the Sunday School children repeat the Church Catechism. And each day in the week the children of Mrs Drakes² School in the Old and New Testament. The other school occasionally.
10. Sometimes six and sometimes eight times in the year
11. Thirty six, or eight.
Twenty
No.
12. 160, including school children about 30.
Continues about the same.
13. Yes
14. The training Schools at Culham, and the Society for Propagation of Gospel in Foreign Parts.
15. Mrs Drakes² daily School supported by her, about 40 children
Another Dame School, about 20 children
A Sunday School, about 30 children.
No Adult School.
No Infant.
16. Some few.
17. No
None
19. Have not seen them. The congregation at Church was smaller than usual on the day the numbers were taken, in consequence of the weather being bad, and *the Family* being absent from home.
20. No
21. Yes
Yes
22. No
23. No

²Widow of Thomas Tyrwhitt-Drake, a tenant of the manor house.

Parish of BURFORD with FULLBROKE,
Co. of Oxford.

1. James Gerald Joyce
Instituted 9 April 1850
2. Yes
3. A Curate assists
4. None
5. The Curacy happens to be just now vacant by the removal of Revd C. H. Crooke to Milton.
8. *Burford*
Sundays. Two full Services with a sermon at each; hours 11 a.m.—6 p.m.
All Festivals and Fasts appointed, a full service.
Week days. Litany and M. Prayer on Wednesdays and Fridays. In winter—an evening Litany and serial lectures in Advent and Lent.

Fullbrooke

Sundays,—on 1 Sunday in each month two full services with sermons and admn. of the Eucharist. On the remaining Sundays of the month an afternoon Service and sermon. In winter, an evening Litany on Fridays with serial Lecture, in Advent and Lent

9. The children are catechised in School by the Clergy 2 days in every week (Tuesdays and Thursdays)—and in Church before the congregation (frequently) on Fridays
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| <p>10. <i>Burford</i>
On the 1 Sunday in each month and on the chief Festivals wh. fall on Sundays.</p> <p>11. B.
Great Festivals 65 to 70
other seasons 45 to 50
No list at present</p> | <p><i>Fullbrooke</i>
On the 3 Sunday in each month</p> <p>F.
Great Festivals 30
other services 20 to 25</p> |
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12. It is composed chiefly of labouring poor, and appears to me to fluctuate without any assignable cause. Cold and bad weather greatly affects from the structures of our two churches being damp and chilly, altho' artificially heated. *It certainly does not diminish.*
Burford abt 500. FB. 120
13. It bears a fair ratio compared with the average of the census returns elsewhere, but I think it far below what it ought to be, and have attempted to encrease it by making the accomodation for the poor better. The state of our pews is the chief drawback on numbers.
14. 1. The Parish Schools
2. The Fast Day Sermon in aid of Soldiers' Families.
3. The S.P.G.
15. Day Schools. One Boys School, actual attendce. 70
One Girls " " " 75
These schools are little more than Infant Schools taking in all ages from 4 to 15.
Sunday Schools. Two, as above : attendance is *rather more* but not as regular as it should be : sometimes 200
Adult Schools, in winter only : abt. 40.
There are some small schools for very young children kept by Dames, and one ancient Free School with about 7 boys
16. Partially so, better in the case of females who continue under training as confirmants. The males go to work earlier, and soon acquire a tone from the *Men*.
17. The Adult Schools have been already mentioned. It is in contemplation to open a Reading Room, but the grown men are almost too illiterate to avail themselves of it. I cannot say Adult Schools succeed here as I expected.
18. There is no *formidable Dissent now in Burford*, the Wesleyan schools are abandoned.
1 Wesleyan Chapel. 1 Baptist Chapel. 1 Plymouth Brothers
100 ? 50 ? 30 ?
19. My observation extends only to a very narrow circle. The Dissenters returns made here would take in stragglers from all country places within a 5 mile circuit, and would not represent Burford, but its extra parochial neighbourhood
20. Pure indifference, and gross drunkenness are greater impediments here than any sectarian opposition.
21. Everything is done very decently, the buildings are in sound repair.¹
22. No alteration.

¹The Bishop confirmed here on March 23 1855. He commented that the church was "too long and galleried-up to be good for the purpose." *Diocese Book*, f. 161.

CASSINGTON, Oxon.

1. Thomas Forster. March 1824
2. No
3. He performs the whole duty.
4. No
5. There is no Curate
8. Morning and Evening Service on Sundays and Christmas Day with sermon in the Morning. Morning Service with sermon on Good Friday.
9. After the 2nd lesson on Sunday afternoons. I use the Church Catechism and sometimes the explanation published by the S.P.G. Society. They are also questioned by me in school on the portions of Scripture read by them.
10. On the great Festivals and at Michaelmas
11. From ten to twelve only : although public and private admonition has not been spared. I keep a list of communicants.
12. About 60 or 70 adults : and from 50 to 60 children.
It has decreased, but is now again increasing.
13. No. It has decreased in consequence of most of the cottages receiving as lodgers rail-road labourers for about 3 years, many of them being irreligious and vicious persons.¹
14. A sermon was preached for the S.P.G. Society under the Queen's Letter. A collection was also made for the soldiers wives and families
15. The boys are educated by the Trustees of Goring Heath Charity². About 25 to 30 boys and girls are taught by the same Master, paid for by myself and friends aided by children's pence. There is also a mixed school kept by a person who professes dissent containing about 15 or 20 children. There is a Sunday school for boys and girls averaging about 40
16. Very seldom. Two girls now remain as teachers.
17. The Master, by my advice, opened an Evening school, but could not prevail upon more than two or three to attend, and gave it up.
18. There is no regular dissenting place of worship. Itinerant preachers, often come to the cottages, some of the cottagers meet for prayers etc. I cannot tell for certain the number of Dissenters. They may amount to about 50.
19. No. The Census was taken at a time when, as I believe, about 150 strangers were resident in the Parish being Rail-Road labourers with their families. They have now left the parish
20. Our Agricultural labourers have been much demoralized by the Rail-road labourers who have so long resided with them, and five Public and Beer Houses in so small a Parish have their usual bad effects upon the morals of our young men.
21. It is. I am not aware of any things wanting, but a Book of Common Prayer for the Communion service.
22. No
23. No

¹The line from Oxford to Worcester had been opened in 1853. F. T. MacDermot, *History of the Great Western Railway*, I (1927), p. 867.

²v. GORING, p. 62.

CAVERSHAM

1. Joshua Bennett M.A. Perpetual Curate of Caversham, Oxon. Licensed May 8 1843
2. Yes

3. He performs the whole duty himself
4. No
7. No
8. Two full services on Sundays with Sermons at each commencing respectively at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon on the greater Festivals, and Morning Prayer on Saints-days, also on Wednesdays and
9. Fridays in Lent, when the children are catechised after the second Lesson, the questions being based on the Church Catechism.
10. There is Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month and on the greater Festivals.
11. The average number of communicants is about 40 on the great Festivals and about 35 at other seasons. No list of communicants is kept as for the most part the same persons regularly communicate.
12. The average number of the congregation is between three and four hundred or about a fourth of the population. The attendance is not as
13. good as it might be, owing to the insufficiency of accomodation.
14. Charity Sermons were preached last year for the Parochial Schools, for the Queen's Letter, for the Diocese of Capetown, and Culham Training Schools
15. There is a daily School for children between the ages of 5 and 12 years of age supported by the voluntary contributions of the Parishioners. The number of scholars is about 70.
16. Very few of the children attend the Sunday School after they have left Day School, but this is chiefly owing to the want of a larger schoolroom.
17. I have long been anxious to have an Evening School for adults and other young persons who have left the Day School, but have not yet ventured to attempt it for want of aid in carrying it out, having no one but myself and the Schoolmistress to depend upon.
18. There is one small Meeting House in the Parish, but I have no means of ascertaining the exact number of dissenters in the Parish, but they are not numerous.
19. The Census was accurately taken at the Parish Church, but I cannot say what mode was adopted by the Dissenters. Many who attend the Meeting House are not inhabitants of this Parish.
20. The chief wants of the Parish are the enlargement of the Parish Church, and better School accomodation
21. The Parish Church is in good repair, and the Church Wardens are very regular in the discharge of their duties.
22. No alterations have been made in the Church since the last Visitation, excepting that an organ has been erected.
23. There is no other matter that occurs to me which it is expedient to bring under the notice of the Bishop.

CHALGROVE V. and BERRICK SALOME R.

1. Robert French Laurence, Chalgrove, near Tetsworth.
1832
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
5. No Curate
6. No Curate

7. No.
8. Services alternately morning and afternoon at Chalgrove and Berrick at 11 and 3 and evening service at Chalgrove at 6 on each Sunday, and sermons alternately morning and afternoon on Good Friday and Christmas Day. Sermons at every service. There is however no service at Chalgrove in the evening, when there is a funeral.
9. Occasional only, at a school which is temporarily held in a cottage of my own, preparatory to establishment in a new building when it will be put on a better footing.
10. On the first morning service of each month and at the great festivals.
11. I do not keep a list of communicants. There are about 6 at Berrick each time and now and then more : and seldom more than 10 at Chalgrove and frequently not more than 6. Now and then it happens that there are more at Berrick, when the table is prepared
12. Chalgrove : Mornng : about 80 afternoon abt. 120. Evening 30
Berrick : Morn about 40 afternoon abt. 80 not much difference in attendance since last visitation. Exclusive of school children. The children do not attend at night.
13. There should, no doubt, be more, but I believe there are as many in proportion to the population, as there are in neighbouring parishes. The farmers do not attend at Chalgrove as they should : and this of course acts upon the lower classes.
14. The relief of the families of the troops sent out to the East
15. A mixed daily school, held in a cottage of my own, in preparation for a more permanent one, which will shortly be erected. The number of names on the list amounts to 88. I have had great difficulties with regard to it, which lately have been somewhat mitigated and I hope will shortly be overcome. It is supported by subscription and school pence. They assemble at the house on Sunday before Church, excepting quite the
16. smallest children ; but there is but little done then : certainly not enough to call it a Sunday School. After leaving the daily attendance, the children do not come again. The payments of the children are irregular, and the attendance far from being what it ought to be. There is no school at Berrick.
18. There is a chapel, belonging I believe to some Baptists but used for some time past as a Wesleyan Chapel. I have no means of ascertaining the number of the dissenters
19. I believe that the number of Dissenters was very much exaggerated. I do not think the chapel could hold the number spoken of. This observation applies to Chalgrove only : there is no chapel at Berrick
20. At Chalgrove unpopularity arising out of an endeavour to repress gross misconduct on the part of one of the leading inhabitants, and the endeavour to prevent misappropriation of the church estate and want of pecuniary means to carry out measures I should desire. At Berrick nothing.
21. The Churches are not as I should like to see them : but they are not in very bad order. Some of the linings of the seats at Chalgrove have been destroyed by dry rot and require replacing by new timber, and there are some other details.
22. No
23. No

To the Reverend

The Officiating Minister
of Charlbury with Chadlington
Shorehampton and Finstock

CHARLBURY

1. William Wellwood Stoddart.
Instituted April 24 1803
2. Yes
3. He is assisted by the Revd A. T. D. Fordyce
4. No
5. Mr. Fordyce is not licensed. The Revd Thomas Llewelyn Griffith is
licenced as Curate of Chadlington and Shorthampton.
6. Arthur Thomas Dingwall Fordyce. He is in Deacon's Orders. Mr.
Griffith is in full Orders.
7. He officiates as curate in the hamlet of Finstock
8. Two services with a sermon on Sunday at Charlbury and one service with
a sermon at Finstock. Prayers on Wednesday, Friday and Saints Day
mornings at Charlbury. Two services with a sermon on Sunday at
Chadlington. One service and sermon at Shorthampton
9. I catechise the children publicly in the Church during Lent.
10. It has been usual to do so only four times a year. Since I entered upon the
incumbency I have been gradually endeavouring to administer it more
frequently.
11. At Easter there were upwards of sixty, but this is rather beyond the aver-
age. I have not been in the habit of keeping such a list
12. I have not made any calculation, but the Church is fairly filled and the
numbers appear to be on the increase.
13. The proportion is less than it would be for the large number of Dissenters.
The most wealthy of the residents are nearly all Quakers
14. The Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts and the collec-
tion upon the Day of Humiliation.
15. A daily school which is not much better than an infant school. The
numbers vary but do not reach beyond fifty. A Sunday school which
numbers from sixty to seventy. A night school for boys numbering
about forty and one for girls of about half that number. These can
scarcely be said to be in full operation during the summer. There is a
British school supported by the dissenters.
16. The girls attend tolerably well but not the boys
N.B. There is a school at Chadlington supported by Lady Julia Lang-
ston.¹ A day school and Sunday school and during the later winter
months a night school for boys. At Chilson there is a day school
and a Sunday school. At Finstock the same, and a small day school at
Fawler chiefly kept up at my own expense
17. The night school has been in a fair degree successful.
18. There are several. A Quakers Meeting House,² Wesleyans, Primitive
Methodists and Baptists.
19. I am not able to answer this question
21. Fairly so

¹Wife of James Haughton Langston, of Sarsden House.

²J. Kibble, *Historical and other notes on Charlbury* (1927), pp. 26-30.

22. The only alteration has been the introduction of an improved mode of warming the church.
23. No.

CHARLTON ON OTMOOR

1. George Riggs, Charlton on Otmoor, Oxford.
Feby 9 1846 and Feby 11 1846
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty
8. Morning Service on Sunday commencing at eleven o'clock. Evening Service on Sunday commencing at 2 o'clock in winter and at half past two in summer. A sermon at each service except in winter when there is one sermon at Evening Service.
9. Publicly in the Church on Sundays during Lent, and occasionally a few short questions on visiting the schools
10. Twice at the period of each of the great Festivals and twice at Michaelmas
11. About twelve at the great Festivals, and about six or eight or more at Michaelmas and I have generally put down the number and occasionally the names.
12. About twenty in the Morning and from seventy to eighty in the afternoon. The congregation has been diminishing since *two* sermons were begun to be preached in Oct 1848 after the Bishops Charge¹
13. I think there ought to be a larger attendance. The deficiency I attribute to Dissent and to the indifference to religion on the part of Masters and Parents.
14. The National Society.
Culham Training College
Socy. Propagation of Gospel in Foreign Parts.
15. Two Dames schools almost entirely supported by the Rector and a Sunday school, numbers about 20. There are some private schools. The farmers send their sons to Islip School as they can spare them. Impossible to support a general school.
16. No
18. A Baptist place of worship
A Wesleyan Methodist.
A small Ranters place of worship
These places are attended by persons from neighbouring parishes as Oddington etc. The numbers of Dissenters in this Parish under 100
19. I made no returns to the Registrar General. There was evidently an animus against the Church in the mode adopted. The book published and circulated by the Registrar general on Religious Statistics² affords no criterion of the true number for the numbers of the Established Church.
21. Yes
Yes
22. The Reading Desk lowered, the sounding board removed, and a garland³ on the Rood Screen taken away. New cloth to Desk and Pulpit and Lords Table at which the service is now read.
By the Rector and at his expense.

¹A Charge delivered to the Clergy of the Diocese of Oxford at his Primary Visitation (1848), p. 62 f.

²H. Mann, *Sketches of the Religious Denominations of the Present Day . . . and the Census . . .* [1854].

³A frame in the form of a cross covered with flowers on May Day and formerly carried round the parish in procession. *Oxfordshire Archaeological Society Report* (1900), p. 18 and frontispiece.

CHASTLETON

1. Horatio Westmacott
Chastleton Rectory
Moreton in Marsh.
2. Yes
3. The whole duty
4. No
8. Twice on the Sunday with sermon each time. On Wednesday's morning.
9. Occasionally. The most approved.
10. Eight times per annum
11. Fifty
No list
12. Seventy. Much as usual.
14. By Command
For wives and children of soldiers
15. A weekly and Sunday School
16. But little.
17. None
18. None
19. I believe it to be correct
20. I cannot
21. In good repair
22. A vestry has been built by the Rector
23. None.

CHECKENDON
Oxon

1. Revd William Crabtree
Crooms Hill, Greenwich.
2. Has been absent since October by licence for non-residence.
3. Curate in sole charge.
4. No
5. Yes : Licensed 7 January 1854
6. Henry Sprigg : (Priest)
8. Two full sermons every Sunday.
9. Privately in Sunday school
Publicly after 2nd Lesson in After : Services during Lent : first hear
the text : then question upon it
10. Four times in the year
11. 20-24
Yes
12. 120. I hope so.
13. Yes
14. Culham Schools.
P.G. Society.
Soldiers Wives
15. No School for day scholars.
A Sunday School supported by Subscriptions from Inhabitants.
16. Yes
17. Had an evening School for adults : but not well attended during winter
months only

18. None
Two families but sometimes even they attend Church.
19. No
20. No
21. Yes
Yes
22. No alteration, but has been cleaned etc. at the expense of the parish.
23. No : excepting regret at no day school for infants, and the few times the Lord's Supper is administered.

CHESTERTON, Oxon.

1. William F. Fortescue, Chesterton, Bicester.
Instituted April 1849
2. Yes
3. He does the whole duty.
4. No
5. No Curate
7. No
8. 2 Services with Sermon after each on Sundays. Morning service $\frac{1}{4}$ before 11, afternoon service $\frac{1}{2}$ past two winter, 3 in summer.
9. I catechize them before afternoon service in the School room, adapting the questions to the services for the day, when feasible.
10. Four times in the year
11. About fifty at Xmas, rather more at Whitsuntide, rather less at other periods.
I keep a list of communicants
12. I do not perceive much difference.
13. I think it bears a fair proportion.
14. For those objects on which I have received your Lordship's instruction
15. A day school for young girls and boys in Lady Jersey's¹ schoolroom, and a Sunday school at the same room
16. I retain a few girls and boys in the Sunday School, who have left the weekly school, which they do very early.
17. No
18. No dissenting place of worship, two families go to Bicester Chapels
19. No
20. I think the very early period at which children, especially boys, go to work is the greatest hindrance to ministerial efficiency.
21. In decent repair
Yes.
22. No material alteration. We are now scraping and cleaning under the recommendation and advice of the Rural Dean.²

¹Wife of the fifth Earl of Jersey, of Middleton Park.

²The church was restored in 1855. The Bishop objected to a good deal of the plans, which were sent him after the work had been done. *Diocese Book*, f. 128.

CHINNOR.

1. William Augustus Musgrave,¹ Chinnor.
Date of institution 1816
2. Yes
3. Duty performed by the Curate.

¹The Rev. Sir William Augustus Musgrave, 10th Bart. (1792-1875).

4. Holds the benefice of Emmington, Oxon.
5. Not licensed to Chinnor.
6. Charles Smith. Priest.
7. No
8. Twice every Sunday
A.M. 10.45 P.M. 3 o'clock.
Two sermons.
9. The children are catechised before and between the services
10. Monthly
11. Average at great Festivals 14
— other seasons 16
A list is kept.
12. Mgs 90
Aftn 200 Increasing slightly.
13. No, by no means.
Part neglect, in first place, whereby Dissent is rampant : and doubtless my own weakness.²
14. Wives and families of soldiers and S.P.G. to be preached on July 16
15. A boys' day school for children and a Sunday school for boys and girls, supported by voluntary contributions. 40 boys in day school. 36 in Sunday and 50 girls
16. Yes
17. Yes : both by adult and evening schools
18. Independent and Primitive Methodist
No accurate means of knowing : probably 700.
19. No
20. The great spread of Dissent.
21. Church not in good repair.
Churchwardens anxious to do their duty.
22. None
23. None

²The Bishop came to confirm on February 25 1855, and discussed with the curate "the whole sad state of Chinnor." *Diocese Book*, f. 135.

Parish of
CHIPPING NORTON,
Oxon

1. Alexander Wishaw
Midsummer 1850
2. Yes
3. Has a Curate.
4. No
5. Yes. 2 October 1833
6. Francis Ashpital. Priest.
7. Officiates as chaplain of the Union workhouse in this parish
8. Daily service in the morning—2ce on Saints Days—more frequent services in Advent and Lent—3 full services on Sunday with sermons, at 10½, 2½ and 6.
9. Children privately catechised on Saturday and 9 on Sunday morning, publicly in the afternoon services
10. Every fourth Sunday : and on every proper preface day

11. About 100 to 140, average number 60 or 70
Yes.
12. Inclusive of 100 children in the morning about 500 to 600, afternoon without children about 200, evening without childr. 700 or 800
Certainly *not* decreasing
13. No. The deficiency owing to the immense numbers and wealth of the Dissenters
14. 1. Queen's letter. 2. S.P.G. 3. Add. Curates Society. 4. Sunday School. 5 and 6 to pay for gas in church. 7. National Fast Day. 8. Poor of the Parish. 9. Culham.
15. 2 Church National schools. 3 schools for middle classes one of which is a K. Edward VI foundation. 2 British schools (Gi. and Boys), 1 Roman Catholic school, and about 5 or 6 dame schools
16. Yes on the whole: till they go out to service. Dissenters almost invariably take their servants from our schools.
17. I tried the experiment of evening schools 3 times a week from Advent to Easter the year before last. The success was not worth the labour, we never had more than 16 altogether, or 10 in actual attendance.
18. 1 R. Cath. Chapel, 1 Baptist, 1 Wesleyan, 1 Antinomian, 1 Quakers meeting (the last two almost empty). Total of dissenters at least 2/5 of the population
19. The Baptist preacher told me that the return of the Wesleyans was exaggerated. Our own people were accurately counted by 7 or 8 persons specially ordered to do so. The attendance at church that day was unusually thin.
20. There is a positive premium on Dissent in the fact of the chief employers of the people being Dissenters and almost openly preferring those of their own denomination
21. Yes
22. No

CHISLEHAMPTON with
STADHAMPTON

1. William Parker Perry. May 1840
Stadhampton, Wallingford
2. Yes
3. Performs the whole
4. No.
7. No.
8. Full Service in each church once a week.
11 o'clock in the forenoon
3 ——— in afternoon.
11 o Sermon.
9. After service in afternoon
10. Three times a year in each ch.
12. About 300, of whom not more than 2 thirds on the average at one time present.
13. Yes.
14. The Queen's letter.
15. One mixed school.
Endowment and children's pence.
About 70

16. A few
17. No
18. One. Not probably more than 15, but the congregation is formed by those from a distance
21. Yes
22. None

CHURCHILL

3rd Application.

No answer having been returned to the former copies of these queries (sent you in July and August) you will greatly oblige by prompt attention to the above request : particularly as great inconveniences is caused, with respect to arrangements for the Visitation, by the answers not having been received. Mr. Barter's returns for *Sarsden* and *Cornwell* have been received.

1. Charles Barter. Sarsden C. Norton
1817
2. Yes
3. The Morning Service is performed by the Curate of Cornwell.
4. The Rectories of Sarsden and Cornwell.
At the former he performs the Morning Service.
8. Sunday Morning Service at 10½
Evening do at 3, with two sermons
Evening Service with Lecture on Fridays during Lent.
9. The children are regularly catechised in two Sunday Schools
10. Eight times in the year
11. About 100 with no great variety. The Easter Communion generally the largest.
12. From 4 to 5 hundred. The congregation scarcely admitting of increase in the evening. The Morning Service here and generally in the neighbourhood is less fully attended.
13. The Population 650, but many parishioners of Sarsden are present in the evening
14. For the Training Schools. Widows and orphans of soldiers.
15. 1 Daily School for Boys, 80. 1 do. Girls 70. 1 Infants School. The two larger Schools open on Sundays. There is a small endowment for the Boys and Girls Schools, but the chief expense of both is defrayed by J. H. Langston Esq.¹
16. Yes
17. We have the Boys School opened as a Reading Room during the winter months. On 2 evenings of the week the Master gives gratuitous instruction in writing and arithmetic to adults who are members of the Room. Great success has attended this arrangement.
18. A very small Ranting or Primitive Methodist Chapel has been lately built. The number of Dissenters of all kinds may amount to 20.
19. The chapel mentioned above was not built when the census was taken. It was taken on a wet Sunday in November. My congregation was counted, exclusive of Children, 360.
21. Yes
Yes

¹James Haughton Langston, of Sarsden House. L. E. Rose, *The History of Churchill* (1934), pp. 64-6.

22. None

23. None

I beg to state that I have not received any previous Visitation Queries addressed to *Churchill* and I replied immediately to those of Sarsden and Cornwell, and think that upon one of those returns I mentioned this omission. Ch. B.

CLANFIELD

1. John Pairtt Penson
Instituted 1836
2. He has been resident during the last year.
3. He performs the whole duty and has no assistant Curate.
4. He hold no other benefice or cure.
5. None.
8. Divine Service is performed every Sunday thro'out the year with a Sermon at each service. There are no weekly Services except in Lent. The time of divine service is at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. during six months, and at 6 p.m. during the summer.
9. I have no catechising except in the Sunday School, which I regularly attend
10. The Sacrament is administered 5 times at Easter, Whitsunday, on some intermediate Sunday in July or August, Michaelmas and Christmas
11. I do not keep a list of Communicants, but counting the numbers as they come up to the Table. I find seldom less than from 35 to 50 Communicants at all seasons.
12. The Congregations have decreased rather of late years, varying from 140 to 150.
13. I can hardly think it bears a fair proportion to the population. I attribute the decrease to the increase of dissent.
14. Charity Sermons have been preached for the Church Missionary and Pastoral Aid Societies.
15. One Sunday School, mixed, supported by myself and by subscriptions. One day School supported by a Lady in the parish, mixed. The scholars in the S. School amount to about 50. Those in the day School to about 30.
18. There are two places of worship for Dissenters, but I have never attempted to take a calculation of their probable numbers.
21. The Church is in very fair repair, and is duly provided with all things necessary for the decent performance of Divine Service. The Churchwardens regularly discharge their duties.
22. No alterations have been made.

CLAYDON CUM MOLLINGTON

1. Thomas Henry Tait.
7 December 185 [sic]¹
 2. He has been resident here since the Parsonage House was completed 25 Mar. 1854.
 3. He performs the whole duty
 4. None
 7. None
 8. There are two services in Mollington every Sunday—Morning service at 11 o'clock and P.M. service at $\frac{1}{2}$ past six and Morning service at 9 o'clock
- ¹1851.

and P.M. service at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 on alternate Sundays. *Full service on Saints Days, during Lent Wednesday and Friday, and ev. day in Holy Week.

9. I catechise the Children in School. The Church Catechism is used and I also ask questions bearing upon it and the Prayer Book generally.
10. Every month at each Church and on the Festivals of our Lord except Ascension Day and on Whit. and Trin. Sunday.
11. Seventeen at the Great Festivals
Twelve.

Since I have administered the Holy Commn. monthly I have not had so many Communicants at a time, for formerly it was only administered quarterly. I have lately kept a list of Communicants but without the list I know all communicants.

12. I should say that the average afternoon numbers of Adults in Mollington Church is an 100. It has increased since I was inducted.
13. In Mollington it is a good proportion much better than Claydon. There is no landed proprietor resident nor has any one taken an interest in the place.
14. The Society of the Propn. of the Gospel, a Collection instead of Sermon.
15. I have one mixed School to which Mr. Holbech² and myself subscribe. The Day School has only lately say within the last six months been in operation, all who attend the Day School attend also the Sunday School. The average attendance at the Day School is 46, and 65 at the Sunday School.
16. Yes, partially.
17. Not having been in residence during the winter I have not as yet started an Evening School but hope to do so.
18. A Ranters' Chapel.
On my first taking charge of the Parish I should say that I found at least 20 houses the inhabitants of which were in the habit of attending the Dissenters Meeting House.
19. There is no means of forming an opinion being in charge of Chinnor at that time.
20. I think the length of our Morning Service keeps many of the poorer classes from Church in the morning. Also may be mentioned the fact that the people were very much neglected here in former years there never having been a resident Minister until now. The Church being in a sad state with respect to accomodation for the poor is much against me. Also long established Dissent impedes me much.
21. The Church in bad repair, one aisle was pulled down in 1776 and never rebuilt and generally the School children are crowded into the Chancel. The Churchwardens perform their duties regularly.
22. None, save a new Altar Table and Commn. Plate.
23. The bad state of the repair of the Church.

* In Claydon there is one full service and Sermon every Sunday in the Morning and Afternoon alternately, also for Good Friday and Xmas Day and once every day in Holy Week.

²William Holbech (1774-1856), of Farnborough Hall.

CLIFTON HAMPTON

1. Joseph Gibbs. March 1831
2. No, from ill health.
3. He has had until the last 2 months.

4. No
5. He was. April 12 of this year
6. Cloudesley Hughes D'Aeth. Deacon.
7. No
8. Two full Services on Sundays. The Morning Prayer on Wednesdays and Fridays.
The same on Saints' Days, commencing at 11.0 closing always with the blessing after the Ch. Militant Prayer, when there is no Post Communion.
9. The rule is to catechise during Lent after 2nd Lesson in Evening service, illustrating from Scripture the questions of the Catechism.
10. The 1st Sunday in every month and all the High Festivals of the year
11. 30—20
A list is kept.
12. Taking into account both the Morn. and the Evening Services a 100, on the whole increasing but very fluctuating.
13. No, partly attributable to the fact stated under query 18 and 20
14. Two, one for the Surviving Sufferers from the War the other for the "Propagation of the Gospel" Queen's letter.
15. One Ch. of Eng. School offering a room for the instruction of Boys and Girls together, and one for infants in wh. the girls are taught needlework in the afternoon School. The above come to Sunday School, and about 12 beside making in all 50. The school is supported by the contributions of yearly subscribers and the payments of the children.
16. Not generally.
17. By evening Schools in the winter season, which have not the desired success for want partly of an efficient Master.
18. None, but there are two families resident in the place professed Dissenters, who including their Dependents amount to nearly 100.
19. I can give no answer to the enquiry as no returns were sent from this parish.
20. Partly the existence of dissent brought in about 10 years ago by the above mentioned families, one of them a Farmer who has with his Farm possession of a large House, wh. he lets to a Dissenter who keeps a large Commercial School.
21. Yes.
He does. We have never more than one.
22. No
23. I have merely to add that there has been much interruption in the weekly and Saints day services during the last 9 months from the broken state of my health.

COGGS

1. The Rev. Thos. Andrews, Rainham, Kent.
2. He has not.
3. The duty is performed by a Curate.
4. The perpetual Curacy of Bredhurst, Rainham
5. He is not.
6. Henry Gregory. Priest.
7. He is Vicar of Asthall and Master of the Witney Grammar School.
8. Alternate morning and evening services at each of which a sermon is preached. There is service also on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Ascension Day and Xmas Day, when a sermon is preached.

9. On the afternoon on Sundays in the usual manner.
10. Eight times a year.
11. A register is kept from which it appears that the number is generally about 20
12. Not ascertained, much what it has been for some years.
13. In the afternoon it generally does, but not in the morning, having regard to that portion of the population not regular dissenters.
14. The widows and orphans of soldiers on the fast day, and the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts
15. Two endowed dames schools used as Sunday schools and partly supported by subscriptions. Children about 9 years attend Witney National school and Wesleyan daily school
16. They are not retained.
17. No plan of instruction is adopted.
18. There is only a very small place of worship for dissenters. They attend in Witney and are numerous.
19. I cannot.
21. It is fairly so.
One is often incapacitated by illness and age, when well very attentive to duties and strongly attached to the Church.
22. No alterations have been made
23. There is not.

COOMBE nr. WOODSTOCK

1. Willian Barrett, Coombe, Woodstock.
appointed in January 1851
2. He has regularly officiated throughout the year, with the exception of four months e.g. from March 25 to July 25, when he officiated at Grinton, Somerset, having exchanged duties with the Rev. J. Sedgwick Magd. Coll.
3. He performs the whole duty.
4. He holds no other benefices etc.
8. Two full services each Sunday, with sermons e.g. morning service at 11 a.m. and evening service at 3 p.m.
9. Usually in the Sunday School room previously to service. Sometimes, but rarely, after the second lesson in the evening service as the rubric directs. No particular method.
10. About six times per annum.
11. Average about 20 to 30. Number varies but little at any season. No *written* list kept, but the communicants are observed and known.
12. Morning : adults 50 to 100, children 60 to 80
Evening : adults 100 to 120, children 60 to 80
Number about stationery.
13. Proportion perhaps a fair one—from 25 to 45 per cent
Not below that of neighbouring parishes.
14. For the Soldiers Fund. For the S.P.G.F.P.
I think also a previous one, for the National Society and the Society for the Repairs etc. of Churches.
15. One School (Sunday and day) for children, generally average attendance on Sunday 60-80, daily 40-60. Supported mainly by Lincoln College.
16. Moderately well.

17. An Evening school for both sexes, succeeded well in 1852 during the winter, average number 30 to 40, fallen 50 per cent since the novelty was over.
18. One conventicle for those generally who are not with us. The regularly initiated not numerous, perhaps not over 30, usual attendance not good, at periods of excitement otherwise.
21. Yes.
Indifferently well
22. None whatsoever
23. No

CORNWELL

1. Charles Barter 1829
2. Non-resident
3. By Curate
4. Yes
5. Yes June 1852
6. William Marah. Priest.
7. The services at Churchill
8. Morning service with sermon
9. In the school
10. Four times
11. Thirty
12. Sixty, very regular
13. Yes
14. Ch. Building Soc.
Dioces. Training School
15. Small dames Schools
16. Very partially
17. The very limited population not exceeding 100 renders this impossible.
18. None
19. No Dissenters in this Parish
21. Yes
22. None
23. None

The Parish of COTTISFORD.

1. Charles Sankins Harrison
March 15 1853
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty.
4. No
8. There are now two full services on the Sunday. I have recently added a sermon to the morning. Mattins $\frac{1}{4}$ 11 Evensong $\frac{1}{4}$ 3
9. An hour before Evening Service, adopting the Catechism with explanations.
10. First Sunday in each month
11. About 15
About 11
Yes
12. 120. Increasing
13. No : to the want of more accomodation.

14. For the Training College at Cuddesdon
The Soldiers' Wives
The Queen's Letter.
15. Only a dame's school. Most unsatisfactory. We have had land allotted for a school and school house : *at present* I cannot see my way to raising funds for the building, and maintenance of a school. I have applied to the land owner for assistance towards the enlargement and improvement of the Church, but without success.
16. I am fortunate enough to collect a good number of young people on Sunday mornings to read the Bible with me.
17. No.
18. None
Not a dozen
19. No
20. The great thing that I feel is wanted, is a *school*.
21. Yes
Yes
22. Yes : the fitting up of oaken sittings in lieu of lofty dilapidated pews : under the authority of the Rural Dean. If the Church were enlarged, which we are hoping to do next year, without interfering with the outer walls, we shd. gain 40 add : sittings, which, I believe, wd. be filled.

COWLEY

1. Richard Meux Benson¹. Cowley.
Advent 1850
2. Yes
3. He has an assistant Curate.
4. No
5. The Curate is licensed, having been ordained to this title Lent 1854.
6. Deacon.
7. No
8. Sunday. Matins 11 Evensong 3.30 Two Sermons
Saints Days _____ 7 Two Sermons
Wed. Frid _____ Evg. Sermon
Other Weekdays — 8 (None)
Vigils and Fasts _____ Evg. Sermon
9. A Paper is given out weekly explanatory of some passage of Scripture illustrating the Catechism, and the children are catechized in this in School on Fridays. On Wed. and Frid. one class is catechized in Church generally in connection with one of the daily Lessons.
10. Holy Communion 1st Sunday in the month
Adv. East (with 8 o'clock) Whitsun and Trinity
All other Festivals with proper collects, not necessarily being Sunday.
11. 30 on Festivals
20 on other Sundays
On weekdays sometimes only 3 or 4
A list is kept

¹Richard Meux Benson (1824-1915), founder of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cowley. M. V. Woodgate, *Father Benson of Cowley* (1953).

12. 250
It increases in summer and decreases in winter
13. No. The deficiency is attributable chiefly to
 1. Extreme indifference to religion amongst the people
 2. Want of comfortable Church room.
 2. The scattered position of the population, many being a long way from Church
14. Culham training college.
Soldiers wives and children
15. Daily school mixed 110
Sunday school id.
Infant school 20
supported chiefly by the incumbent
16. Not much
17. One winter the Evg. school for adults answered very well. Not 10 came afterwards. Last winter it was not attempted.
18. One Wesleyan place of worship.
Probably not 20 Dissenters, and some of these occasional attendants at church
19. I believe the returns of the attendance at Church were pretty accurate. They were taken by the Churchwardens under my own supervision. Of the others return I cannot speak.
20. The chief impediments to Church progress at Cowley seem to me to be.
 1. Want of *heartiness* in any religious purpose, in many cases amounting to positive infidelity. 2. Strongly rooted prejudices in the better class of Church people. 3. Unusual *ignorance* pervading all classes. 4. *Pride* and dress in the upper class. 5. Lawlessness and selfwilled *idleness* in the lower. 6. Selfishness in all and niggardliness especially in the upper. 7. Loose habits produced by the university *cricket grounds* etc. 8. Immorality connected with the *university*. 9. Immorality arising from *want of proper cottage-room*. 11. Low loitering *sports* arising from ignorance. A rural police is greatly needed.
21. }
22. } It is proposed to rebuild the church ere long.

CROPREDY

1. Augustus William Noel
November 18 1851
2. Yes
3. He has an Assistant Curate.
4. He serves no other cure
5. The Curate is duly licenced
The licence is dated Decr. 18. 1853
6. Jeffery Watson Millard, a Deacon
7. No
8. On Sundays. Morning Service at 10.30 Even. Service at 2.30 at the Parish Church. Evng. Service at Bourton at 6. Sermons at each of these services.
On Weekdays. Daily morning prayer at 10.
On Fridays in Lent and during Holy Week full evening services.
9. When there is a better school they will be catechized in Church during service, but this is not done at present.

10. Monthly and at the great festivals and their octaves
11. Last Easter 67. At other seasons about 30.
12. { In the afternoon the free seats are generally quite full and the rest of the
13. { Church nearly so. The morning attendance is not so good.
14. For the Training College at Culham. For Soldiers and Sailors wives and families on the Fast Day. For the Gospel Propn. Society (Queen's Letter).
15. Bourton Boys School, about 30 Boys
Bourton Girls School, about 20 girls
Cropredy Girls School, about 24 girls
16. Not at present.
18. A Wesleyan Meeting House at Cropredy. An Independent Meeting House at Great Bourton, and Independent Meeting House at Little
20. Bourton. The want of good schools
21. The Church is in good repair, but the plate for Holy Communion is very indifferent.¹ I have no reason to complain of the churchwardens.
22. The Brass Eagle² has been repaired and is placed under the Chancel arch

¹But cf. J. T. Evans, *The Church Plate of Oxfordshire* (1928), pp. 48 ff. Besides a valuable medieval pyx the church possesses a seventeenth century pewter paten and a silver Elizabethan chalice and paten. A modern chalice, with paten, is inscribed as the gift of the Vicar of Horley (1855).

²*Archaeological Journal*, LXXXVII (1930), p. 131, f.

CROWELL.

1. James Beauchamp¹
March 1830
2. Yes
3. An Assistant Curate
4. Shirburn
5. Yes. Xmas 1853
6. Revd. H. J. Martin. A Deacon.
7. Shirburn as Curate
8. On Sunday. Alternate Morning and Afternoon. 11 and 3.
9. Every Sunday, by question and explanation.
10. Four times a year.
11. At the great Festivals fifteen.
At the other times twelve
I do not keep a list
12. About 60, with little variation.
13. The population is about 140.
14. April 25 National Society } 1853
Nov. 16 Culham College }
for the G. in F.P. about a month ago
15. A Sunday and weekday school for children. The older ones go to Chinnor in the week at my expense. The Sunday School is supported entirely by me. 12 Boys and 15 Girls.
16. Many of them
17. No
18. None
9 or 10 Dissenters amongst the poor only.
21. Yes
22. None

¹cf. *Diocese Book*, f. 166.

CROWMARSH

1. John Trollope M.A., Rectory, Crowmarsh.
nr. Wallingford. 8 and 11 November 1844
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
7. No
8. Twice every Sunday at 11 and $\frac{1}{4}$ before 3 : Sermons each time.
9. Every Sunday in Church Catechism at the Schoolroom
10. Four
11. 28
20
No
12. About 120
Increasing
13. Not exactly. The deficiency would not be so great if the sittings were all open.
14. Widows and orphans of soldiers lost in the war
15. A Sunday and Day School for the Poor supported by payment from the children. Between 30 and 40.
16. No
17. No
18. None : very hard to tell for some go to Church, and also to chapel.
19. Very few real Dissenting families. Not having seen the numbers given relating to Church people and Dissenters I cannot.
20. No
21. Yes
Yes
22. No
23. No

CUDDESDEN

1. Alfred Pott,¹ Cuddesden, Wheatley.
Instituted June 1852
2. Yes
3. Assistant Curate
4. None
5. George F. Wilgress. Priest.
Licenced Trinity Sunday 1853
7. No
8. Sundays. Twice : A.M. 11 } Sermon at each
P.M. 3 }
- Holydays A.M. 9.
P.M. 7. One Sermon.
- In winter Service Wednesday and Friday evening.
9. Not in church
10. Monthly and on great festivals : about 18 times in year
11. 1. About 70 to 80
2. About 50
3. Yes
12. About the same : 200 adults about.

¹First Principal of Cuddesdon Theological College, opened on June 15 1854.

13. Yes
14. Nat : Soc : Queen's Letter.
Soldiers families
15. 1. Adults in winter about 20
2. Mixed Boys and Girls 67
3. Infants 36
By voluntary contrib : and Government aid
16. Some few
17. Adult Evening Schools in winter
18. None.
21. Yes
22. New Pulpit. New West window

CULHAM

1. Robert Walker, Culham, Abingdon.
Instituted October 12 1848
Inducted November 1 1848
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty himself
4. No other benefice or cure
8. Sunday morning at 11. Full Service with sermon
— afternoon at 3 do do
except on Communion Sundays when *no sermon* in the morning.
The full service on Great Festivals, in Lent, Passion Week etc.
9. In the afternoon in Lent in Church during service after 2nd lesson.
Catechising by questioning and examination.
10. Twelve times during the year
11. About 40 on Great Festivals
30 on other services
A list is kept.
12. About 170, rather *increasing*.
13. Yes
14. National Society
Diocesan College.
15. Practising School at the College.¹

{	Girls and Infants, Village, 38 about
	Sunday School, about 50.
	Supported by voluntary contributions.
16. In very few cases
17. An evening School in the winter is tolerably successful
18. No Dissenting place of worship, not above 10 dissenters.
19. I returned good congregations in the paper. Probably therefore the number of Church people was underestimated
21. The Church is in good repair. The *Chancel* is *decent*.
22. The Church (as distinct fm. Chancel) was entirely rebuilt except the tower in 1852, under authority from the Diocesan.

¹ cf. L. Naylor, *Culham, Centenary History* (1953), p. 41.

CUXHAM.

1. John D. Piggott
February 1854
2. Yes

3. He performs the whole duty
4. No
8. There are two *full* Services on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
9. In Church after the 2nd lesson during the season of Lent.
10. At Christmas, Easter, Whitsuntide and Michaelmas
11. About 14
Yes
12. Between 50 and 70
13. The population is about 160. It does not. To habits of neglect and indifference long indulged on the part of several heads of families
14. Culham Training Institution.
15. A mixed day School supported by private contributions, about 22 scholars.
A Sunday School, about 28 scholars.
16. Some of them
17. Not at present.
18. None
9 or 10
19. No
20. No
21. Yes
Yes
22. No
23. No

Parish of DEDDINGTON

1. James Brogden,¹ Vicarage, Deddington
1848, 1849.
2. Came into residence at Michaelmas last and has resided there ever since.
3. Performs the whole duty at the Parish Church, and in Deddington. Mr. Risley² kindly does duty in the church at Clifton
4. No
8. Full services twice every Sunday.
Morning at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10. Afternoon at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2.
Prayers on Saints days, and on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent.
2 sermons each Sunday.
9. At the schools. I am very desirous to restore Catechising in the Church on Sundays
10. On the first Sunday of every month, and on the great Festivals.
11. About 60. Since the other churches³ have been opened the number is reduced and I consider it very small at present. I do.
12. It is not decreasing.
13. I think it does, indeed I do not find that the additional churches have thinned the congregation
14. For Her Majesty's Letter.
15. National Schools. About 90 scholars on the Books of each School.
Infants attend the Girls School and are instructed in a class room.

¹cf. *Diocese Book*, f. 178.²The Rev. W. C. Risley, a former incumbent.³The chapel of St. James, Clifton, was built largely at Mr. Risley's expense and was consecrated in 1853. St. John the Evangelist at Hempton was opened in 1851. It was built by the Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Over Worton, and designed by his son, the vicar of Banbury.

16. The Sunday Schools do not retain the young people, except now and then as teachers. The Education in the daily school has been so good, that the first class of Boys know more than the old Sunday School Teachers: and are, as monitors, much better catechists than those who come on Sundays to instruct them.
17. As soon as the schools are finished and there is a proper fencing, at present there is none, between the Boys and Girls schools, I intend to give Lectures and establish a Lending Library
18. Three. I cannot tell their number. Those who call themselves Church People are very lax in their Church Principles. There is a very thin partition between them and formal dissent, conforming schismatics is the best term which applies to them.
19. I was not here at the time and must refer to Dr. Wilson.
20. The spirit of dissension which has long existed in this Parish. I believe patience the best human remedy, except Prayer and my Bishop's advice.
21. Yes.
Both the Churchwardens are exemplary in their conduct.
22. Some alterations were made in the chancel during my absence, without my knowledge. I know not on what authority, but am told that they were superintended by Mr. Risley.
23. His Lordship's kind cooperation with me in maintaining efficient schools.

DORCHESTER.

1. William Fountain Addison, Dorchester, Wallingford
July 1850
2. Yes, having been only absent about a fortnight in the last 12 months
3. Has an assistant Curate.
4. No
5. Yes. December 1853
6. Joseph Mayor Nixon. Deacon.
7. No
8. Daily Morning at 8, except Wed. and Friday at 11. Wednesday and Friday Evg. at 7 with sermon. Sunday Morning 11 with sermon, afternoon 3 Catechism (no sermon) Evg. 7 with sermon. Burcote at 5. Saints Days Evg. services at 7 with sermon.
9. At 3 o'clock service on Sundays after second lesson, the children having previously been prepared both on Sunday and in the week.
10. Monthly, and on all festivals of the Church
11. 70 to 80
40 to 60 on ordinary Sundays.
No, but I know them all
12. I fear I can only guess roughly about 400 on Sundays. Increasing
13. The population being about 1100, probably it does not. There are Roman Catholic and active Dissenters, Baptists.
14. There is a monthly offertory for the S.P.G. one for the Restoration of the Church and for the poor, and the offertory has also been applied on two Sundays to the wives of the soldiers of the Eastern Expedition.
15. There is a boys school numbering

	<i>Daily</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
	56	64
Girls school	50	48
Burcote Dame's School	15	30
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16. Not to the extent I could wish, from the custom of their going very early into the families of the farmers of the place and neighbourhood as servants.
17. We have had for the last three years from Michaelmas to Easter a night school for boys and young men with very fair success.
18. There is a Roman Catholic Chapel and a Baptist Meeting House, and a small meeting House for Primitive Methodists. I fear I cannot state the numbers of the Dissenters, as many persons go occasionally to church and to the meeting house and parents of families in some cases are dissenters.
19. I remember being strongly impressed with the palpable exaggeration on the part of Romanists and Baptists, but I do not know in what they made their returns
20. My greatest present difficulty results from the state of my boys' school, from the unsatisfactory character of the master, whom I cannot dismiss.
21. Yes
Yes
22. Your Lordship is aware of the Restoration carried out under your own faculty.

DRAYTON

1. Wm. Lloyd, Drayton, nr. Banbury
June 1813 inducted.
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty and has no Curate.
4. No
5. Answered in No. 4 Question
6. Do.
7. Do.
8. Morning and afternoon at 11 o'clock and 3 o'clock.
One sermon which is in the afternoon.
9. At various times on weekdays, as well as Sundays, I follow my own method.
10. Four times a year, and at the great Festivals.
11. About thirty at the great Festivals, and much the same number at other seasons.
12. From sixty to eighty, the congregation does not decrease. I should say increased.
13. Yes.
14. I have to observe on this question that I have repeatedly heretofore preached Charity Sermons. I have had no collection, the Parishioners consisting entirely of agricultural labourers, who are too poor to contribute. A sermon was preached in May in aid of the Widows and Orphans of the soldiers gone to the East, a small collection made.
15. There is one daily school for children, as well as Sunday school. Supported by voluntary subscriptions of self and others. The number of scholars averaging thirty five.
16. The Sunday school scholars are the same as the daily, and they attend regularly every Sunday.
17. Answered in No. 16 Question.
18. There is no Dissenting Place of worship, I should say one third are Dissenters, but many attend the Church.
19. I cannot
20. I cannot

21. The Church cannot be in better repair, having a few years back been completely restored and everything duly provided for the decent performance of Divine worship. The Churchwarden discharges his duty well
22. Answered in No. 21 Question.
23. No

DUCKLINGTON, Oxon.

1. Thomas Farley, Ducklington, nr. Witney. instituted and inducted Jany. or Feb. 1836
2. Yes
3. With an assistant Curate
4. No
5. Not licensed ; but recommended by the Bishop
6. The Rev. W. J. Baron, Priest, just on the eve of leaving ; to be succeeded by the Rev H. J. Turrell, recommended also by the Bishop.
7. No
8. With the Chapel of Cokethorpe belonging to the Living, once on the Sunday ; and once at the Chapel, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant. 11 o'clock and $2\frac{1}{2}$. Ash Wednesday, every day in Passion, and Ascension Day and Christmas Day.
9. In Lent publicly : at the Sunday school privately : not tied to any form : but Church Catechism recited publicly.
10. 4 times in the year at the Church, and 4 times at the Chapel.
11. 25 at the Mother Church
12 at the Chapel.
12. Perhaps 100, not including school children : at the Chapel 50
13. May be considered a fair proportion
14. Propag : Gospel in F.P. and on the Fast Day. The rule, not to advocate any cause, but by Bishop's order, or Queen's Letter
15. A daily school for children, and a Sunday school : children admitted at 5 years old. The expenses almost entirely defrayed by the Rector.
Average number 30.
16. Only a few.
17. Yes : but without success.
18. Not any : at present two dissenting farmers and families : well behaved : and a poor man's family
19. Unable : but the Census understood to be regardless of the truth of the fact.
20. No special cause
21. Yes¹
Yes : with the exception of not being always at Divine Service.
22. Not any
23. No

¹The Bishop visited on March 27 1855 and made the following note—"Two hideous square pews of fine solid oak put up with a screen in 1826 by present Rector. *Mem.* to urge removal, if a change." *Diocese Book*, f. 191.

DUNS TEW

1. Archibald Malcolm
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No

8. Two services every Sunday commencing at 11 A.M. and at 6 P.M. in the summer and at 11 A.M. and at $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 in the winter.
There are two sermons on the Sunday in the summer months
9. The children are catechised in the school room
10. Six times in the year
11. About 25
I keep a list of communicants
12. About 90 Adults. About 80 children
13. It is not so good as I could wish it to be.
Our population is 450
14. We are very poor. We only collect under the Queen's Letter
15. We have a Daily School and also a Sunday School. We have also two Dame Schools. For the Day School we have an average attendance of 60. In the Sunday School, 80
16. A considerable number continue to attend us on the Sunday who go to work during the week
17. We have a Night School in the winter. The attendance averages between 20 and 30
18. A Licensed Room.
19. No
20. My own unfaithfulness
21. Yes
22. No
23. No

EASINGTON

1. The Revd. Isaac Fidler, Easington, Oxon.
Inducted about the beginning of 1846
2. He has not been absent one day
3. He performs all his duties
4. None
5. No Curate
8. One service each Sunday, alternately Morning and Evening, at eleven and from half past two till three. A sermon each Sunday and on Christmas Day and Good Friday.
9. No children regularly resident in it all the year
10. Four times a year
11. Some times not more than three Communicants, and sometimes as many as six or seven.
12. Sometimes not more than four or five, sometimes more than twenty, but then not all parishioners
13. No church in the Diocese so well attended in proportion to the population.
14. One Charity Sermon only within the last year, for the Soldiers' Wives
15. No school of any kind, nor any children regularly resident all the year
18. No dissenting place of worship in my Parish.
There is one family of Dissenters only.
19. At the time the last census was taken no Dissenter resident in my Parish. The family of Dissenters now in it represented themselves (I believe) as Church People, till they had secured the farm.
20. The population of my Parish (the Dissenting family excepted) are church People, favourable to the Establishment.

21. I make no complaint respecting the Church. The Church Wardens do not discharge their duties. The one is non-resident, the other a Dissenter.
22. No alterations have been made.
23. In my opinion the Bishop who has become Patron, ought to examine the Terriers, and ascertain the exact rights of the Rectory.

ELSFIELD

1. Richard Gordon, Elsfield Vicarage
Instituted and Inducted in September 1832
2. Yes
3. He has hitherto performed the whole duty.
4. He holds the Vicarage of Marston also.
7. As Incumbent he visits the sick, attends the School and takes occasional duty at Marston.
8. Two full services i.e. with sermons on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. There are also services on the usual days throughout the year.
9. On Sundays and sometimes on week days making the Church Catechism the basis of further instruction.
10. Six times in the year
11. The attendance is very irregular, but they average about twenty five. A list is kept. The communicants in the parish exceed forty in number
12. About eighty attend either one or the other of the services, several attend both. It continues about the same.
13. Yes
14. The National Society, Culham Training College and the Propagation Society.
15. Only a Dame school in which from 15 to 20 young children are instructed. It is principally supported by Colonel and Lady North.¹ The elder children attend a more efficient school at Marston.
16. Many of them come regularly to the Sunday school
17. No
18. None
19. I cannot
20. I believe the opening of public houses on the Lord's day to be a great obstacle to the growth of religion.
21. Yes
22. No
23. No

¹Col. John Sidney North, M.P. (1804-94) and his wife the Baroness North (1797-1884), of Wroxton Abbey, owned the Manor.

EMMINGTON

1. W. A. Musgrave¹, Chinnor, Tetsworth
May 1827
2. No
3. Yes No.
4. Chinnor. No.
8. One every Sunday with a Sermon
9. I attend the school every Sunday and instruct the children in reading the Bible, and religious tracts.

¹The Rev. Sir William Augustus Musgrave, 10th Bart. (1792-1875)

10. Four times a year
11. The number is small
12. Much the same
13. I think not.
Probably to dissent.
14. I cannot recollect any
15. One Sunday school : supported by me ; twenty eight.
18. None
19. No
20. No
21. Yes
22. No
23. No

ENSTONE Parish.

1. Rev. John Jordan, Enstone Vicarage, Oxon
November 1840
2. Yes
3. Yes, the whole duty
4. No
8. Morning Service with Sermon every Sunday.
Evening Service with Sermon every Sunday.
The same on Good Friday and Christmas Day.
9. There is no catechising except in the school.
10. Eight times a year.
11. 25 at the great festivals.
15 at the intermediate seasons.
A list has been kept.
12. It is most difficult in a parish the people of which are widely scattered to give any fair average, but the numbers are quite what they were.
13. Of the farmers and upper classes in the parish the congregation is very good, but by no means amongst the labouring classes, there being Roman Catholics, Wesleyans, Baptists, and Primitive Methodists in the parish.
14. Sermons for the Bible Society, Ch : Miss : Society and Wives and Children of Soldiers have been preached
15. A boys' National School that has been in abeyance for the last few months.
A girls' National School. Average atten : 40
A dame school in a hamlet. Average atten : 20
Boys and Girls Sunday Schools. Average atten : 60
16. Some few only
17. Of late years I have not having met with so many disappointments.
18. Roman Catholic Chapel.
Baptist Chapel.
Wesleyan Chapel.
Primitive Methodists house of meeting
Any accurate numbers of the above it would be impossible to give, though it may be stated that the Roman Catholics do not increase, except when by the influence of *Protestant Collegiate* property held by the Shrewsbury family they are imported into the parish¹
19. I am unable to do so.

¹Both Oriel and Christ Church were landowners in Enstone. Lord Shrewsbury owned Heythrop Park, and was a Roman Catholic.

20. 1. The widely scattered positions of the people, the parish consisting of seven hamlets all far distant apart and all therefore except one distant from the Church and Schools.
2. The very little aid I obtain from the Proprietors and Farmers in support of schools or any charitable institutions for the poor.
21. Yes
22. No
23. None

EWELME

1. William Jacobson¹ { Ch. Ch. Oxford
Ewelme, Wallingford.
became Rector of Ewelme, April 13 1848 by virtue of his appointment to the Regius Professorship of Divinity in Oxford.²
2. His time has been divided between Ch. Ch. Oxford and Ewelme.
3. There is a resident Curate
4. No other benefice or Cure.
The Regius Professorship of Divinity and a stall at Ch. Ch
5. Duly licenced.
6. Thomas Henry Gillam—Priest
7. No
8. Two services with a sermon after each on Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday.
Service with a Sermon on Thursday Evenings.
Morning Service on the Festivals of the Circumcision and Epiphany, on Ascension Day ; throughout Passion Week ; on Easter Monday and Tuesday, and on Whit Monday and Tuesday. Morning Service at 11. Afternoon at 3. Thursday Evening at 6½ in summer, at 6 in winter.
9. The children are catechized according to the Church Catechism, once at the least every week in the Daily Schools, and in the Sunday Schools
10. Thirteen times in the year
11. On Christmas Day, 1852 there were fifty Communicants ; on Christmas Day, 1853 forty eight. The other Festivals are not occasions of a larger number usually. In the year 1853 the total of Communicants was 389, the largest number was 48 : the smallest was 16. A List of Communicants is kept.
12. About 250 in the morning, and about 300 in the afternoon. At a stay.
13. The return for 1851 was 643 viz. 345 Males 298 Females
14. The Schools of the Parish. The Society for the Propagation of the the Gospel, under the Queen's Letter
15. Daily Schools for boys and girls In the daily schools at this
Sunday Schools for boys and girls time there are 37 boys in
An evening School for young men attendance, 26 girls
during the 4 winter months
The Schools are supported by a small subscription, an annual allocation in the Church, and the Rector's making up the deficit of these two.
16. The girls generally are retained for some time.
Of the boys not above one in five.

¹ William Jacobson (1803-84), later Bishop of Chester. *D.N.B.*; J. W. Burgon, *Lives of Twelve Good Men* (1891), pp. 367 ff.

²²"The pleasant rectory of Ewelme ought never to have been alienated from the Regius Professorship of Divinity. Its severance was one of Mr. Gladstone's misdeeds." *ibidem*, p. 382.

17. Our Evening School had an average attendance of 30 during the last winter
18. Wesleyan Methodists and Primitive Methodists. The number of avowed habitual Dissenters is very small ; but many of the people resort to the Meeting houses as well as to the Church : in some cases even Communicants.
19. I am not able to furnish such information
21. Yes
22. None

EYNHAM

1. William Simcox Bricknell¹
Eynsham Vicarage, Eynsham near Oxford
1845
2. He has.
3. He performs the whole duty and has no Curate
4. He is Incumbent of the Perpetual Curacy of Grove near Wantage, Berks
5. No Curate
6. No Curate
7. No Curate
8. Two full Services every Sunday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
9. They are taught the Catechism daily in the National Sunday and Weekday school, and catechised therein by myself.
10. Six times a year.
11. From 95 to 120
As nearly as I can
12. About 550
It varies but little
13. The population is about 2000.
14. The Church Pastoral Aid Society
The Church Missionary Society
The Eynsham National Schools and
The clothing clubs
15. National Sunday, Weekday School for boys
do for girls and infants.
Endowment and subscription.
Sundays Week days
Boys 104 Boys 70
Girls 90 Girls 40
16. Many continue to attend
17. An evening school was tried, but the Master was not equal to the work.
18. A Baptist Chapel, and a Room used by Wesleyans. The Baptists are few in number The Wesleyans frequently attend the church
19. The return was made of my congregation
20. I am not aware of any special impediment.

¹Mr. Bricknell was frequently at issue with his Bishop, and was not averse from publishing the correspondence. In 1857 he was reading all the services from the pulpit. It appears that the desk was inconveniently damp, and his voice failed to carry effectively from the Communion table. (*Diocese Book*, f. 216). To remedy this defect he moved the holy table into the body of the church, until ordered to restore it by the Bishop and the Chancellor of the diocese. (F. Bond, *Chancel of English Churches* (1916), p. 123).

21. It is
They do.
22. Necessary repairs only. Under the authority of the Minister and Church-wardens.
23. None.

FIFIELD, Oxon

1. Mayow Talmage, Fifield C. Norton
2. Yes
3. The whole duty.
4. Idbury
7. The duty at Idbury.
8. One full service on Sunday morning and evening alternately with Idbury, and a full service on Wednesday Evening from the first Wednesday in Advent to Passion week, in which there is service every Evening.
9. In school only.
10. Quarterly at each Church
11. The average is 15
Yes
12. The attendance at Fifield is much more uniform than at Idbury (owing firstly to the position of the Parish Church) and bears a fair proportion to the population. The Church is generally quite full.
15. One mixed school at Idbury for the two parishes
16. Yes
17. An evening school during the winter
18. None
21. Yes
22. Only in the fittings

FINMERE

1. Frederic John Walker, Finmere, Buckingham
November 1853
2. Came into residence January 1854
3. Performs whole duty himself
4. None
8. On Sundays at 11 and 3, sermon on Sunday morning.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Matins at 9 A.M.
Wednesday and Friday, Litany at 9 A.M.
9. On Sunday afternoon after second lesson, at present on collects.
10. Monthly. Likewise on the great festivals and their octaves
11. Xmas /53 29 Average of 4 Festivals and octaves 36
Circumcision 18 Other occasions 25
Easter 80
Octave 25 A list is kept.
Whitsunday 32
Trinity 53

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12. About 115 adults on Sundays
 ———6 at the daily service
 seems fixed.
13. The Sunday congregation seems here to be a very fair proportion
14. In 1853, for Culham schools
15. daily—(1) mixed children ; (2) infants.
 (60 scholars. The smaller Children in day school only go to school on
 Sunday in order to go to Church)
 Sunday schools for boys and girls 60 scholars.
 The Sunday school is endowed with £4 10 0. the daily school is supported
 by the Rector.
16. With few exceptions the children seem to attend the Sunday school until
 their confirmation.
17. Evening schools for boys were tried in the spring of the year. The success
 was not very great, writing was the great attraction. A Sunday evening
 class for girls is now being tried with better success.
18. No place of worship for Dissenters.
 7 or 8 dissenters.
21. (1) Yes
 (2) Yes
22. None

FOREST HILL

1. Charles Francis Wyatt, licensed March 1848
2. Yes
3. He has an Asst. Curate
4. No
5. Licensed March 1854
6. Charles Edward Mallard. A deacon
7. No
8. Two full services every Sunday and all days for which Epistle and Gospel
 are appointed
9. Before Services every Sunday.
10. Eight times in the year
11. The average at chief festivals is 21. At other seasons 18. A list is kept.
12. Seldom less than 70. Seldom more than 100
13. The pop. is 149, but there are outlying districts of other parishes which
 make up the village of Forest.
14. Culham Training School
 Wives and families of soldiers in the East.
 Soc'y. Prop. Gospel.
15. There is a Sunday School with 28 scholars. The Parishioners of Forest
 Hill may be gratuitously instructed at Stanton St. John's school ; but they
 do not avail themselves of it to anything like the desired extent
16. In some instances
18. No Meeting Houses. Only one family of thorough dissenters.
19. No return made at the recent census, so that an inferential calculation only
 cd. be made.
20. The want of a good daily school : but there are great obstacles in the way
 of site, endowment etc.
21. Yes
22. The Church was repaired and enlarged in 1852

FRINGFORD

1. Henry Jerome De Salis, Fringford, Bicester
Instituted Decr. 20 1852. Inducted Jany. 15 1853
2. Yes
3. Yes, there is no Curate.
4. No
8. Sundays at 11 and 3
Holy Days at 11 and 7
Daily in the morning at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8
Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7
Sermons on Sunday morning, and on the evenings of Holy Days
9. On Sunday afternoon after the 2nd Lesson. I take a small portion of the Catechism each Sunday, going through the whole in order.
10. On the 1st Sunday in each month, the Great Festivals and their octaves
11. On the Great Festivals and their octaves 55
At other seasons 20
Yes
12. About 150 exclusive of children, I suppose, but I have not counted them.
13. The population according to the last census is, I believe, 357
14. For the National Society
For the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.
15. Daily School for children average attendance 35
Do Do infants — — 20
Sunday School for boys and girls 40
There are subscriptions to the amount of £6 6., otherwise the schools are supported by myself
16. Most of them, but there has been no Confirmation since I have been here, so that I cannot answer with certainty
17. By singing classes in the Evening. The people and children are interested. and I think it will answer
18. There is no place for Dissenting Worship, a few meet in a cottage. There are 3 families of Dissenters
19. No
21. Yes
Yes
22. I am not aware of any alteration having been made.

FRTWELL

1. The Revd. William Rawlings, Fritwell.
Instituted June 25 1836 Inducted July 1 1836.
2. Suspended from
3. doing any duty¹
4. Ditto
5. The Bishop has sent a license dated Dec. 23 1853, but as the Vicar refused to nominate, it may be a question whether the Curate is *duly* licensed.
6. Cyril William Wood in Priest's Orders
7. No
8. Two services every day. On Sundays the Holy Communion is administered at 8 o'clock in the morning, occasionally at mid-day and Morning prayers at 11. Evening at 3. On the week days at 8.30 and 3.30, except

¹⁴ "Mr. Rawlings was suspended from the charge in 1852 for a breach of discipline in marrying a parishioner to his deceased wife's sister." J. C. Blomfield, *History of Fritwell* (1893), p. 45.

- Litany on Holy days, then at 11 and 3.30. Two sermons are preached every Sunday and great holy days, on the less, one only.
9. During the winter months in Evening schools
 10. Every Sunday and great holy day.
 11. i. 60. ii. 30 once a month. 7 weekly
A list is kept.
 12. 200 and Increasing.
 13. The parish in a religious point of view has been thoroughly neglected. Dissenters took the opportunity to establish themselves.
 14. Since my residence commencing in November last two have been preached for wives of soldiers and sailors, the other for the S.P.G.
 15. One mixed school daily, supported by voluntary contributions and by the children's pence.
One mixed Sunday school.
 16. Yes
 17. There has never been difficulty in collecting in the evenings such as were fit for preparation for Confirmation.
 18. Two "reformed Methodists" societies. About 50
 21. The church is in the most disgraceful possible condition. *It is unsafe to minister in.* The intervention of authority is necessary to compel the proper repairs.²
 23. There is a man married to his deceased wife's sister, as also certain dissenting teachers who teach, preach, and baptise and perform an office of churching for women. As I refuse to admit such to Communion I trust that the matter being now brought under the Bishop's notice, I shall by his act be exonerated from further responsibility.

²ibidem, p. 37.

GARSINGTON
near WHEATLEY, Oxon.

1. The Revd. Dr. Wilson, President of Trinity College, Oxford.
2. The Rector is non-resident
3. The duty is performed by a stipendiary curate
4. He is President of Trinity College, Oxford. He serves no other cure.
5. I am the curate, and was licensed to the curacy on the 23 May 1853.
6. William Charles Macfarlane, B.A. I am in Priest's Orders.
7. He performs no other duty.
8. There are two full services on Sunday, the services are at 11 A.M. and 3 P.M., two sermons each Sunday, except in Lent, when the children are catechized. Morning prayer every Saint's day. Morning prayer on Wednesday and Friday during Lent.
9. The children are catechized publicly during Lent after the afternoon service in the Catechism, using Archdeacon Sinclair's book¹ as a guide. [It is my intention to catechize the children who have left school every Sunday in the Church at 2 o'clock.]²
10. The Lords Supper is administered on the great festivals and once a month.
11. The average number at the great festivals is 30, at other seasons 20. Yes
12. The average number is about 250 in the afternoon about half that number in the morning. The number is increasing.

¹J. Sinclair, *Questions illustrating the Catechism of the Church of England* (1829, etc.). This book is "designed for a class of young persons belonging to the middle and higher ranks."

²This is crossed out in the M.S.

13. The Population is about 650
14. Sermons have been preached for the National Society, and for the training school at Culham, and for the Prop. Gospel Society.
15. At the Daily school for children there are in attendance, under six years old, 36 ; above six years old 76, of which there are about 40 girls and 36 boys ; it is at present a mixed school, but it is intended to divide it. It is supported by the President of Trin. Coll : and the childrens pence. The same children attend the Sunday school.
16. I have not hitherto had many in the Sunday school besides those who attend the week day school. I have had however a number of young men in the Sunday evening as alluded to in the next answer. I hope to get the young of both sexes to attend a catechetical class in the church between services on Sundays : but as I have not yet tried this plan I can not say more than that I intend to make the trial.
17. An adult school has been held in the winter months three times a week, besides a Sunday evening class for religious instruction for boys who have left school. It has been on the whole successful, and kept up a connexion with several youths who otherwise would have been neglected
18. There is no dissenting place of worship. There are three families of Baptists and two families of Roman Catholics in numbers about 23.
19. No
21. Yes
Yes
22. No
23. No

GLYMPTON

1. Thomas Nucella.¹ Glympton nr : Woodstock.
Instituted Feby. 26 1818. Inducted March 15 1818
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty.
4. No
8. Morning Service at 11 o'Clock. Afternoon Services at 3 o'Clock. A sermon at each.
9. I catechise the children every day, according to the method prescribed in the Prayer Book.
10. The first Sunday in every month.
11. 17 to 20
That depends entirely upon the residence of the Squire² and his family which increases the number considerably more than half. I keep a correct List of Communicants
12. 60 to 70. A great number of the Parishioners live out of the Parish, because there are no houses for their reception. Neither on the increase or the decrease.
13. Yes
14. For educating the Poor
15. A Day School for both sexes consisting of 37 to which they are admitted at 4 years of age, there are 8 under 6 years. A School for Adults in the

¹The Bishop "called on him on March 4 1855 to persuade him to have a curate. The old man refused saying he was 'never more up to all his duties.' " *Diocese Book*, f. 237.

²George Henry Barnett (1780-1871), of Glympton Park.

winter, the number about 10 to 12, supported by the Squire. The Day School by him and the Rector, chiefly the former.

16. Yes
17. No
18. No dissenting places of worship and no Dissenters.
19. No Dissenters in the Parish
20. No
21. Both these Questions are answered affirmatively.
22. None
23. No

GODDINGTON

1. T. T. Haverfield, Barnes, Surrey.
1827
2. No
4. He serves a Chapel (call'd York Chapel)
St. James's, Piccadilly, London.
5. Yes. March 29 1827
6. William Perkins, a Priest
Chaplain
7. He is Curate of the adjoining Parish of Twyford
8. Evening Service at $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 o clk p.m. on Sunday and Morning Prayers are read on alternate Sundays at 10 during 8 months of the year. Services on Christmas Day and on Good Friday.
9. In Lent. I use the Church Catechism
10. Four times in the year.
11. Twelve.
No, the number being so few and variations so trifling.
12. Forty at the least
It has increased [considerably]¹
13. Yes
14. One for the Society for propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and on the Fast Day for the Soldiers wives and widows
15. A Sunday School for children, supported by the Rector, and the scholars average 9 or 10
18. None. There is only one.
19. No
20. No
21. Yes
Yes
Yes
22. In the Chancel handsome new windows have been substituted in the room of old shabby ones.
23. No.

¹Crossed out in the M.S.

GORING

1. William Henry Stokes,¹ Goring, Reading.
date of institution 18 day of October 1851, read in the next day (Sunday)
2. Yes
3. Yes. No curate

¹cf. *Diocese Book*, f. 239.

4. No
5. Vide 3
6. Vide No. 3
7. Vide No. 3.
8. Divine Service on Sunday 11 a.m. 6 p.m. A sermon at each service
9. They are instructed in the church catechism in the Parish school on week days, and on Sunday, when they have religious instruction. I attend the school frequently in the week day and examine the children but I have no specified time for so doing
10. Once a month, selecting a great festival for its administration, in its particular month
11. Last Xmas day 13. Easter 26. Whitsunday 26. Average number 18 to 22 communicants.
A list is kept.
12. In summer, number of congregation varies from 60 to 90 adults, in winter 50 to 80 adults. Stationary, but perhaps a little on the increase.
13. Does not bear a fair proportion owing to distance from church, contiguity of other churches, and two meeting houses.
14. National Society, Culham, Propagation Society, parish schools, and Ch. Missionary Society.
15. A Church parish school in Goring village. A school at Goring Heath charity.² Church parish school 108 scholars, mixed age down to 2 years. Daily average attendance in April 72. G. H. Charity school takes scholars from other parishes as well as Goring, number from parish of Goring about 24. Not infant school. Also a dissenting school, scholars said to be 72 but doubtful and Dissenting school takes children from South Stoke and Streatley as well as from Goring.
16. We are able. Attendance varies from 50 to 60.
17. By adult evening schools. Success moderate.
18. Two dissenting places of worship. Cannot say the number of dissenters, as the poor are indifferent, but follow their masters
19. I understand that the return was not correct. It was made I am told by a dissenter.
20. Dissent certainly engenders a bitter and party spirit among the people, but I cannot name any impediment peculiar to this place.
21. Church in good repair and duly provided. The Churchwardens are tolerably regular in their duties.
22. No alterations have been made.
An organ has been added.

²Almshouses for twelve poor men, founded in 1724 by Henry Allnutt.

HAILEY-CUM-CRAWLEY

1. George Crabb Rolfe, Hailey Parsonage.
1839
2. Yes
3. Performs the whole duty
4. The Chaplaincy of the Witney Union
8. Two *full* Services on the Sunday morning and afternoon : and a *full* Service on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Ascension Day and Xmas day.
9. After the Sunday afternoon Service : and occasionally at the Day School. We use a book published by S.P.C.K. and the printed questions I vary by others sometimes.

10. 8 times in the year
11. 25
20
No
12. 280 : no perceptible increase.
13. Yes
14. One for the Sunday School and one for the Propagation Socy.
15. Children's Day School 60
Sunday School 90
Day School partly by endowment, Sunday School by subscriptions.
16. Yes. Boys and girls continue 3 or 4 years longer in the Sunday School, and then if they are efficient and do not go to service, pass into teachers
17. No
18. A Methodist Chapel seating about 60. Very few of these are statedly absent from the Church.
19. I endeavoured to give an accurate return of the attendants at the Church on that day : I could not give an opinion as to the accuracy of the *local* returns made by the Dissenters.
21. Yes
22. No

HAMPTON GAY
in the diocese of
Oxford

1. George Thomas Spring, living at Woodstock.
The Thirteenth day of April 1832
2. Yes
3. The whole duty
4. No
7. No
8. 2 services regularly during the first six months : in mornng. at 11, in aftn. at 2½, a sermon at each. Since last Xtnas from illness only aftn. service and sermon.
9. After aft. service on most Sundays : ask questions of my own.
10. Usually once every month, but since my illness not so often.
11. 7 or 8
4 or 5
Yes
12. 30 to 40. The usual average
13. Yes : the population is exceedingly small.
21. It is in good repair
There is only 1 Churchwarden.
22. No

HAMPTON POYLE.

1. Joseph Dodd M.A. Rector of Hampton Poyle, Oxon.
Inducted Jan : 1840
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty.
4. No
5. There is no Curate
8. In Summer on Sundays 2 full services, morning and evening, and catechizing in the afternoon with prayers. In Winter full service in the morning

and catechizing in the afternoon. Full service also on Good Friday, Holy Thursday, Xmas day. Prayers on Wednesday and Friday during Lent. Daily prayer tried but discontinued for lack of worshippers

9. Every Sunday afternoon—Church Catechism is used, and varied with the Gospel and Collect for the day.
10. Once every month, in addition to the Gt. Festivals of Easter and Whitsunday or Trinity Sunday, and Xmas day.
11. About 16 at the great festivals and about 11 or 12 on ordinary occasions. I have no list but know personally each communicant.
12. From 60 to 75, occasionally more. It has increased within the last 10 years but at present the number is pretty stable.
13. The population of the Parish varies from 130 to 160 including children. To the existence of Dissenters and bad educational training may be attributed in some measure the deficiency.
14. Sermons have been preached for the National Society, in aid of the Fund for assisting Soldiers' wives, and also for the Culham Diocesan Institution.
15. A daily school for children above 5 years old, and another for children below that age. In addition, during winter a school has been kept for the bigger boys once a week during winter.
16. No so well as could be wished, and chiefly for the ill but still persistent custom of the boys being used in attending cattle etc. during times of Divine service as well as before and after on Sundays
17. I have tried an evening school, to which a clothing Club was attached, and it has been found useful
18. Worship is held by Dissenters in a private house. There is no regular building set apart. There are 4 regular dissenting families. Others occasionally attend the services.
19. I cannot, but will make inquiry on the subject.
20. I can mention nothing, except that the feeling against the Church has been strong in the minds of the people, except when there has been positive negligence or open vice.
21. The Church is at present in tolerably good repair. The Churchwardens discharge their duties, tho' they might do them more effectually. One I cannot prevail upon to attend the Holy Communion.
22. None, but I am proposing to lend the Parishioners an organ by way of assisting and inspiring the psalmody of the Church.
23. None

HANBOROUGH

1. Richard W. Higgs, St. John's College, Oxford.
not yet instituted.
8. Two full Sunday Services; the morning service commencing at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10; that in the afternoon at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2. A sermon preached each time.
10. The Lord's Supper has been administered about every two months
18. There is one Dissenting Chapel
21. Yes

HANWELL, BANBURY.

1. William Pearse, 1814.
2. Non-resident, by Licence.
3. Thomas Pearse, his son, licenced in 1832
6. Thomas Pearse, Priest.
7. No

8. Double duty, at eleven and three : two Sermons
9. During divine Service.
The Church of England.
10. Four times a year.
11. Between 30 and 40
12. Under two hundred, not increasing.
13. Ranters enter the parish on Sundays
14. For the Church Missy. Society and Propagation of the Gospel
15. One school, daily for boys and girls, and also on Sunday, supported by my Patron, Minister and Farmers
18. The Wesleyans hold a meeting weekly in a cottage
21. Yes

HARDWICKE nr BICESTER

1. Thomas Prater. May 1841
2. I have lived at Middleton Stoney, there being no house at Hardwicke.
3. I do
4. Tusmore, virtually but not legally joined to Hardwicke.
5. No Curate
8. One service Sundays alternately morning and afternoon commencing at 11.15 morning and 3 p.m. afternoon. One sermon is preached.
9. When there is a sufficient number of children of suitable years to be catechised, it is done in the afternoon service
10. Six times always
11. Twelve to 15 at the festivals, 6 to 9 at other sermons. I do not keep a list of communicants.
12. Average about 20 but mostly more.
13. The population is about 66 but nearly one half are Romanists.
14. Culham. Propagation of the Gospel.
15. One school for infants and other children. Mistress paid by Mr. Barrington.¹
16. Not often
17. No
18. No dissenting Chapel but about 30 Romanists form part of the resident population.
19. I cannot. I supplied the number of persons attending Church on the specified Sunday.
20. The want of a residence
21. Yes
22. No alterations have been made
23. No

¹The Hon. Percy Barrington (1825-1901), later 8th Viscount Barrington, was the tenant of Tusmore Park.

HARPSDEN CUM BOULNEY

1. Francis Knyvett Leighton.
March 1841
2. Yes
3. For a time he has had the assistance if a Curate.
4. No
5. His assistance being temporary he has not been licensed
6. Revd. T. A. Powys Priest
7. No

8. On Sundays at 11 a.m. and at 3½ p.m. with sermon at each service, the same on Xmas Day, Good Friday and Ascension Day. On Holy Days at 11 a.m. In Lent or Wednesdays and Fridays with sermon on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. In Passion Week daily service at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with sermon each evening.
9. I catechise them in school only, making their Scripture reading on the Church Catechism the basis of instruction.
10. On the 1st Sunday of every month and the Great Festivals and the Sundays following them.
11. At the great Festivals about 40. At other services the *average* is about 30, ranging between 20 and 47. A list of communicants is kept.
12. It varies from 100 to 150
It has not increased of late.
13. Yes, the population being about 220
14. The National Society. The Culham Training School. Widows and Orphans of Soldiers etc. and S.P.G.
15. There is only one mixed school at which children are received at 5 years of age. There are 26 scholars on the books—This school is supported entirely at the expense of the Rector. The Sunday school containing the same children and a few older ones in addition to them.
16. Very easily.
17. Yes, by evening schools for boys and adults, which have been well attended and produced good results. During the last winter in consequence of ill health this has been discontinued, but I hope it will be commenced in the autumn.
18. No dissenting place of worship.
There are about 15 dissenters in the Parish
21. Yes
22. The Church has been enlarged and nearly rebuilt in the year 1852 by faculty.

HASELEY

1. William Birkett, Haseley nr. Wheatley, Oxon
The date of institution and induction 1846
2. Yes
3. He has an assistant Curate.
4. No
5. Yes. I believe the date is 1850
6. William John Dry. He is Priest
7. He has no other duty.
8. There is Morning and Evening Service every Sunday and a sermon on each occasion. Services begin in the morning at 11 o'clock and in the Evening at ½ past 3 in the summer and earlier in the winter
9. Most at school by my Curate lately, and in Church in Lent.
10. Monthly.
11. At the great Festivals from 50 to 60. At other seasons about 35. I do not keep a list of communicants.
12. About 300. The number much as usual for some years
13. The population of the Parish is rather more than 700
14. All those on behalf of which Letters were sent by your Lordship
15. At Gt. Haseley there is a daily school for boys, and also one for girls. Children admitted at 5 years old. At Little Haseley a small one for infants : supported all of them principally by endowment. The number

of scholars between 50 and 60 in each school at Gt. Haseley. In the infant school at Little Haseley 4 free and the others varying with the Harvest.

16. Only in small proportion.
17. No
18. One, the numbers very small, but large farms have recently been let to Dissenters, one being the whole of Little Haseley.
19. I cannot
21. Yes
22. No
23. No

HEADINGTON

1. J. C. Pring. London Place St. Clements Oxford
1835
2. No residence
3. No. Yes.
4. Yes, as Chaplain to the Headington Union
5. No.
6. C. P. Golightly,¹ Priest
8. Morning Service at 11 o'Clock
Afternoon do at 3 o'Clock.
Two sermons
9. Occasionally. No particular method
10. Six times in the course of the year.
11. On the Great Festivals 65 to 70.
At other seasons 45 to 50
12. The average was given to the government as requested.
No memorandum.
13. Believe so
14. Under the Queen's Letter for the Propagation of the Gospel.
15. A National School supported by subscription, average number 140. An Infant school supported by a private individual, average number 60.
16. Occasionally
17. No
18. One. I do not know. The Chapel is very small.
19. Having never seen the returns I cannot.
20. No
21. It is in sufficient repair but wants a fresh arrangement of sittings to a certain extent.
Yes
22. No
23. No

¹Charles Pourtales Golightly (1806-85), a celebrated controversialist. *D.N.B.*

HEADINGTON QUARRY.

1. Thomas Cooper Browne, Headington Quarry, Oxford
Licensed June 16 1853
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty
4. No
8. Two Sermons are preached every Sunday, Christmas-day and Good Friday, and one on Ascension Day in the evening. Divine Service

is performed in my Church twice every Sunday, Christmas-day, Good Friday and Ascension-day at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. (except on Ascension-day, and then at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.). Also on all Holy days of the Church for which an Epistle and Gospel are appointed, and on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent at 11 a.m.

9. On all the Sundays in Lent after the second Lesson at Evening Prayer and I confine myself to the questions of the Church Catechism with a few explanations.
10. On the first Sunday of every month, as also on Christmas-day, Easter-Day, Ascension-day, Whitsunday and Trinity Sunday.
11. The average number of Communicants at the great Festivals is 13, and at other seasons 8. I keep a list of Communicants at each Celebration of the Holy Communion.
12. The average number of my congregation is about 30 in the morning and about 60 in the afternoon. I think it is increasing.
13. By no means : and I attribute the deficiency to a long neglect of public worship, in which the majority of the population has grown up, before a Church was placed within their reach.
14. On behalf of Culham College and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts under the authority of the Queen's Letter.
15. There is a Sunday School for Girls containing from 30 to 35 scholars
18. The Wesleyans have a place of worship, but I am informed there are but few that attend it.
21. The Church is in good repair and duly provided with all things necessary for the decent performance of Divine Service. I believe the Churchwardens perform their duties to the best of their ability.
22. The reading-pew has been removed from the body of the Church, the prayer-desk now occupies the south side of the Chancel, and the lectern is placed under the Chancel Arch, a little to the north. I understand these alterations were made under the authority of the Bishop.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES
Oxon.

1. Thomas Baker Morrell¹ M.A. Rector of Henley-on-Thames, Oxon : instituted and inducted July A.D. 1852.
2. Yes
3. There have been two Curates, The Revd. A. S. Latten and the Revd. E. S. Stocker.
4. No
5. The Curates above mentioned were duly licensed ; they have lately left the Parish.
8. There is Daily Morning Prayer ; three full services on Sunday ; and extra services during the weeks of Advent and Lent.
9. At present there is no public Catechizing in the Church.
10. On the first Sunday in every month and on Xmas-Day, Good Friday, Easter Day, Whit Sunday and Trinity Sunday.
11. At the Great Festivals about 160 ; at the other seasons, about 100
12. During the past year the Church has been closed for repairs, and the congregation has been dispersed into separate buildings.²

¹Bishop of Edinburgh (1863-9).

²The church was reopened on December 1 1854. J. S. Burn, *A History of Henley-on-Thames* (1861), p. 117.

13. There has been a great deficiency of attendance among the Poor, partly for want of accomodation in the Church, and partly from the low tone of their moral condition.
14. Only for the wives and families of the soldiers and sailors this year owing to sundry local causes.
15. There is a National Boys, Girls and Infants School, supported by voluntary subscriptions and collections in Church. In the boys' school the average number of scholars is 120 ; in the girls 90 ; in the infants 120.
16. After many attempts I have utterly failed in being able to gather Sunday scholars in the boys' school ; in the girls' there are a considerable number who attend on the Sunday, being at work during the week.
17. There has been an Adult evening school during the winter months, but it has not been largely attended.
18. There is a small Wesleyan Meeting House and Quakers' Meeting in the parish ; in the suburbs of Henley, but in Greys parish, a large and well-attended Independent Meeting House.
20. The lamentable condition of the Poor in their dwellings and manner of life is the chief hindrance and source of anxiety in Henley
21. The Church is undergoing thorough repair.
Yes

HETHE

1. John Russell Shurlock, Hethe, nr. Bicester.
Inducted in June 1850
2. Yes
3. No Curate
4. No
8. There are 2 services on the Sunday at eleven A.M. and 3 P.M., sermon at each.
9. 3 times a week, taking Beavan¹ as a text-book.
10. Monthly.
11. 24
18
12. 120. Neither
13. Yes, all things considered
14. No charity sermon has been preached this year as yet.
15. National School supported by voluntary contributions.
Average attendance 40.
Dame School.
16. No
17. No
18. One for Roman Catholics. One for Wesleyans
19. The Church account was correct to the best of my knowledge, being given in by myself. Of the rest I know nothing.
21. Yes²
Yes
22. 2 square pews in the Chancel have been taken down and made more ecclesiastical.

¹cf. BRADWELL, p. 21.

²cf. *Diocese Book*, f. 281 for the Bishop's efforts to have the church restored. He remarked on March 11 1855—"The church miserable, utterly too small for the population, and in most miserable order altogether." cf. J. C. Blomfield, *History of Fringford, Hethe, etc.* (1891), p. 22.

LOWER HEYFORD
alias HEYFORD AT BRIDGE
alias HEYFORD PURCELL.

1. George David Faithful, Lower Heyford near Woodstock. Decr. 1830.
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes, the Rectory of Gunby in the County and Diocese of Lincoln
5. None
8. Two Services on the Sunday at 11 in the morning and $\frac{1}{2}$ past two in the evening, a sermon at each, except in the short days of winter, then only in the morning.
9. The Church Catechism at the conclusion of the evening service with explanatory questions.
10. Four times in the year
11. 40
30
Yes
12. 300
Neither
13. Yes
14. For the Wives and Children of Soldiers on service in the east.
The Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.
The Diocesan Training School.
15. Four daily schools for children of all ages.
 1. of 12 } scholars supported by the Countess of Jersey¹
with 6 } additional sent by Parents and Friends
 2. of 19 three of whom are supported by the proceeds of a bequest,
seven by the Rector, nine sent by Parents
 3. of 13 sent by Parents and Friends.
 4. 15 sent by Parents and Friends
- 1 Sunday school, 60 on the average.
16. Yes, for different periods according to circumstances but seldom until the age now adopted for confirmation.
17. No
18. Two Methodists chapels : no strictly dissenting congregation
19. No
20. The Liberalism of the age ; and the occasional intrusion of a neighbouring Incumbent.
21. Yes
Yes
22. No
23. No

¹Wife of the fifth Earl of Jersey, of Middleton Park.

HAYFORD WARREN

1. William Baker, Hayford Warren nr. Deddington.
Date of Institution and Induction in 1821
2. Have been resident the whole prescribed by the Law
3. Perform the entire duty
4. Hold preferment in another Diocese.¹
5. Answered in No. 4

¹Rector of Lasborough, Gloucestershire.

6. Answered in No. 4
7. Answered in No. 4
8. Morning and evening Service with a Sermon at the former. Morning service about a $\frac{1}{4}$ past eleven, evening service in summer about $\frac{1}{2}$ three.
9. In the Church before Service, and Teachers catechize them regularly according to the form in book of Common Prayer
10. Three times in the year
11. Average No. about 15. No list is kept
12. Cannot tell average of congregation, but it is decreasing.
13. Not a fair proportion, and the decrease is owing to sundry dissenting houses of worship and some lately erected.
14. None preached
15. A Sunday School supported by New College, and subscription.
16. No Daily School.
17. None, as before.
18. Two chapels of Dissenters and a meeting of Ranters (commonly so called), a nuisance, and disturbance to the Parish.
19. Unable to give any correct or dependable information
20. Nothing specially
21. Church is in good repair, and the chancel has very lately been inspected by a Builder, and report sent into Patrons at New College, and is in very decent repair for an old structure.² Require another Warden, there being *only one*, which will form subject of a letter for the notice of the Diocesan.
22. No alteration made since last visitation.
23. Nothing particular to bring to the notice of the Diocesan, except observations on No. 21 as stated above.

²The church is said to have been on the verge of "utter ruin." J. C. Blomfield, *History of Lower and Upper Heyford* (1892), p. 36.

HEYTHROP.

1. J. Samuel, Chipping Norton.
2. Yes, the whole time.
3. Yes
4. No
5. No Curate
7. One afternoon duty at Viscount Dillon's Chapel¹
8. One Sermon every Sunday, 11 o'Clock A.M.
9. Sundays. I have no School.
10. About 6 times
11. From 15 to 20. Yes.
12. From 50 to 60. About the same
13. Yes, and more.
14. I have preached none, except when ordered.
15. I have no School, no School room.
Lord Shrewsbury has one School.
16. Vide supra.
17. Vide —
18. There are none
20. Lord Shrewsbury and his Chaplain.²
I can suggest none, besides the mode I am adopting

¹Ditchley Park.

²The seventeenth Earl of Shrewsbury, of Heythrop Park, was a Roman Catholic.

- 21. Yes
- Yes
- 22. None
- 23. None

HOLTON.

- 1. Thomas Tyndale.
March 1820
- 2. Yes
- 3. No Curate
- 4. No
- 7. No
- 8. Twice on Sunday
An evening lecture in Lent.
Service Ash Wedy., Ascension Day, Good Friday, Xmas.
- 9. The Schoolmaster catechises the boys, Mrs. Tyndale the girls. Owing to my deafness I can only talk to them.
- 10. Eight times in the year
- 11. Between 30 and 40 each time.
I keep a list.
- 12. About 100 in the morning, 150 in the afternoon.
- 13. The population 1851, 242.
- 14. The Queen's Letter
- 15. Only one school for boys and girls. The boys are taken to work so early that a woman can instruct the few who come to school. A few go to Wheatley School.
- 16. Yes, some of them.
- 18. Not one dissenter in the Parish.
- 20. If the morning service were shortened and the repetitions omitted numbers more would attend Church in every Parish.
- 21. Yes
- 22. No

HOLWELL

- 1. Charles T. Astley. Instituted in Decr. 1849
- 2. I believe so
- 3. He performs the whole duty.
- 4. No
- 8. Two full services with sermon every Sunday, and during the winter months an Evng. service with lecture on Wednesday.
- 9. In school, on the basis of the Church Catechism.
- 10. Once every two months.
- 11. About 30 at the great Festivals, 25 at other times. No list of Coms. kept but all are known and absence is noted.
- 12. About 45 morning, 50 afternoon. It has somewhat decreased of late.
- 13. It is not so great I think as it ought to be in so small a Parish. I attribute the deficiency to too much truth from the Pulpit and too little in the Cottages.
- 14. Sermons have been preached for the Soldiers wives and the Bible Society.
- 15. One mixed day school, supported by School Pence and contributions. The average number of scholars during the past year has been 20.
- 16. In some cases but not in others.

17. Until the last winter I had Evening Classes. The success were greater than cd. have been expected. Since discontinuing the plan, wh. I was sorry to be obliged to do my influence over the young has greatly diminished.
18. None. I have only 3 avowed Dissenters now. There were many more when I first entered the Parish.
20. I think the greatest impediment is the want of close, individual, affectionate, missionary contact with the people, whole as well as sick.
21. My Church is in good repair, duly provided with all necessary things. I have been without Church Wardens for some time past, though Wm. Hervey Esq.¹ has acted as such.
21. None whatever.

¹William Hervey, of Bradwell Grove House.

HOLYWELL, OXFORD

1. Henry B. Walton December 21 1851
2. Yes
3. Has a Curate
4. None
5. Licensed March 1852
6. J. M. Price, (Priest)
7. None
8. Sunday 8, 11, 3 Two Sermons
 Weekdays :— }
 Wed., Frid : } 11 } Lecture Sermon on
 Holydays } } Saints' Days (generally
 All other days 9.15 } and Wednesdy Evgs.
 On Holydays, Vigils Ember Days, Evening Prayers at 7 in Lent.
9. Never in church
10. First Sunday of the month } Mid-day
 and great Festivals }
 All other Sundays (also Easter and Xmas days) at 8
- | | (1850) | ('51) | ('52) | ('53) | ('54) | |
|----------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| 11. Easter Day | 92 | 106 | 130 | 129 | 132 | Average of |
| Whitsunday | 56 | 63 | 59 | 61 | 59 | (1) Monthly |
| Christmas | 80 | 79 | 79 | 114 | | 45 or 50 |
| | | | | | | (2) Weekly |
| | | | | | | 12 or 14 |
12. Not ascertained. The Church generally very fairly filled, especially in Vacation time. The Morning congregation larger than the afternoon. Congregation has *increased* last yr. or two.
13. Bears a very fair proportion to the *church-going* part of the population. But great numbers go nowhere and many are hindered (or think themselves hindered) from going in *term time*, being College servants.¹
14. Culham Institution. The Fund for Soldiers and Sailors. S.P.G. *next Sunday*.

¹This had been endorsed by the Bishop in January, 1854. "Little shopkeepers very irreligious, very few poor and those demoralised by the numbers of gifts and charities from the colleges. Many religious persons, not the poor here. Lodging keepers. College servants, a most unsatisfactory lot of men, imitate those above them. Extravagant eaters and drinkers. Live in better houses and take lodgers. *Some few* really religious. The recognised plunder destroys them and absence from church. Servants of certain colleges better, the upper the best. Care taken of them and better examples the cause." *Diocese Book*, f. 357b.

15. One small mixed school, supported (chiefly) by subscription. But from the circumstances of the Parish there is not, and cannot be a large school for the poor
18. None. There are only about 14 Dissenters in the Parish. But there is a very great number of persons who go *no where*. I have been astonished at the people's practical *disbelief* in the ordinances of the Church.
20. As impeding my ministry in my own parish, I have found a *sectarian* spirit arising greatly from the practice of frequenting other Churches, in some cases even Dissenting Meeting Houses. Great difficulty arises from the manner in which *College habits and arrangements* interfere in many ways with servants and townspeople. Much *religious indifference*, and disregard of the Lord's Day arises from this cause. I shd. like to see some decided plan adopted by Colleges for maintaining a better religious observance of Sunday by servants and dependants.
To answer generally, I am convinced from my own experience that *extempore preaching* is much needed, instead of the stiffness and formality of most sermons at present. Also, some special instruction and preparation for *visiting the Sick*, and such like offices.
All ministry in *towns* is impeded by the visible disunion amg. the Clergy, and difference of teaching and practice in different Churches. This can be best remedied by clergy of different sentiments avoiding the excitement of controversial topics, and adopting (comparative) rubrical uniformity in the Public Services of the Church, such as Baptism etc. One great evil, is that the *Pastoral and spiritual relation* is so much lost sight of: this might be restored by adopting what is the strength of some sects, the system of giving large numbers of the flock something to do, as members of the whole. I wd. suggest when practicable, *guilds or brotherhood-associations* for pious purposes, or even for the secular objects of the Church. Those who are now isolated or even opposed, might be bound into one body. Great good might come from *classes of religious instruction*: as it is, the people too often *are*, and *feel* that they are, quite isolated from the clergy.
21. Yes
22. None, except 2 new painted windows, and a trifling rearrangement of the choristers' seats.²
23. I wd. mention my earnest desire (from experience) for some relief from the *Burial Service* grievance.³ Also, the extreme importance of promoting union in the Church by blending the *Ch. Missionary Society* with the S.P.G. into one Society. And, some plan for the unreserved surrender of *Church-Rates*: also some effectual means of interesting *lay-people* as members of the Church in the *restoration of convocation*.

²By 1858 the parishioners were complaining of innovations—"lighted candles, strange vestments, piscina and super-altar, extreme decoration of chancel." *ibidem*.

³A remonstrance signed by 3814 clergymen had been addressed to the bench of bishops in 1852 alleging that "the almost indiscriminate use of the Order for the Burial of the Dead . . . imposes a heavy burden upon the consciences of clergymen and is the occasion of grievous scandal to many Christian people." cf. Lord Ebury's speech in the House of Lords on June 1 1863. Hansard's, *Parliamentary Debates*, 3rd series CLXXI, col. 154.

Parish of HOOK NORTON

1. John Richard Rushton, Hook Norton, Chipping Norton, Oxon.
Date of Licence to the Perpetual Curacy of Hook Norton Decr. 19 1840
2. He has.

HORLEY CUM HORNTON

1. William James Pinwill, Horley Vicarage, nr. Banbury
Instituted Decr. 19, 1853. Inducted Decr. 26, 1853
2. Yes
3. Performs the whole duty
4. No
7. No
8. Three full services in the Churches of Horley and Hornton from May to October. Two and one in each church alternately 10.30 2.30 6. In winter, one full service in each church.
9. In the school occasionally
10. Monthly
11. Horley about 20 on great Festivals, sometimes a few more, at other times from 12 to 14. Hornton about 20 in great Festivals, at other times from 10 to 15
12. Horley Morning congregations abt. 70 on the average, Hornton rather less. Evening congregations Horley 100 to 110, Hornton 100 to 130.
13. A tolerably fair proportion
14. S.P.G. society
Soldiers wives and widows etc.
15. Two, endowed.
Horley National Daily School about 50
Sunday do — 60
Hornton School (Daily) 35
Sunday School about 40
16. Sometimes
17. No
18. One in Horley, Methodist.
Two in Hornton, (small) Primitive Methodist, Independent
19. No
20. No
21. Horley in very good repair
Hornton N. wall of Chancel very crazy.
Good Churchwardens in both Parishes
22. No
23. No

HORSEPATH.

1. Henry Harris, Magdalen College, Oxford.
Instituted June 1853
2. He has not been resident
3. He has an assistant Curate
4. No
5. The present Curate is not yet licensed having only recently come to Horspath.
6. Arthur A. Barker. In Priest's orders.
8. Sunday morning at 11. Do. afternoon at 3, with one and sometimes two sermons. There is also a morning service on Saints' Days and the Litany on Wednesday and Friday mornings at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11.
9. In the afternoons on Sunday during Lent. No particular method beyond that of taking the Church Catechism as the basis for questions that suggest themselves.

10. Once a month
11. At Christmas and Easter about 25. At the other seasons about 20. I do not keep any regular list of communicants.
12. I should say nearly 100, but I cannot speak with certainty. I do not perceive any change on its numbers.
13. I think it leaves a very fair proportion
14. For the wives and children of soldiers, and for the Culham Training School.
15. One day school and a Sunday school. There are about 35 in the day school and 50 in the Sunday school. They are supported by myself with the help of some few subscriptions
16. For a short time.
17. My curate has got some to an evening school during the winter months.
18. None
19. I cannot answer this question.
21. Yes
22. There have been no alterations made since I became incumbent

IDBURY, Oxon

1. Mayow Talmage, Fifield, Chipping Norton.
1843
2. Yes
3. The whole duty
4. Fifield
7. The Duty at Fifield
8. One service with sermon morning and evening alternately with Fifield on Sunday.
9. In the School on Sundays and Week days
10. Quarterly at each Church making eight administrations in the year
11. (1) 15. The total number of the communicants in the two parishes being 40.
(3) Yes
12. The Church is generally well attended. The Free Seats are crowded. The Pews bear the appearance so common in Churches of being only partly filled.
13. No. Partly to the Pews, partly to the 2 miles distance of one portion of the parish from the Parish Church
15. One school for the Two Parishes, for boys and girls supported chiefly by the Clergyman.
16. Yes
17. By an evening school conducted by the Clergyman during the winter months at Fifield.
18. There are several who attend Chapel during that part of the day in which there is no service in the P. Church, but none who absent themselves entirely from Church.
21. No, the Church has been pronounced to need repair its roof being in a dangerous state.
22. None excepting that a new roof has been given to the North Aisle.

IFFLEY

1. Thomas Acton Warburton¹, licensed to the Perpetual Curacy of Iffley the 19 January, 1853

¹Thomas Acton Washburton (d. 1894), a writer of legal and historical books. *D.N.B.*

2. Yes
3. Has an assistant Curate.
4. None
5. Yes, at the ordination Christmas 1853
6. Robert Harvey Charsley, Deacon.
7. No
8. Service on Sundays at 11 and 3 with a sermon each time. Also on Saints Days, Ember Days and Rogation Days. Every Wednesday and Friday in the morning at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 a.m., daily during Lent.
9. The children are catechised every Wednesday in Lent after Morning Prayer. They are catechised in the Bible and Liturgy as well as in the Catechism.
10. The first Sunday in every month and on all the Festivals for wh. there is a preface in the Comn. Service and on St. Paul's Day.
11. I keep a list of Communicants. The average number on the first Sunday in the month is about 60. On the great Festivals between 70 and 80.
12. Increasing. There is frequently want of room. A larger number of strangers come than was usual formerly.
13. A very fair proportion.
14. For the Parochial school. Families of soldiers serving abroad. Prop. of Gospel Socy., Diocesan Church Building Society, Additional Curates Aid Society.
15. One boys' and one girls' school. I have brought the children of a charity from a small room where they were miserably instructed to the parish school, to be taught with the other children. The result has been most satisfactory. I have established an infant school this year under a mistress whom I had trained at Westminster. It is very well attended and goes on most prosperously.
16. Several of the scholars continue to attend the Sunday school.
17. We have an adult evening school twice in the week, where several of them attend. This school is a branch of a Reading room, which I have established. Numbers are few. Others make arrangements with the Master.
18. There are no dissenting places of worship in the parish. There are twelve families who may be said to be dissenters, but the greater number come to church occasionally.
19. This having been taken before I came to the parish, I am unable to afford any information.
20. I cannot mention any special external impediments to my ministry. Whatever want of success there may be, I think I must lay to the charge of my own shortcomings and I believe the condition of the church around me is, generally speaking, cheering.
21. In very good repair.² The Churchwardens are very satisfactory.
22. None.
23. His Lordship will I know be glad to know that all ranks and classes in my parish have joined to form a reading room, as a place of resort for the working men in the evening. It is well supplied with books and newspapers and coffee may be had at a low rate. Several friends of Education have given

²In 1856 the Bishop was called in to settle a dispute over a plan to restore the church. An earlier restoration had been done "without a particle of real ecclesiastical taste and hideous in parts. They wish to remove the hideous gallery, restore west circular windows, remove heavy row of poppy heads in tower seats, etc." *Diocese Book*, f. 308.

lectures at this institution, and it continues to win the favour of the working men and progresses most encouragingly. It promises to be a successful rival to the beer shop.

ISLIP

1. Dr. Buckland¹
5. Yes. August 3 1853
6. T. P. Hartley—Priest.
7. No
8. There are *two* services each Sunday and *two* sermons. The services commence at 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. Prayers every Saint-day in the morning. Prayers in the morning every Wednesday and Friday in Lent and every morning during Passion week. Two services with sermons on Christmas Day and Good Friday. Prayers Easter Monday and Tuesday and Whitmonday and Tuesday and sermon to Club on Whitmonday.
9. It has been the practice for many years to catechise the children of Dr. South's school² during the Sundays in Lent using the broken Catechism.³
10. Once every month and also in addition thereto on Xmas-day, Easter-day, Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday.
11. Thirty eight or forty
Twenty to twenty five
No but I know them.
12. Say 220 to 260
I am told that is somewhat increasing
13. The population is about 700 not more.
14. One for the Culham Institution
One for the S.P.G.
15. There is Dr. South's free school in which 25 boys are clothed, instructed and apprenticed and 16 girls are instructed. Also 2 dames schools wherein about 60 children are instructed, 12 being paid by Dr. South's Charity. Average attendance at Sunday School 60 or 70
16. On the whole tolerably well.
17. There are about 40 attend the evening school commenced by Mrs. Buckland some years since and which is under her superintendence.
18. There is a little house called a Chapel at which the Wesleyans assemble and also a room in another poor man's cottage at which there meet a certain number of other Dissenters. I fancy they are Baptists. Howsoever they are not very many. The Wesleyans I think I may say are by no means ill affected to the church generally speaking.
21. Yes, with the exception that the wine in Holy Communion is poured into the Cup from a wine bottle which is not seemly⁴.
The Rector's churchwarden is an useful man.
22. Not that I am aware of.
23. I am not aware of any or I should have consulted him on it before now to obtain the benefit of his instructions.

¹William Buckland (1784-1856), Professor of Mineralogy (1813), Reader in Geology (1819), Dean of Westminster (1845), a well known geologist of his period. *D.N.B.*

²A school founded by Dr. Roberth South, rector of Islip (1678-1716). *D.N.B.*

³cf. BRITWELL SALOME p. 23.

⁴" . . . which Wine we require to be brought to the Communion-table in a clean and sweet standing-pot or a stoop of pewter, if not of purer metal." *Canon XX* (1604).

KENCOT

1. J. Thorold, Kencot, Lechlade, Glo—shire.
1801 inducted
2. Yes
3. Yes, no curate at present.
4. No
5. There is none
6. There is none
7. There is no assistant curate at present.
8. Divine Service twice on Sunday.
First at 11.0'clock A.M. with a Sermon.
Secondly Prayers at 3 o'clock P.M., no 2nd Sermon.
9. Occasionally in the Church but generally in the School room. Church Catechism and special catechism published by the S.P.C.K., children bringing texts bearing on that subject.
10. Four times a year Christmas, Easter, Whitsunday and at Michaelmas.
11. From about 16 to 20, but being from home I am obliged to answer from recollection.
Yes
12. No decrease, rather the reverse.
13. Quite a fair proportion to the population
14. The different objects of public charities, the Parish having no resident gentry. Parochial charities are met by private subscription.
15. An excellent day and Sunday School, supported chiefly by voluntary contributions, the numbers on the books are above 40.
16. Several attend on Sunday who have left the School.
17. We had a very good Adult School one winter, but our population is very poor and the payments were not regular, and the expense was greater than we could meet, so it was obliged to be given up
18. We have no Chapel and no declared dissenters. A few attend a neighbouring Chapel occasionally.
19. I am sorry being now on a short visit from home, I cannot be very minute in my answers about numbers, but I was perfectly satisfied with the correctness of the assessment when I had seen it.
20. I can suggest nothing, being satisfied with the welfare of the Church and Parish.
21. Yes in good repair and order, a Communion cloth and Pulpit cushion is all that requires to be renewed and we have a subscription now for that purpose.
22. None at present except altering a window, enlarging it for the use of the Singers who wanted more light.
23. Nothing, the Parish is orderly, there is no dissenting Chapel or public House, and the School is well attended.

This form was forwarded to me into Hertfordshire where I am just arrived on a visit of a fortnight. I have filled up queries to the best of my knowledge and recollection and I hope his lordship will be satisfied with my returns.

KIDDINGTON

1. J. G. Browne,¹ Kiddington, Woodstock
August 1823
2. Yes

¹*cf. Diocese Book, f. 319.*

3. Yes
No
4. No
No
5. None
7. No
8. Full Service morning and afternoon on Sunday 10.30 and 3.0 P.M.
9. Before each service. No particular form.
10. Monthly and the Festival of the Nativity, Easter and Whitsunday and Trinity Sunday.
11. 23
16
Generally
12. From 80 to 100
Stationary
13. Yes
14. In behalf of the widows and orphans of those who may perish in the War.
15. One daily for children
2 Sunday schools, voluntarily supported : in one number unknown and my own 12.
16. Yes
17. No
18. None. The Primitive Methodists come to meet some of the people in different houses.
19. I have not seen it.
20. Nothing in particular
21. Yes
I cannot say
22. The body of the Church has been newly seated, and there has been a new pulpit and desks erected (I believe) under a faculty from the Bishop of the Diocese
23. No.

KIDLINGTON
with WATER EATON

1. Rev. J. P. Lightfoot, Rector of Exeter College, Oxford.
Elected March 1854
3. Two Curates perform the duty with occasional assistance from him.
5. Yes. 1851
6. T. Whitehead. H. H. Meynell. Both Priests
7. H. Meynell performs the duty in Water Eaton Chapel, wh. is a Hamlet of the Parish.
8. Twice on Sundays at 11 and 3 p.m. with sermons
Twice on Holidays at 8.30 and 7 p.m. Service in Evg.
Daily during Lent at 8.30
Wed. evening during [Lent] at 7.0 with sermon
Service once a Sunday alternately mornng. and aftn. at 11 and 2.30 in Water Eaton Chapel.
9. Publicly during Lent.
10. On all the greater Festivals and the first Sundays in every month.
11. 60 to 65
45—55
No

12. About 400 in Kidlington
45 to 50 in Water Eaton.
13. We calculate that nearly half the population are at Church on Sundays reckoning the different attendance in morning and evening
15. National Boys 60
Girls 60
Infants 60
Sunday Boys 50
Girls 50
Adult in winter evenings 20
Supported by
voluntary subscriptions
16. Very little.
17. Eveng. school during winter with partial services
18. One Wesleyan : and a Baptist meeting in cottage : 25 to 30 families.
19. The Church estimates were made by the reckoning of the members of two average congregations on the Census Sunday. Of the correctness of the Dissenters' return I am not able to speak.
20. The indifference and careless and ungodly lives of the Middle classes esply. Farmers, which only seem remediable by a new generation.
21. Yes
Yes
22. No

KINGHAM

1. John W. Lockwood
1836
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
7. No
8. Twice on Sundays at 11 a.m. and 3, once every day at 8 and on Fridays twice during part of the year, sermons are preached twice on Sundays and on Friday evenings.
9. The children are catechised in school. They are catechised generally on what they have learned.
10. Every first Sunday in the month and Xmas, Easter, Whitsuntide.
11. At the last festival there were 52, this about the average, at other times about 26.
I keep a list of communicants, writing down names of all who attend each time.
12. The Church is well attended and does not decrease.
14. Only those authorised by the State or the Bishop.
15. One daily school for children of all ages and a Sunday school. They are supported by the Rector except a subscription of three pounds.
In day school 65, in Sunday school 85
16. The boys and girls who have left the day school come to the Sunday school.
17. I have during part of the year an evening school on Sundays alternately for those boys and girls who will probably be confirmed the next time.
18. There is a small room where occasional Antinomians¹ meet but there are not much more than a dozen people who go. There is a Baptist chapel

¹cf. CHIPPING NORTON p. 35.

- but it is also used as a dwelling house. The Ranters within the last 2 years have come occasionally and have gained a few followers
19. I do not know what returns were made or how they were made.
 20. Public house and Beer houses
 21. Yes
Yes
 22. A new aisle by permission of the Bishop, the Chancel new roofed and new windows.

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE

1. James Forbes Jowett, Rector of Kingston Bagpuize, instituted and inducted 1828
2. He has
3. He performs the whole Duty
4. No
8. Divine Service is performed twice every Sunday at the hours of eleven and three : two Sermons are preached during the Summer and one during the winter
9. Every Sunday thro'out Lent in Church and every Sunday at School after afternoon service
10. Eight times in the year
11. Between twenty and thirty at the great Festivals and about sixteen at other seasons. I keep no list.
12. From 120 to 140 with slight variation
13. I think it leaves a fair Proportion.
14. One Sermon for the National Society
15. An endowed School for twenty Boys, also a daily school for Children on Payment of a few Pence weekly, numbering about twenty scholars and a Sunday School, supported by the Rector of between thirty and forty Boys and Girls.
16. In some Instances
17. No
18. There is no dissenting Place of Worship
20. I cannot
21. The Church is in good repair and suitably provided.
The Churchwardens perform their Duty
22. No Alterations have been made.
23. There is no other Matter.

St. Mary, KIRTLINGTON.

1. James Guillemard, The Vicarage, Kirtlington, Oxford.
October 1838
2. Yes
3. The whole duty up to Decr. 1 1853, then with assistance of The Revd. T. Shadforth until Jan 15, when he was disabled by illness. Since March 12 The Revd. H. M. Turton, Curate
4. None
8. Duly licensed but licence not yet signed by Rural Dean
6. Henry Meysey Turton, Priest.
7. None
8. Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 a.m. Litany and Catechising at 3 p.m., Evening Prayer and Sermon every Wednesday and Holyday at 6 p.m.

Morning Prayer on Friday at 11 a.m. Morning and Evening Prayer at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. or Xmas Day, Good Friday, Holy Thursday and thro Holy Week.

9. The children are catechized every Lord's Day in the Church after Litany at 3 p.m.
10. 1st Lord's Day in every month, Whitsunday, Easter, Xmas Day, Holy Thursday.
11. 50
35
I do not now keep a list
12. 250 to 350. It has continued and steadily increasing since the church was repaired and re-seated
13. I think that it does.
14. The National Society, Soc. Prop. Gospel and in behalf of Wives and Children of Sailors and Soldiers
15. 1. A mixed School for Boys and Girls about 70
A Sunday School about 90.
1. Endowed, books and school materials by me.
2. Subscription
16. Not as I could wish.
17. An Evening School from Nov. 1 to end of March, fairly attended. A singing class twice a week, adults.
18. 2. 1. Wesleyan. 1. Reformed Methodists
I cannot say, a small number of bigoted Dissenters, but many half and half.
19. I am unable to do so
20. I cannot do so without allusion to private individuals
21. It is in good repair, and duly provided
The churchwardens discharge their duties fairly.
22. The Tower rebuilt, 2 buttresses to N. Aisle, the whole church re-seated, paved with Mintons Tiles, and new Font, etc., etc., etc.
By Faculty, from your Lordship.
23. The painfully ruinous neglected state of the chancel. The President and Scholars of St. John's College, Oxon, being the Lay Rectors.

LAUNTON (Oxon)

1. James Charles Blomfield¹
October 1850
2. Yes
3. Performs whole duty
4. No
8. Sundays. Morning at 11. Aft. at 3 with sermon at each service. Fridays Litany $\frac{1}{2}$ p. 9. Daily Prayers *in Lent* with sermon and lecture on Wednesday Evg. Do. in Advent. Prayers and sermons in Great Festivals etc. etc.
9. On each Sunday afternoon *in Lent* after second lesson. I prepare a subject beforehand with the children
10. On Great Festivals and first Sunday in each month.
11. 38 on great festivals
30 on other occasions
Yes

¹The historian of the Deanery of Bicester

12. About 200 exclusive of children and others under instructions.
I hope it is slightly *increasing*.
13. Fair, considering that Dissent has a standing here.
14. Culham Training College.
Propagation of the Gospel Society
15. Daily mixed school for boys and girls above 6

Infant	Do.	under 6
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 Sunday School for bigger lads etc. Evg. school in winter months for adults.
 5 is in Day S. 30 in Inf. 70 in Sunday.
 Supported by myself and a few subscription and children pence.
16. Some
17. An Evg. adult school was established this last winter, but only few come and it is at present an experiment here.
18. One for Independants, about 16 members, I fancy.
Room in house for Wesleyans, 8 members. Impossible to state who, besides the avowed members, would call themselves Dissent
19. I did not send in any return. The return was made. I *believe*, by a young Dissenter at Bicester.
20. Nothing peculiar
21. Yes
Yes
22. Chancel has been restored. Organ introduced. New Prayer Desk.
Lectern etc.
23. No

LEAFIELD

1. Frederick Edwin Lott, Leaffield Parsonage, Witney
1848
2. Yes
3. Performs the whole duty
4. The Perpetual Curacy of Ascott under Whychwood, which he also serves.
7. No
8. One full Service on Sunday, commencing alternately at 11 and 2½ past.
9. On Sundays and during the week as opportunity occurs.
The Church Catechism is taught and explained.
10. Six times in the year
11. Forty at the Great Festivals. Nearly that numbers at other services. No list is regularly kept.
12. About 300 in the morning, more than that number in the afternoon. The Chapel is then too small.
13. No. To neglect of the duty of attendance in the morning, to the want of room in the Chapel on the afternoon.
14. In aid of the Diocese College for Schoolmasters at Culham, and in obedience to the Queen's Letter.
15. The School at Leaffield is supported by Lord Churchill.¹ In the Sunday School there are 100, in the Day School 47 boys, and 30 girls.
16. Many of them.
17. No
18. One very small dissenting Chapel.
19. No

¹The second Lord Churchill (1802-86), of Wychwood Park.

21. The Chapel is in good repair, and all things necessary for Divine Service are provided. The Churchwarden performs his duty.
22. No
23. The smallness of the Burial Ground at Leafield

LEWK NOR

1. Edward B. Dean, Vicar of Lewknor.
In March 1842
2. Yes, or nearly so
3. Has a Curate to assist.
4. No
5. Yes. Licensed June 1849
6. Charles H. Christie, Priest.
7. No
8. Double duty service 8 a.m. 6 p.m. with Lectures during Advent and Lent etc.
2 sermons on Sundays, services 11 and 3.
9. Children catechized during Lent after 2nd Lesson P.M.
Method similar to Arden's manual of Instruction.¹
10. Twice a month, and sometimes oftener and on the great festivals.
11. About 30, at other times generally under 20
12. About 80, not increasing I think.
13. Hardly so, apathy towards Church Services.
14. S.P.G.
15. Boys and Girls school daily.
16. Yes, but not effectually.
17. Night school for boys during winter months, not very successful.
18. No Dissenting Chapel, only 2 or 3 avowed dissenting families
21. The Chancel in good repair, but the Nave very bad, and the Parish Church Warden very unfit for his office
22. A new E. window by Hardman² put into the Chancel, and some additional Polychrome.

¹G. Arden. *A Manual of Catechetical Instruction for public or private use* (1847).

²John Hardman (1811-67), of Birmingham, who collaborated with Pugin in the production of metal-work and stained glass.

LILLINGSTON LOVELL.

1. William Lloyd, instituted and inducted, April, 1827
Lillingstone Lovell, Buckingham
2. Has been resident during the time prescribed by Law.
3. Performed the whole duty.
4. Holds no other benefice or cure
5. No Curate
8. On Sunday : services at 11 o'clock and 3. A sermon alternately Morning and Afternoon on each Sunday. On Sacrament Sundays the Sermon is in the afternoon.
9. In the school room before each Service. The "Broken Catechism"¹
"Crossman's Do"² with other questions which suggest themselves at the time.

¹cf. BRITWELL SALOME p. 23.

²H. Crossman, *An Introduction to the Knowledge of the Christian Religion* (1802 and many editions).

10. Eight times a year.
11. About 27 at the Great Festivals ; and 20 at other times—I keep a list.
12. In Summer about 70, besides the school children.
In winter not so many, as some houses lie afar off.
13. It bears a fair proportion. Some of the people from the adjoining parish (where there is but one service) attend my Church.
14. For the Prop : of the Gospel in Foreign parts.
15. One Sunday School for Boys and Girls, with 10 boys and 19 girls, supported by the parish. A school for young children from 2 to 7 or 8 years old ; maintained by subscription and the children's pence. 19 scholars. The Evening school, twice a week for young women and the bigger girls, maintained and attended to by myself and daughters, no payments required :—16 scholars.
16. The children of the daily school being so young, they attend the Sunday School after they leave. At about 7 years old, they are taken from the daily to learn the lace-making business.³
17. As before mentioned, I have formed an Evening School (5 o'Clock) for the lace making young women and girls. We are *greatly pleased* with the success attending it. They are interested for 2 hours, on two days in the week.
18. No place of Dissenting worship. Two families of Dissenters : viz. 4 individuals with 4 children (Baptists).
19. The Census is correctly given, as the Parish then was circumstanced. A return was made by myself and it appears to have been followed.
20. I have nothing in particular to mention.
21. It is in good repair, with the exception of one window, the stone work of which is falling out. We are provided with all necessities. The Churchwarden does his duty. (There is but one Ch. warden).
22. No alterations have been made.
23. None.

³cf. MIXBURY p. 97.

LITTLEMORE

1. George W. Huntingford.
Nov. 15 1851
2. Yes
3. Assistant Curate
4. No
5. Licensed Dec. 1853
6. James Leonard Fish, Deacon.
7. No.
8. Matins and Evensong daily
H. Communion, Matins, Evensong on Sundays with 2 Sermons, except on the morning of the first Sunday in the month, when the Holy Communion is celebrated after Matins at 11.
8.15 and 7 daily. 8. 11. and 3 Sundays.
9. *In church* on afternoon of Sundays of Lent ; and occasionally at other times. Sometimes the Church Catechism ; and sometimes subjects connected with the season of the Church's year.
10. On Sundays and all other Festivals
11. About 50 on great Festivals : 35 1st Sundays in the month : 16 early communions. I have a list of Communicants.

12. About 120
Stationary
13. No, not nearly
I wish I knew the true cause.
14. Queens Letter, and Culham Training College.
15. A few women come to evening school twice a week throughout the year,
Men and boys in the winter. The Parish School contains 27 boys, and
37 girls. The Infant School 34. I am responsible for the support of the
Schools, and am helped by subscribers.
16. A few.
17. Evening Schools, with very little success.
18. A Baptist meeting-house, lent to Wesleyans in the evening. Only 3 or 4
families of Dissenters reside in the Parish.
19. The census were made before my Incumbency.
21. Yes
22. Boys' desks have been put up in the Chancel ; and the Chancel decorated
with colour on the East wall etc.

THE OXFORDSHIRE AND BERKSHIRE COUNTY PAUPER LUNATIC ASYLUM,
LITTLEMORE, near Oxford

1. Edwin William Relham Pulling
Chaplain of the Asylum, appointed August 1848
2. I have been resident during the whole of the year
3. I perform all my duties.
4. No
5. No
7. No
8. Prayers at 11 o'cl. and Prayers and Sermon at 3 o'cl. on Sundays, and
Prayers every morning at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8.
10. As there is no Communion Table in the Asylum Chapel, I only administer
the Holy Communion to the sick.
12. The average number attending is 250, viz. 100 males and 150 females,
exclusive of the officers, servants, and attendants.

LUDGERSHALL

1. Thomas Martyn, Ludgershall Rectory, Thame, Oxon.
2. Yes
3. He has not a Curate.
4. No.
7. No.
8. Two services every Sunday with sermons at 11 and 2.30. Morning
service without sermon on Holy days.
9. Daily in the schools. No convenient place in the Church during services.
10. Six times in the year.
11. 50
37
Yes
12. The sittings for the poor quite filled. Separate seats for Farmers occupy
rather too much space.
13. Yes

15. Two rooms for boys and girls under same roof for week days and Sundays. An Endowment £20. Children are admitted at three years of age.
16. Labourers' children are usually removed when old enough to earn any wages, but many continue to attend on the Sunday and assist in the choir.
17. Youths and grown men were admitted during the winter months with success—they cannot attend in the summer months.
18. One Wesleyan Chapel.
21. Yes
22. A new roof has been laid on and other necessary repairs done during the current years.

MAPLE-DURHAM

1. Lord Augustus Fitz Clarence, lately Deceased.¹
3. An Assistant Curate
5. Duly licensed. Date 10 August 1846
6. George Hutchins, Priest
7. None
8. Twice every Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Ch.mas day. It commences 11 o'clock A.M., 3 P.M. A Sermon Mornng. and Afternoon.
9. In the school-room on Monday Mornng.
10. [Four Times]² Five times.
11. About 30 on Festivals, 20 at other seasons.
No list is kept.
12. About 150. The number is stationary.
13. Yes
14. One for the Soc. for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.
15. There is a mixed School kept by a schoolmistress, partly paid by the children's pence, one penny each a week, and the residue by the Vicar.
There are between 40 and 50 children.
16. There is no Sunday School.
18. There is one licensed room in a cottage used only in the evening. The number of persons calling themselves Dissenters very few.
21. Yes³
Yes
22. No
23. No

¹The Rev. Lord Augustus Fitz Clarence (1805-June 1854) was a son of King William IV.

²This is crossed out in the M.S.

³The Bishop visited on April 1 1855. "The church fitted with low seats, mean and poor." *Diocese Book* f. 365

MARCH BALDON.

1. Rev. Hugh Willoughby
date unknown¹
2. No
4. Yes, a small benefice in Gloucestershire.²
5. Yes, licensed in 1851
6. G. Whichington, Deacon
7. None

¹Dec. 5 1851

²Rector of Burthorpe

8. Services alternately with Toot Baldon at 11 a.m. and 2½ p.m. Service on Saints' Days and every Wednesday and Friday. An Evening Service in Lent.
9. During the week and at the Sunday morning school.
By making the Collect, Epistle and Gospel and the Sunday lessons the basis of instruction.
10. On the First Sunday in each month
11. 40
24
Yes
12. 150. During the last year I think it has rather increased.
13. Yes
14. For the National Society and for the Propagation of the Gospel.
15. A Dame School with 50 children and a Sunday School with 42. Supported by the childrens' pence and by the liberality of T. Thomson Eages.
16. No
17. During 7 months we have an Evening school for 5 days in the week, and the Result is most encouraging. During the remaining 5 a Singing Class of 12 attends 2 evenings in the week.
18. None. The number of persons attending dissenting place of worship is about 10.
19. No
20. The neglect and indifference of the Landlord Sir H. Willoughby.³
21. Yes
Yes
22. No
23. No

³Sir Henry Pollard Willoughby, 3rd. Bart. M.P. (1796-1865). of Baldon House.

MARSTON

1. Richard Gordon, Elsfield Vicarage.
Instituted and inducted in April 1849
2. No, he has resided on the adjoining benefice of Elsfield
3. The Curate has performed the whole Sunday duty. He himself visits the sick, attends the school and takes occasional duty.
4. He holds the Vicarage of Elsfield also, the whole duty of which he has performed.
5. Yes. May 16 1849
6. Thomas Henry Whorwood, Priest
7. As Incumbent he performs the whole duty of the adjoining benefice of Elsfield
8. Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Sermons at each, excepting on those days on which the Communion is administered or the Children are catechised.
9. Preparatory to a Confirmation it is usual to catechise and explain the Catechism to the school Children in Church and frequently to hear them catechised by the Master on Sunday afternoons in school.
10. Generally on the first Sunday in the month, excepting on one of those months which have one of the great Festivals.
11. On the Festivals, from fifteen to twenty five. [About the same]¹ From fifteen to twenty five on other Sundays. [I do not keep]¹ A list of communicants is not kept.

¹This is crossed out in the M.S.

12. In the Morning from 30 to fifty adults, in the Evening from 65 to 85. It is, perhaps, a little increasing in the Evenings, not in the Mornings.
13. It does not.
14. One for the Society for the propagation of the Gospel.
15. One efficient National school numbering from 60 to 70 children, a few more attend the Sunday School. There is also a Dame's school, where a few young children receive instruction. The National School is supported partly by children's pence partly by subscription but principally by the Incumbent who alone is responsible to the Master and Mistress for their salary.
16. A very small portion.
17. During the last winter a few young men attended an Evening School.
18. None.
19. No return was made.
21. Yes
22. No

MERTON

1. This living is sequestered.
C. Tudor Curate
2. The Curate has been resident during the time prescribed by law.
3. The Curate takes the sole charge of the parish
4. The Curate does not
5. Yes. Date of licence 24 January 1852
6. Charles Tudor. He is a Priest.
7. The Curate does not
8. Sunday services at 11 A.M. and $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 P.M.
Friday evenings at 6-7 according to the season. 2 sermons except upon Communion Sundays
9. Daily and sometimes in Church during the Friday evening services.
10. Once a month
11. 22
The average is about 15. Yes.
12. In the morning about 25, afternoon perhaps 140-150. Pretty nearly the same. Perhaps a decrease in the morning
13. Yes
14. The usual Charity sermons as ordered by authority and a thanksgiving for the Harvest.
15. There is a daily school for children, age of admission 4 years. There are 30 in the daily and 40 in the Sunday school, supported by the Vicar and the children's pence.
16. Yes
17. There is a night school in the winter for boys and men. I think it is successful and with proper means I believe it might be highly so.
18. There is a room in a cottage where meetings of the Independents are held, but without license. There are about 7 Dissenters but three attend church with more or less regularity
19. No
20. Want of appreciation of the Church's teaching and guidance.
21. In tolerable repair.
They are tolerably efficient.
22. No
23. No

MIDDLETON STONEY

1. Richard Pretymen¹, Middleton, Bicester
2. Yes
3. He has a Curate
4. He holds other benefices²
Serves no other cure
5. Yes. Not known
6. Andrew Matthews. Priest
7. No
8. $\frac{1}{4}$ after 11 and 3 are the hours of service. Sermon every Sunday, children catechized. Twice every day in Passion Week and Easter Monday and Tuesday and Whit Monday and Tuesday.
9. Every Sunday afternoon
Asking such questions as occur to me.
10. Six times a year
11. 60 and 30
I keep no written list.
12. 150. Neither
13. Yes
14. I do not remember any
15. There are three schools entirely supported by Lady Jersey³, 2 daily and one infant, and there is a Sunday school besides under the same master.
30 boys 20 girls 15 infants
16. Very seldom
17. There is no Adult School
18. None
19. No
20. No
21. Yes
22. No
23. No

¹A son of George Pretymen, Bishop of Lincoln, and "the most prominent, and almost the last, among the expiring race of pluralists." His ecclesiastical emoluments are said to have amounted to £4006 per annum. J. C. Blomfield, *History of Middleton and Somerton* (1889) p. 81 f.

²He was also Canon Residentiary and Precentor of Lincoln, Rector of Walgrave-cum-Hannington (Northants.) and Rector of Wroughton (Wilts.).

³The wife of the fifth Earl of Jersey, of Middleton Park.

GREAT MILTON

1. James Henry Ashhurst
collated August 22 1848
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty.
4. No
8. Two full Services are performed every Sunday at 11 and 3. A Morning Service is performed every Saints Day at 9. An Evening Service is performed during Lent on Wednesday and Friday at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6
9. The Children are catechised after the 2nd Lesson during Lent. A small portion of the Catechism is said and questions asked upon it and an explanation given.

10. Every two months besides the Festivals, the Sacrament is administered on 2 Sundays following

11. Number of Communicants on Festivals 75
Do at other seasons 60

The Churchwardens always give me a list of the Communicants, which I enter in a Book together with an Account of the Sacrament Alms.

12. About 300 in Summer and 250 in Winter. It is increasing.

13. Communicants 177
Good attendants but no Comm. 122
Middling Churchmen 145
Dissenters 20
Infants and under 5 years 68
Children at School 100

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14. One for Church Building Society

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| 15. | Day | { | Boys 45 | | Sunday | { | Boys 48 |
| | | | Girls 50 | | | | Girls 56 |
| | | | Infants 39 | | | | <hr/> 104 |

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The Schools are supported by the Children's pence and by subscriptions, the Clergyman making up the difference

16. Yes
17. I have an Adult School during Lent at which any one may attend free of any charge and have about 20 attend.
18. One Wesleyan Chapel. The number of Dissenters is about 20
19. Most if not all the Dissenters at Great Milton attended the Chapel at Little Milton and vice versa so that they were counted twice over, the service being held at different hours.
20. No
21. Yes
22. No

LITTLE MILTON

1. Hardwicke Shute, Little Milton, Wheatley, Oxon.
licensed 9 September 1848
2. Yes
3. The whole
4. None
5. None
6. None
7. None
8. Two duties with Sermons every Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, Ash Wednesday, Ascension Day, at 11 a.m. 3 p.m. Daily prayers with lecture during Lent at 3 p.m.
9. Every Sunday afternoon during Lent using "Beavan's help to Catechizing"¹ and the Scripture proofs as text books, and giving a lecture on the portion of the catechism, on which the questions have been asked.

¹cf. BRADWELL p. 21.

10. Seven times in the year, and eight times when there has been a Confirmation.
11. 38 on the great Festivals, 28 on the other days of administering. I keep a list of communicants.
12. 160, stationary.
13. Yes, a fair proportion
14. Sermon for Infirmary. Sermon for church objects—local
15. 1 Daily school, with 12 scholars, paid for by parents
1 do. Parochial, with 48 scholars, supported partly by subscriptions, partly by payments of parents.
1 Daily Infant, with 12 scholars, paid for by parents.
1 Sunday School, 60 scholars, all in connexion with the Church. 1 Wesleyan Sunday School with about 8 scholars.
16. The girls till they go out to service ; a few of the boys for a year or two.
17. Evening school for 20 young men during 4 months in the winter, it succeeded very well.
18. 1 Wesleyan Meeting House, 20 *professed* Wesleyans.
19. The numbers in the census do not fairly represent the numbers of the Church and Dissenters as many who are not dissenters occasionally attend the Meeting House in the evening. I am of opinion that especial pains were taken that there should be a full attendance at the Meeting House on the day when the Census was taken
20. The early age at which children are removed from the daily schools ; this is an evil increasing yearly.
21. Yes
22. No alteration yet made ; but contributions to the amount of 250£ have been collected for several alterations, for which the Bishop's sanction will be requested.
23. No.

MINSTER LOVELL, Witney.

1. Red. Robt. Earle, Wateringbury, Maidstone
About 1818
2. Has a licence for non-residence
5. Yes. 1853
6. Gascoyne F. Whitaker. Priest.
7. No
8. Two services each Sunday with Sermon each time, commencing at half half past 10 and half past 2
9. My design was to have done so through Lent during afternoon service, but was unable so to do from several reasons, which I should be happy to explain to your Lordship.
10. The first Sunday in every other month, besides, Christmas Day, Easter Day, Trinity Sunday.
11. Usually about 16, or perhaps 18 or 20 on the great festivals. Do not keep a list as the number is so small that I can remember them.
12. Do not know the average number, but am happy to say it increases. The Church is generally of an afternoon quite full and a good congregation in the morning.
13. It does not bear a fair proportion, owing to several reasons. 1st The existence of O'Connor cottages and forming another parish almost, the

generality of the occupiers being bigoted dissenters.¹ 2nd Want of due and fit accomodation in the Parish Church.

14. For Society for Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. For Culham training School.
15. Only one (Sunday School) maintained by voluntary contributions, containing about 60 scholars.
18. One large building on O'Connor Estate, and probably the number of dissenters is upwards of two hundred.
19. No
20. The great extent of dissent, with which it is difficult to contend, the whole of it almost lying in O'Connor Estate, and being of a bigoted nature.
21. The Church is in bad repair, and I cannot procure even the necessaries for due performance of Divine Service, for reasons I should be pleased to give your Lordship.
22. The Church owing to several complaints in different quarters but principally through Revd. Dacres Adams, Rural Dean, is *now* being partially repaired.
23. The great difficulty in procuring a Church Rate for the ever necessary repairs of the body of Church, the want of which impedes my great desire to raise some fund for the general improvement and restoration of it.

¹A property acquired for development in 1847 by Feargus O'Connor's National Land Company, which was dissolved in the following year. A. W. Ashby, *Allotments and Small Holdings in Oxfordshire* (1917), pp 110 ff.

MIXBURY.

1. George Horsley Palmer,¹ Mixbury, nr Buckingham
Xmas 1851
2. He has
3. He performs the whole duty.
4. No
8. Daily Prayer morning and evening at $\frac{1}{2}$ 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., on Sundays and holidays at $\frac{1}{2}$ 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. One sermon on Sunday morning.
9. I catechise after 2nd lesson on Sunday afternoon on the plan generally of attempting to illustrate some portion of Catechism by means of the Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the day.
10. Monthly and on the great Feasts and following Sundays
11. I should say about 50 or taking the two Communion on the Feast-day and following Sunday together about 80, on other occasions about 30. I do keep a list of Communicants.
12. I should think (exclusive of the children) about 90 and I do not think there is much change.
13. The *entire* population of my Parish is, I believe, 360, of which about 120 are children.
14. I have preached no Charity Sermons but one offertory has been appropriated to Culham Training School
15. There is a Daily school and a Sunday school for both boys and girls. Day school numbers 60. Sunday school 36 boys and 26 girls. Both schools are supported exclusively by the Rector and his family assisted by a legacy of 16£ a year by the late Rector. I have night classes during the winter for young men and boys.

¹A son of the Rev. Jocelyn Palmer, Rector of Mixbury and Finmere, and a brother of the first Earl of Selborne.

16. Yes till Confirmation. They leave the day school very early, say at 8 or 9 years old for the fields or Lace Pillows,² but we get the girls for an hour a day up to their Confirmation, and all the biggest boys (who alone are received) come of their own accord to the night schools
17. Answered in the two preceding questions. I hope much good from the night schools
18. None. I have two Dissenters.
19. No, I can give no information
21. It is.
The last question involves more than I can answer.
22. The only alteration in the place has been the insertion of a new window, but the whole church has been entirely re-fitted etc. etc. and the Rector is responsible for what has been done.
23. Nothing, unless perhaps I may mention the continual scandal of having for Church Warden a man who for the last 25 years of his life at least has never been as a worshipper into a place of worship of any denomination.

²For the lace industry in Buckinghamshire, cf. B. Palliser, *History of Lace* (revised ed. 1902), pp. 378 ff. The Factory Acts were only gradually extended to the lace-works. As late as 1862 it was still customary to begin work at five or six years old. B. L. Hutchins and A. Harrison, *A History of Factory Legislation* (1911), pp. 141 ff.

MONGEWELL

1. Thomas Vavasor Durell, Mongewell, Wallingford
Institution June 18. Induction Aug. 30. 1852
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty
4. No
7. No
8. Sunday duty only at the hours of eleven and three.
A sermon preached in the morning only.
9. I have just begun the plan (hitherto new here) of catechising a few after evening service, hearing and explaining the Church Catechism in the Church.
10. Four time in the year
11. About 14 each time
12. About 45, reckoning the attendance at both services, and exclusive of the Sunday School
Much as usual.
13. Not a satisfactory proportion. I attribute much of this to the distance of some of the cottages from the Church
14. The Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.
15. A mixed daily School free for children as soon as old enough to attend, supported by Endowment of late Bishop Barrington.¹ 20 attend at present. The Sunday School is much the same.
16. Occasionally two or three girls only.
17. No
18. Not any Dissenting place of worship.
5 of all descriptions
19. I am not sufficiently informed
20. No
21. It is in very fair repair, and provided with all things necessary.

¹Shute Barrington (1734-1826), Bishop of Durham, owner of Mongewell Park.

22. No alterations in the Church or in the fittings up, except of a temporary description.
23. No

NETHER WORTON

1. Francis Garrett Wilson, Neithrop, Banbury.
Instituted 1849
2. I believe the Incumbent resided the time prescribed, having left the Parish in February last.
3. Since his absence I have officiated for him.
4. Has lately accepted the Curacy of St. Paul's Church, Neithrop, Banbury.
5. The present officiating Minister is not licensed to the Curacy.
6. The present offg. Minister is Rev. Vernon Blake in Priest's Orders
7. Assists the Rector of Over Worton, and performs the duty of Evening Services on Sundays at Hempton
8. Sunday Morning Service with Sermon at 10.30 A.M. except on the 1st Sunday of every alternate month when the Evening Service is performed instead of the Morning.
9. Only in the School room.
10. On the first Sunday in every alternate month
11. 25. At other seasons 20
I have not kept a *written* list.
12. I should think about 90 and has of late slightly increased
13. The population of the parish is about 50
14. A Sermon was preached on the Day of Humiliation on behalf of the widows and children of Soldiers and Sailors engaged in the war.
15. A mixed Daily and Sunday School, supported by J. Wilson Esq., number 25
16. I have not yet had any opportunity of knowing this.
17. No
18. No Dissenting Places of Worship, about 4 Dissenters in the Parish
19. No
21. Yes
There are no Churchwardens.
22. I am unable to answer this for certain

NETTLEBED

1. James Hazel. Michaelmas 1843
2. Yes
3. No Curate
4. No
7. No.
8. Two Services Morning at eleven. Evening at $\frac{1}{4}$ before 3 or $\frac{1}{4}$ after according to season. Sermon at each
9. Children catechised regularly at School.
10. Four times a year
11. Number varies from 32 to 50. Largest number usually Easter. Every communicant known.
12. About 250. Congregations smaller with two Services, but some attend once in the day
14. Church Missionary and School.

15. One daily and Sunday School for such children as a Mistress can manage. Supported by subscriptions, collections and children's pence. Scholars average 65.
16. Sometimes.
17. No
18. One Independent Chapel not much frequented.
19. No knowledge of the information given, but not more than six families who would call themselves Dissenters do not have their children baptised though many of the poor attend occasionally the Chapel and especially in the evening when no service at the Church.
20. The smallness of my income which prevents the support of schools to the extent wished and the carrying out of other objects, which increase a Minister's influence and tend to strengthen the Church.
21. Yes
22. No alterations.

NEWNHAM COURTNEY

1. James Baker, Nuneham, Oxford.
August 1825
2. He has.
3. He performs the whole duty with occasional, but rare, assistance from his son.
4. He holds no other Benefice and serves no other cure
5. There is no Curate
8. Morning Prayer with a Sermon every Sunday, Christmas day and Good Friday and Morning Prayer every Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday. Evening prayer on every Sunday with a Sermon 10 months in the year.
9. The six Sundays in Lent in the Church at evening prayer and frequently in the School. The Church Catechism and questions out of it.
10. The 1st Sunday in the month and Christmas day.
11. 38 on the great Festivals, 18 at other times. I keep a List of Communicants. In the course of last year there were 74 communicants
12. 120. The numbers are much the same as for many years
13. I think not, the population is 350. The Church is distant from the mass of the Population
14. The Queen's Letter, and for wives of soldiers
15. One daily school for Children of 5 years and upwards.
The same on Sunday, supported by children's pence, Mr. Harcourt¹ making up all deficiencies. 102 scholars, 25 of them from Baldon.
16. No
17. I have tried an Evening School 3 years, but have not been able to get anything like regular attendance
18. None
None
19. I can give no information on this subject
20. I cannot
21. It is
He does (we have only one)
22. No
23. None

¹George Granville Harcourt (1785-1861), of Nuneham Park.

SOUTH NEWINGTON

1. Henry Duke Harington
June 1836
 2. Yes
 3. Yes
 4. No
 8. Divine service is performed twice on Sundays at the hours of 10½ and 3, with a sermon at both services. An evening service on Saints' Days but very badly attended
 9. Every Sunday at the School, and very frequently on the week days. Also during Lent, in the Church (after the 2nd Lesson). *Portions* of the Church Catechism are taken each Sunday, and *full* examination given on the meaning of each portion. Also on the two last Sundays I catechise upon the Liturgy.
 10. The first Sunday of every month, making an alteration to meet the Festivals.
 11. 26
15
Yes.
 12. 125 (including children) in the morning
160 (ditto) in the afternoon
It has decreased within the last 7 years, in consequence of 112 persons having emigrated
 13. The Population is about 430
 14. The Jubilee of the B. & F. Bible Society
The Propagation of Gospel Society
The Wives of Soldiers gone to the East.
- | | Number |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 15. 1 School for children (mixed) | 64 |
| 1 School for infants | 34 |
| 1 Sunday School | 73 |
| 1 Adult School in the winter | 12 |
- The first two are supported by Subscription and the Children's pence, the incumbent paying the deficiency
16. Till about the age of 16, when they receive a Bible as a present. There are frequent exceptions, owing to the young people going to service.
 17. I have tried an Adult School in the winter for 18 years, and am satisfied that benefit has been derived from it in the case of *many* young people. The interest in it, however, has fallen off lately, and it is difficult to induce young men to attend it. I do not mean to give it up.
 18. There are not above 4 Dissenters who never come to Church. But many regular attendants at Church go in the evening to a Wesleyan Meeting House.
 19. The statement sent from the Parish of the persons attending Church on the *day specified* was correct, the numbers being accurately counted by myself; but I cannot give any information as to the general Census. The numbers attending at the Meeting House on the same evening were far from being all members of the Wesleyan Body.
 21. Yes
Yes
 22. No
 23. No

NEWTON PURCELL with SHELSWELL
Oxon

1. John Meade, Newton Purcell, Bicester.
Instituted June 1843
2. Yes
3. Yes
3. None
5. No Curate
8. Two Services every Sunday, one at 11 o'clock in the fore-noon, another at 3 o'clock in the afternoon; a sermon preached at each. Two like Services on Good Friday and Christmas Day and Prayers on Ash Wednesday.
9. For half an hour before the Service in the morning and afternoon on Sunday.
10. Six times in the year
11. The number of communicants at Easter about 30, at other times about 25 on an average.
12. On March 30 1851.
The congregation in the morning 45 grown persons and 20 school children
The congregation in the afternoon 44 grown persons and 16 school children
13. This I consider to be rather below the average. The whole population of Newton Purcell with Shelswell amounts to 160 persons
14. For the Queen's Letter and soldiers wives etc.
15. A Sunday School attended by about 30 children, the expenses borne by the Rector. A daily Dame School for about 20 children, boys and girls; supported by the Lord of the Manor¹ and the Rector. An evening writing school in the winter for about six boys supported by the Rector.
16. Yes most of them
17. I have a small evening school for boys in the winter
18. None. Only one professed Dissenter in the Parish, who attends Church every Sunday morning.
21. Yes in good repair; and the Churchwardens are attentive to their duties.
22. None
23. None

¹John Harrison Slater-Harrison (1804-74), of Shelswell Park.

NEWINGTON with BRIGHTWELL PRIOR

1. Septimus Cotes, 1845
2. Yes
3. Yes. He has no curate
4. No
8. Morning and Afternoon full service at the mother Church and Evening full service once a fortnight at the chapel. 11 o'clock, 3 o'clock and 6 o'clock, besides occasional services
139 sermons.
9. Before the morning service on Sundays, at the schoolroom
10. Four times in the year
11. No account is kept
12. No account is kept } I do not know how this could be done.
13. The labouring congregation is less than it was, which I attribute to my being less able of late to be among them through my own illness and family afflictions.

14. The parish is very poor and I seldom preach charity sermons except such as I am required by the ordinary.
15. Only my own, which is a mixed school for boys and girls, and my Sunday school. They depend on me with the help of a very small subscription. The average attendance is between 40 and 50.
16. Mostly, for about 2 years or so. The upper classes of boys and girls on Sundays have usually most of them left the weekly school.
17. I have tried Evening schools without success
18. None. There are a *few* dissenters and *many* of no serious impressions of any kind.
19. I cannot at present and probably could not if I had more time.
21. Yes
22. No
23. No

NOKE

1. John Carlyle, Noke, Oxford.
1840
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty.
4. No
5. Has no Curate
8. Morning and Evening Services on Sunday.
Morning Service begins at 11
Evening do. 2.
A Sermon in the afternoon
9. After the Second Lesson in the Morning Service. I use the interrogative method.
10. Three times in the year.
11. The average number is lamentably small. No more than 7 or 8. I keep no list. I do not need one.
12. I do not keep any account of the numbers. It is much as usual. The population is less than formerly.
13. The number might be larger. There are few houses from which some do not attend.
14. One for Diocesan purposes at Culham. One for the National Society.
15. There is no daily School. The children as far as they attend any resort to the neighbouring school at Islip. We have a Sunday School supported by the Rector.
16. As soon as they are of sufficient age and strength children generally go to service.
17. No
18. There is no place of dissenting worship. Very few dissenters. In fact some attend Church from every house.
19. No
20. No
21. In moderate repair, and provided with necessaries. I have no complaint to make against the Churchwardens
22. None of any importance
23. No

NORTH ASTON.

1. Charles Rede Clifton. North Aston.
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
8. Two Services on Sunday, One Sermon, alternately morning and afternoon. Hours, eleven and three (in summer), $\frac{1}{2}$ past two in winter. Morning prayers on Saints Days. and on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent, and daily during Holy Week. Two Services and one Sermon on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Ascension Day and Xmas Day.
9. The children are catechized during the week and on Sundays.
10. Twelve times a year.
11. At the great festivals about 30
At other seasons about 20
12. About 70. It does not increase.
13. I think not, partly owing to the event of accomodation, partly to dissent, and carelessness about religious duties.
15. There is one Dame's School, containing about 40 children, supported by Col. Bowles,¹ the Lord of the Manor. One private School containing 3 or 4 children and a Sunday School, containing about 30.
16. Some of the children attend the Sunday School, after they have left the Day School.
17. There is an evening School for Adults in the winter, which has not succeeded so well as could be wished.
18. There is no Dissenting place of worship. The number of Dissenters probably about 30.
19. I cannot give any information on this point.
20. I consider Dissent to be the great impediment to the Church in this Parish. I can suggest no remedy but time and patience and a more faithful discharge of my ministerial duties.
21. The Church is in tolerably good repair and duly provided etc. etc. The Churchwardens discharge their duties.
22. Some new seats have been put in the Church, and a screen to the belfry. and the Font has been moved, with the consent of the Bishop.²
23. No

¹Colonel Charles Oldfield Bowles, of North Aston House.

²The Bishop had visited on March 12 1854 and commented—"The church been improved since my last visit, seats lowered and well restored, pillars and arches scraped. Col. Bowles projects taking away a hideous Corinthian deformity by the chancel arch; Some fine old monuments." *Diocese Book* f. 27.

NORTH LEIGH

1. Isaac Gillam. Northleigh. Jany. 1839
2. Yes
3. Performs the whole duty.
4. No
5. No Curate
8. Morning and afternoon prayers and Sermons every Sunday. Morning Service beginning at 11 o'clock and the afternoon at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 104 Sermons preached.
9. Catechised twice in the week and also on Sunday in the Church Catechism.
10. 4 times a year
11. From 8 to 10. No.

12. About 70, on the increase¹
13. No. Church inconveniently situated for the Parishioners. In the winter very bad roads
14. The Queen's letter for the propagation of Gospel
15. National school with 52 children, supported by payments of pence.
16. No
17. No
18. 2 Dissenting places, cannot say.
21. Yes
Yes
22. No
23. No

¹cf. *Diocese Book*, f. 343b.

NORTHMOOR.

1. Henry Fleming, Northmoor, Witney, or St. John's Coll, Oxford. 1843
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
8. There is Service on Sundays at half past Ten in the morning and Three in afternoon, and a sermon has been preached at both, except at those times when the Holy Communion has been administered
9. I generally catechise them before Services commence in the School.
10. On the first Sunday of each month except when a great Festival falls very near to the first Sunday
11. Rather over Twenty
Rather under Twenty
I record the number but not the names
12. Including Children about Eighty in the morning and a Hundred in the afternoon, as far as I can judge nearly stationary, but certainly not decreasing.
13. No, I think not.
To the number of Public Houses on the one hand and to the existence of a certain number of dissenting families on the other.
15. There is a daily and Sunday School for children of both sexes, with a Mistress only for the former, and Master and Mistress for the latter. With exception of £5 0 0 from St. John's Coll. supported solely by myself. In daily School from 20 to 30, in Sunday School 35 to 40
16. Yes, generally for two or three years, unless they go out to service sooner.
18. One Chapel for Primitive Methodists. About twelve or thirteen *Families*.
20. In this small Parish there are four Public Houses i.e. about one Public House to about 17 Heads of Families (Farmers not included). I can suggest no remedy, save an alteration of the law of the land respecting the licensing etc. of Public Houses and Beer Shops¹.
21. Yes²
Yes
22. No

¹"Our present miserable 'beer-shop system', that great demoralizer of our agricultural population." *A Charge to the Diocese of Oxford at his third Visitation, November 1854* (1854) p. 47. cf. S. & B. Webb. *The History of Liquor Licensing in England, principally from 1700 to 1830* (1903) pp. 108-32.

²In 1855 the Bishop "wrote to remove a hideous W. gallery . . . the church wants reseating." *Diocese Book*, f. 346b.

For NUFFIELD *see* TUFFIELDODDINGTON,
Oxon

1. Philip Serle.¹ 1818
2. He has
3. He does
4. No
5. He has no curate
7. No
8. There are two services on Sunday at 11 and half past 2 o'clock, the sermon in the afternoon.
9. The children are catechised. The Church Catechism and other books used.
10. Four times in the year.
11. The number of communicants varies from 24 to 16.
12. The population is 126. The attendance is very regular
13. No individuals absent themselves from public worship.
14. There have been no charity sermons given during the last year.
15. We have a daily school and a Sunday school. They are supported by the principal land owner and the Rector. All the children of the poor attend.
16. The children usually continue to attend the Sunday school for a considerable period after they have ceased to attend the daily school.
17. I have not
18. There are no dissenting places of worship in the parish
19. I cannot
20. There is no special impediment.
21. The church is in good repair, and duly provided with all things necessary for the decent performance of divine service. The church wardens fully discharge their duties.
22. None
23. None

¹For the Bishop's opinion of Mr. Serle cf. *Diocese Book*, f. 352b.

OVER WORTON.

1. The name of the incumbent is William Lancaster. His address is, at the Rectory House of this parish. He was instituted July 14, 1849, and inducted July 28, 1849
2. He has during the last year been resident during the time prescribed by law.
3. He has an assistant curate.
4. He does not hold any other benefice, nor serve any other cure.
5. The curate is not licensed to Over Worton; he is I believe, licensed to Nether Worton: these two parishes form, with respect to public worship, one congregation.
6. His name is Valentine Blake. He is a priest.
7. He is curate of Nether Worton, and performs his duties as such. He also officiates, once at least on Sundays at Hempdon, in a chapel which is not yet consecrated.
8. The duty performed in my church is, evening prayer and sermon every Sunday; except about 7 Sundays in the year; on which days, the com-

munion being administered at Over Worton, there is a full morning service. The communion is administered alternately in the two Churches. On other than the comm. days at Over Worton : the morning service for the two parishes is at Lower Worton.

9. The catechetical instruction is given in catechetical lectures ; one of which is given as the sermon every second Sunday in the month : in the School at Lr. Worton, which is for the two parishes, the children are all catechized, and I think this is done every day.
10. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the three great festivals, and also on the first Sunday of every month : but the administration is alternate between the two parishes of Over Worton and Lower Worton.
11. The number of communicants, as I hope and believe, among my own parishioners of Over Worton, embraces all of years of discretion : that is, who have been confirmed. I think there is, in the number of communicants, no difference between the great festivals and other seasons. I do not keep a list of communicants
12. The congregation of Over Worton embraces, as I firmly believe, all the parishioners who are not kept away by necessity : in this case, there cannot be an increase, and I hope there will not be a decrease.
13. The answer to this question is, as it seems to me, involved in the last answer.
14. May 1, 1853 and July 2, 1854, there were charity sermons pursuant to the Queen's letters : the former for the National Society and the latter for the Socy. for the Propagn. of the Gospel.
15. There are no schools in my parish : the National School (which is for the benefit of the two parishes) is at Nether Worton : this is the only school provided for the two parishes.
16. The school being at Lower Worton ; the Minister of that parish will be better qualified than I am, to report upon the case.
17. Neither Adult nor Evening Schools have been adopted in Over Worton.
18. There are no Dissenting places of worship, nor any Dissenters whatsoever in my parish.
19. I cannot give any information as to the correctness of the Census.
20. It is an impediment to the ministry of the church, I would mention, the want of a right method of catechizing : which is either not done at all, as is mostly the case ; or else done in a way, which is unedifying and repulsive to the congregation. Nothing, in my opinion, will remedy this overwhelming evil, but the provision of one simple method, to be uniformly observed every where, and not liable to variations from individual judgement
21. My church is in good repair, and duly provided with all things necessary. I have no complaint to make against my churchwarden : there is but *one* churchwarden in this parish.
22. No alterations have been made in the church or chancel, internally : as to the fabrick, externally, the enlargement was begun before the last visitation, and the work is not yet completed.
23. The clergy are I think affected by a great inconvenience in their endeavour, to prepare their catechumens for being confirmed : but I am at a loss to suggest a remedy.

ALL SAINTS with
ST. MICHAEL¹
OXFORD.

1. Washbourne West B.D., Lincoln College, is Chaplain of All Saints' and resides in Lincoln College. He has not been instituted or inducted.
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty.
4. No
7. As one of the Chaplains of Lincoln College he reads prayers in the College Chapel.
8. There are two Services on Sunday with a Sermon in the morning, Morning Service at 11, Evening at three o'clock.
9. They are catechised when preparing for confirmation. I use the Church Catechism.
10. On the last Sunday in every month, with Easter and Whitsuntide.
11. Between 50 and 60 at Christmas and Easter : about 30 at other seasons.
12. I think about 150
13. I think so. Some of the inhabitants have homes near Oxford, to which they go on the Sunday
14. One for the Society for Propagation of the Gospel, and one for the Girls' school.
15. There are no schools in the parish. A Girls' school belonging to various parishes attends the morning service at All Saints' Church.
18. None
19. I was not Chaplain when the Census was taken, and do not know what return was made.
21. Yes
22. No

¹No return was made for St. Michael's, which was re-opened after restoration by Street in March 1854. The Bishop noted on this occasion :—" Trouble about the step on which Commn. Table. Metcalf being afraid of being called Puseyite. Happily arranged all and luncheon of amity at Lincoln." *Diocese Book*, f. 365b.

ST. ALDATE'S PARISH

1. Henry Swabey, St. Aldate's Rectory, Oxford
Dec. 24 1850
2. Yes
3. He has two assistant Curates
4. No
5. They are licensed, one in 1851, the other in 1853
6. Edward Redman Orger in Priest's Orders
John Silvester Davies in Deacon's Orders
7. No
8. There are services Daily, on Weekdays at 9 A.M. and 7 P.M., on Sundays at 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. There are two sermons each Sunday and a Weekday Sermon during Lent.
9. Once a week in the school
10. Twice every month.
11. 80
50
No
12. In the morning from four to five hundred ; about 200 in afternoon.
There is not much variation.

13. The population is about 1800
14. The Queen's letter, Diocesan Training College and Parochial schools
15. There are Day Schools for boys and girls, supported by children's pence 2d. a week and subscriptions. There are 45 boys and 53 girls in attendance
16. Only a few.
17. The clergy conducted a night school for older boys during the winter, the attendance average 20
18. None
19. I cannot
20. The want of free sittings in the church ; for 1330 persons, who have no appropriated seats, there are available only 150 for sittings.
21. The church is in decent repair.
They do.
22. The chancel arch has been enlarged, and new seats have been placed in the chancel with your Lordship's consent.
23. I am anxious for a rearrangement of the seats in my church, with a view to having an evening service on Sundays in addition to the present services, and should wish the sittings throughout the church to be unappropriated for the afternoon and evening services.¹

¹In 1855 the Bishop sought to win over the churchwardens to a plan for setting a part of the south aisle for the poor. *Diocese Book*, f. 355b.

ST. CLEMENT'S, OXFORD

1. W. S. Hore, 6, London Place, St. Clement's, Oxon
August 1850
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
5. None
7. No
8. Two full Services on Sunday.
Morning commences at 11. Afternoon commences at 2.
9. In School rooms
10. Once a month and on Xmas day Easter and Whitsunday
11. 70 and 40.
12. Between 4 and 500
13. The population is about 2000
14. Queen's Letter, Church Missionary, Widows and Orphans of Soldiers and Sailors.
15. Boys', Girls' and Infants Schools, in all about 200.
Supported by a grant from Davison's land charity, annual subscriptions, Sermon and children's pence
16. No
17. No
18. One dissenting chapel and one Roman Catholic chapel.
19. I gave the information, which I believe was correct.
I know nothing of that rendered by Dissenters.
21. Yes
22. None
23. No

Parish of ST. EBBE in the City of OXFORD

1. Rev. William Hanbury, instituted in the year 1816
 2. He is a lunatic and is non-resident.
 3. The whole duty is performed by a Curate.
 5. The Curate was licensed Dec 9 1847
 6. His name is George Thomas Cameron, he is a Priest.
 7. No
 8. There are 2 services with sermon every Sunday at 11 A.M. and $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 P.M., and one service with sermon every Thursday at 7 P.M.
 9. Every Sunday either in the School-room, or at the Church, generally on some portion of S.S. occurring in the Public services of the Church and the Catechism
 10. On the first Sunday of every month and the great festivals.
 11. 80 at the great festivals
50 at other seasons
A list of communicants is kept.
 12. 400 in the morning.
100 in the evening. Not decreasing.
 13. The population is 2298, so that it can scarcely be said to bear a fair proportion to the population. There are several dissenters and some go to other Churches.¹
 14. The National Society, Culham training School. The Societies for Church Pastoral Aid, Church Missions, Promoting Christianity among the Jews and the Parochial Schools.
 15. There is a boys school, the number of day scholars is 120
————— Sunday scholars is 160
There is a Sunday girls' school consisting of 80 children, and it is contemplated building a day school for girls.
 16. In some cases for a few years.
 17. There is an evening school, but it has now long been opened and cannot be said hitherto to have been attended with such success.
 18. There are 2 dissenting places of worship, a reformed Wesleyan Chapel and a Primitive Wesleyan Chapel.
 21. Yes
Yes
 22. No
- ¹"Pews a great practical evil in this parish." *Diocese Book*, f. 359b.

The New Parish of the HOLY TRINITY
St. Ebbe, OXFORD

1. Joseph West. 1844
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
8. Hours of Services, Sunday, 11 Morning, 3 Afternoon. Wednesday $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6. 2 Full Services on the Sunday and a Full Service on the Wednesday in each week.
9. On the Thursday Morning in the School Room.
Verbal questions and answers.
10. The first Sunday in each month and on the Festivals.
11. Varying from 50 to 70 generally.
12. I should say about 400, increasing.

13. No. Many causes, great Poverty, Sunday labour in the Colleges and unbelieving Masters, Infidelity.
14. 1 Church Missionary Sermon and one Church P.A.S.
15. One, girls supported by voluntary subscription.
About 100.
18. One.
21. Yes
Yes
22. The Font removed to a more eligible situation to admit of greater accommodation for the sponsors.

ST. GILES' OXFORD.

1. T. Carteret Maule, St. John's College, Oxford
March 2 1854. March 11 1854
2. Yes
3. Assistant Curate
4. No
5. Yes. March 1854
6. George Butler. Deacon.¹
7. No
8. Morning Prayer 11½, each Wednesday and Friday
each Feast and Festival Day of the Church.
Morning Prayer and Sermon 11 A.M.
Evening Prayer and Sermon 3 P.M. Each Lord's Day
9. Never in the church.
10. 16 times in the year
11.

Easter Sunday 1854	164	} Average 103
Whitsunday do	110	
Holy Thursday do	37	
Average of 6 1854	87	
12. Cannot say with anything like exactitude.
13. Church room wanted
14. One for the S.P.G. (Applies to 1854)
15. 1 Daily and Sunday school for boys
do do girls
Chiefly almost entirely voluntary contributions.
50 in each according last appeal statement of the late Vicar
16. Few returned at present.
17. No
21. Yes
22. None of importance

¹George Butler (1819-90), later principle of Liverpool College. D.N.B. His wife was Josephine Butler, the social reformer.

Parish of ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
OXFORD

1. The incumbency is vacant.
3. An assistant curate performed the duty
5. He is licensed
6. Harry Walter Sargent. Priest
7. No

8. Morning Prayer, Litany, Communion Service and sermon at 11.15. Evening Prayer and sermon at 3 on Sundays, and on the great Festivals at 7½ P.M.
Litany and Lecture on Fridays during Lent.
Evening Prayer with Epistle and Gospel as Lessons with sermon every evening at 7½ P.M. during Holy Week
9. There are no schools in the Parish
10. Monthly and on all the Great Festivals
11. About 20 at the great Festivals.
About 14 at other seasons—A list is kept.
12. About 30, increasing.¹
13. Yes
14. For the Culham Training School and the S.P.G. Society.
18. There are none

¹"Chiefly college servants, an unsatisfactory set, bad churchgoers . . ." *Diocese Book*, f. 361b.

ST. MARTINS (Carfax) OXFORD

1. The Rev. Richard Cox Hales, Oxford
Institution and Induction March 1852
2. Yes
3. He has no Assistant Curate. There are four lecturers attached to the church. He is one of them.
4. He serves the adjoining parish of St. Peter le Bailey as Curate
8. Two full Services are given on Sundays the hours of Divine Service are Eleven and half past six. A Sermon at each Service. There are also Weekday Lectures and Sermons during the season of Advent: prayers at other seasons, Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday: but from the circumstances of the parish a congregation cannot be gotten except in the evening of a week day.
9. I catechise the children in School. There is no regular day School, but I exercise such control as I am able.
Nixon's school for freemen's sons¹ and the Blue Coat School².
10. Once a month and on the greater Festivals.
11. About 50. On Easter Sunday 61
About 28. I keep a list
12. The Church is well attended. As far as numbers are concerned I have nothing to complain of. Average congregation is (I should say) about 400 morning and 650 evening.
13. Yes
14. The Church Missionary Society, The Building fund of St. Peter le Bailey School, The Blue Coat Boys School, The Church Pastoral Aid Society and the Culham Training School.
15. The number of poor being very small, I have made arrangements by which those who cannot gain admission into either of the endowed schools shall have the advantage of St. Peter le Bailey school
16. Rarely if ever. The exceptions very few indeed.
17. Not applicable to this Parish.

¹Founded by Alderman Nixon in 1659. *V.C.H. Oxon.* I., p. 474 f.

²"The Blue Coat Boys School was founded in 1710, by members of the Corporation of the City of Oxford, for the education, clothing, apprenticeship and general advancement in life of 20 boys, after the Duke of Marlborough's victories in the reign of Queen Anne."

18. None. Very small, under 10 I shd. say.
19. I was not Incumbent when the census was made.
20. No. I have much cause for thankfulness. My discouragements are few and are traceable solely to my own shortcomings and imperfect discharge of my duty
21. Yes
Yes
22. No alterations have been made. The church is now in a much more cleanly state than it was formerly.
23. No

ST. MARY MAGD.
OXFORD

1. Jacob Ley, Ch. Ch. Oxford
1845 instd.
2. Yes
3. Three assistant Curates.
4. None
5. Yes. 1846, 1850, 1850
6. Edward Marshall
William Dunn Macray¹
John Rigaud² } Priests
7. W. D. Macray, Chaplain of Ch. Ch. and New Coll.
J. Rigaud, Fellow Magd. Coll. and Chaplain for College Servants
8. In St. Mary Magd. Daily at 7½ (8) and 6.
11 a.m. on W. F. and Holidays.
In St. George M. Chapel of Ease³ 8 p.m. on Holidays and W. F. in Lent and Advent.
On Sundays 8, 11, 3 and 11, 6½. Four sermons
9. In Lent before afternoon service in Church. Otherwise only in School.
No Method.
10. Weekly
11. E. 200, W. 140, Ch. 190.
Sunday at 8 a.m. 21½, 11 a.m. St. M. M. 69
St. G. M. 31
No
12. I can hardly guess. Say, exclusive of Schools, St. M. M. 250, St. G. M. 250. The latter increasing, the former decreasing.
13. There are a very large number, who never or very seldom, enter any place of worship. The population is above 2400
14. National Schools (Q.L.)
Diocesan Training School } in the year 1853
Parish Schools }
15. Boys School 50
Girl School 40 } Daily and Sunday
Infants School 30 }
Supported by voluntary subscriptions.
16. A few of the girls, and a few boys in the Choir

¹Assistant in the Bodleian (1845-1905). Sir E. Craster, *History of the Bodleian Library 1845-1945* (1952), *passim*.

²Fellow of Magdalen (1849-88).

³St. George's chapel had been opened in November 1850.

17. We have tried an adult school for those who are not above the class of ragged-school-pupils but have dropt it because for want of expansion it did not do what was required.
18. An Independent Meeting. I should not like to hazard a guess at the number of Dissenters
19. None. I made a return, by guess, of our numbers
20. No
21. Yes
22. No. The Church of St. Mary Magdalene has been newly plastered.
23. No

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
OXFORD

1. Charles Marriott.¹ Oriel College. Oxford
2. Yes
3. A Curate and an assistant.
4. No
5. Both curate and assistant are licensed
6. Edward Owen Deacon Curate 1852
Edgar Dumbleton Deacon Assistant 1854
7. Edward Owen, the Curate, is also Lecturer in Modern History in Jesus College.
8. On Sundays and Holy Days, Morning Prayer at 11 or after University Sermon. Afternoon Prayers at 4 evening in winter at 6.30 (to be 7). On week days Morning Prayer at 8, afternoon at 4. Sermons always on Sunday afternoons, and when there is evening service. In the mornings only when there is no University Sermon. On Holidays occasionally and very short address. (Morning prayer with Holy Communion at 9 on Holy Thursday). Litany at 11 on Ember and Rogation Days
9. There is only a small school, seldom amounting to ten, chiefly girls. They are frequently catechised on the week day morning, saying the whole or part of the Church Catechism, and answering questions on its meaning. The younger children first learn a short catechism.
10. Every Sunday, Holiday, and Thursday at seven a.m., also during Christmas, Easter, Whitsun, Ascension and Holy Week daily. On the Great Festivals and the first Sunday in the month also after Morning prayer.
11. Christmas and Easter about 78, about 40 Parishioners
Whitsunday and first Sunday in month 50 about 20 Parishioners.
Early Communion days about 10.
I have no exact list. Many members of the University and others out of the parish communicate here.
12. 250 (conjectural).
No great variation, except with season.
13. The attendance of Parishioners is fair, though not fully satisfactory. There are a few Dissenters, and some other persons who rarely come to church. Two or three, who have come from other parishes, prefer their former churches.
14. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.
The Boatman's Chapel².

¹Charles Marriott (1811-58), Fellow of Oriel and disciple of J. H. Newman. *D.N.B.*; J. W. Burgon, *Lives of Twelve Good Men* (1891), pp. 153 ff.

²A wooden building erected in 1839 by Henry Ward for the use of the boatmen and their families.

The South African Mission

The Radcliffe Infirmary

The Wives and Children of men on foreign service

15. Only a small school for girls and young children rarely exceeding 10 in number, supported by the Offertory, and an unknown contributor. There are not more than ten houses occupied by strictly poor persons in the Parish.
18. I think only four householders (one of whom is frequently at Church). No Dissenting place of worship
19. Having no Dissenting Chapel I know nothing of the proceedings of Dissenters. I may mention that we counted our own congregation simply as it happened to be on the day specified. I am not aware that any pains were taken to increase it for the occasion.
20. The chief difficulty is that of access to the Middle class. Persons are so occupied that it is difficult to form classes for Confirmation. And I found them usually but little acquainted with Holy Scripture. There are exceptions.
21. Yes
They are very firmly attentive to their duties
22. The choristers have been vested in surplices, and placed in the Nave, and four men have joined them as singers, (not in surplices). The behaviour of the boys, as well as their singing, is improved, and the congregation in general, I believe, approve of the changes. The Psalms are now chanted throughout.

ST. PAUL'S
OXFORD

1. Alfred Hackman,¹ Ch. Ch. Oxford
December 1844
2. Yes
3. Has two Assistant Curates
4. No
5. Yes. Christmas 1853
6. Addington Venables, Priest
Thomas Richards Morice, Deacon.
7. No
8. *Daily Prayers.* 8 in the Morning. 7½ in the Evening
Sundays. H. Communion at 8. Prayer with sermon at 11
Prayer with Catechizing and Baptism at 3.
Prayer with sermon at ½ past 6
Evening Sermons on all Festivals, on Wednesdays and Fridays in Advent and Lent, and every night in Holy Week at 7½.
9. On Sunday afternoons after the Second Lesson. The Catechism is explained—next the most difficult of the Hymns, which are sung in the Church and this wd. be a year's course.
10. Every Lord's Day.
11. Christmas Day 115, Easter Day 162, Whitsunday 86. Early Communion
Sundays average 15
Mid-day Communion on Sundays average 63
A perfect list is not yet in existence

¹Alfred Hackman (1811-74). On the staff of the Bodleian from 1837 and sub-librarian from 1862. *D.N.B.*; Sir E. Craster, *History of the Bodleian Library 1845-1945* (1952), pp. 33, 44.

12. Morning about 400, Evening about 600, less in summer, more in winter. In point of numbers the Congregation is stationary.
13. I am grieved to say that the Congregation does not bear a fair proportion to the Population. Some of those attending in the Church are strangers. The place was many years without a church.
14. For the Mission of Nova Scotia. For Cuddesdon Theological College, for the Soldiers' Wives and Children. The Sermons for our Schools have yet to be preached.
15. 86 boys in the University School²
44 boys in a School established by the Clergy at Easter last.
75 girls
30 Infant Boys and Girls.
16. Seldom or ever
17. An Evening Adult School has been tried during the last two winters, but not with much success.
18. A Calvinistic meeting is held in the Parish, in a warehouse, but many attend the Chapels in other parts of the City. The number of Dissenters is considerable.
20. No
21. Yes
Yes
22. A Chancel has been built under the authority of the Archdeacon's Court.
23. No

²The University or Grey Coat School, founded in 1707, was supported by the University colleges.

ST. PETER-LE-BAILEY, OXFORD

1. Rev. John Penson, 1793¹ (I believe)
2. Non-resident
3. He has an assistant Curate
4. Brize Norton Rectory, Oxon.
5. Yes. May 1847
6. Rev. Richard Cox Hales, Priest. The Rev. H. J. Turrell has till very recently assisted also with the Bishop's sanction.
7. Rector and Lecturer of Carfax
8. Two full services on Sundays at eleven and $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6, and Sermon at each. Occasional lectures are given on week days
9. In the School. All who are able say the Catechism through at least once a week. They are also questioned on the Epistle and Gospel each Sunday.
10. Once a month : and on the greater Festivals of the Church
11. I cannot state this accurately being always at Carfax on the greater Festivals. I keep a list of Communicants whenever I am personally celebrating.
12. Perhaps 200 morning and 350 evening—Decreasing I think
13. Scarcely. Local circumstances which I have stated to the Bishop may in some respect count for this. For nearly six years ending 1852 the Church was very ill attended and will I think be so again.
14. Church Missionary Society
The Choir Fund
The Parochial School.

15. A School adapted to the wants of the Parish was erected by the subscribers thereof in 1849. About 150 children attend it on week days. On Sundays the no. is much fewer : this arises in some case from circumstances peculiar to the Parish, which time will correct. School supported by free contributions and the pence of the children
16. Occasionally but very seldom
17. An adult School was tried but did not succeed
18. The Baptist Chapel, New Road. Probably 200 Dissenters, and I grieve to say several who are of no religion at all. The dissenters in point of influence and numbers are *decidedly on the decrease*. I have seen a good deal of the Baptist Minister of the Chapel, which is in my parish, Mr. *Bryan*, who lately seceded from the charge of it.
19. I am surprised at the statements made in the census, but cannot explain them.
20. Account some difficulties if a local character. I have nevertheless much to be thankful for. I think hopefully of the present state of my Parish.
21. Tolerably so. Certainly not so *clean* as it ought to be. Of the present churchwardens more especially the Parish Churchwarden (lately the Parish Clerk) I can say little. The latter is certainly very unfit for the office.
22. None to my knowledge.
23. I wish to bring under the Bishop's notice the great discouragement which I, and perhaps others of my brethen labour under in the support of our Schools. For more than seven years my school has never cost me less than 20£ per annum from my private resources. This considering the wealth and luxury of Oxford "ought not to be so to be."

ST. PETER'S in the East
OXFORD

1. Edmund Hobhouse,¹ Merton College, Oxford
August 1843
2. Absent by leave till December 31 1853
Resident in 1854
3. Has an assistant
4. Has lately resigned the Parish of St. John's, Oxon adjoining.
5. Yes. June 1851
6. Thomas Hutchinson, Priest
7. No
8. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Prayers at 11 and 4. Wednesday and Friday Prayers at 11 and 4, Litany at 11½.
Sunday Early Comm. at 8. Prayers, Litany, Comm.
Office and Sermon at 11. Prayers and Catechg. at 3.
Prayers and Sermon at 6½
9. Each Sunday afternoon.
The Church Catechism is the basis.
10. Every Lord's Day and occasionally on Festivals.
11. Great Festivals 222½
Mid day Communion 102½
Early Communion 33½
Yes
12. 550 being half the population of the Parish. Steady

¹Bishop of Nelson, New Zealand (1858-65).

13. Yes
14. One for Culham Training College.
One for the Church Missy. Society.
and one for the National Society and one for Cuddesden Institution
15. Boys 38 } same no. on Sunday with little variation of persons
Girls 30 }
Infants 45 supported by Subscriptions and Children's Payments.
16. Seldom
17. No
18. None. Under 25.
19. No information as to mode. Have not seen the census of our Parish
20. Only worldliness, and religious jealousies.
A more earnest ministry, tempered with Prudence and Patience.
21. Yes
Yes, the ordinary ones as are fulfilled by Churchwardens
22. The Pews have been turned and Font moved.
By Faculty.
23. No

ST. THOMAS' in OXFORD

1. Thomas Chamberlain 1852
Christ Church
2. Yes
3. Two Curates
4. No
5. Trinity Sunday 1852
Do. 1853
6. J. G. Wood, Priest¹
Thomas Russell, Deacon
7. Mr. Wood is Chaplain of the Boatman's Chapel.²
Mr. Russell has a school in S. Thomas.
8. H. Sacrament 8 and 12 alternately. Holy Sacrament Festivals and
Wednesdays
Sundays Matins 11 *Weekdays* Matins 9 or 11
Evensong 3 and 6.30 Evensong 7.30
Sermons. Sunday M. and E. Festivals and Wednesday evenings
9. Catechizing, Sunday afternoons. Selection of Boys.
Girls, now on the Athanasian Creed.
10. Never less than twice in the Week.
11. Last Easter Day 150. Whitsunday 100.
General average about 40. Yes.
12. Increasing. Church generally full and sometimes overflowing
13. When full the Church holds full one third of the Population 700 ?
causes of absence poverty and indifference.
14. Two for Parish purposes, one Queen's Letter, one Diocesan, one for a
Colonial Diocese
15. 100 girls } Chiefly by subscription.
70 boys }
90 mixed, chiefly young.
The same with additions on Sunday.

¹John George Wood (1827-89), a writer on natural history. *D.N.B.*

²cf. ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, OXFORD, p. 113.

16. A good many.
17. We generally have some special classes in Winter Evenings, no great success
18. None. About 10 or 12 families.
19. I have not seen them
20. Nothing to mention or suggest.
21. Yes. Of the present Churchwardens one regularly (daily) the other irregularly on Sundays
22. The arrangement of the West end of the Church, under a Faculty.
23. No

PIDDINGTON

1. Charles Hill. Oct. 22.¹
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty.
4. None
5. There is no Curate.
7. Not any
8. The Morning Service with Sermon begins at 11 o'clock, the afternoon at half past six, when there is also Sermon.
9. During Lent, when they are required to say the Catechism as in Prayer Book, every Sunday in school.
10. At Christmas, Easter, Whitsuntide and Michaelmas
11. Forty
No
12. About 100. Increasing.
13. Yes
14. On behalf of the Soldiers' Wives and children and the "S.P.G." in Foreign Parts.
15. Only Sunday School held in the Chancel of the Church every Sunday morning and afternoon
18. One room only with about a dozen professed Dissenters
21. It is in very bad repair especially Chancel, but a Vestry has been held and Rate passed for laying out £54 in altering Reading Desk, Pulpit and a few Pews.
Yes.
22. None
23. That it is most desirable that if possible there should be a Day School in the village as most essential to remove the great ignorance that at present exists.

¹1853. Presented by the householders after a keenly contested election. cf. newspaper account in *Diocese Book*, f. 381.

PYRTON

1. Charles R. Conybeare.
October 1852
2. Yes
3. The whole duty.
4. No other
5. No curate

8. Two services on Sunday, a weekly service during Lent.
Morning at 11 A.M. daily during passion week
Evening 3½ P.M.
two sermons on Sunday and whenever Prayers are read.
9. Not as yet in Church.
10. Monthly
11. At great festivals 35
Other occasions 18
Yes
12. The average morning about 90
evening over 100
It has increased and seems stationary now nearly.
13. A very good attendance of the men, deficient in the women, but my young female parishioners generally go out to service early.
14. Only for the Queen's letter and the Diocesan Pastorals.
15. One school for boys and girls. 40 Pupils. Mainly by Mr. Hamersly.¹
16. But seldom.
17. I have tried a class at a convenient hour to the boys in my own house on Sunday, which after a while failed.
18. None, and only two decidedly Dissenting families both Farmers.
20. The early age at which children are withdrawn from school and then having charge of the cattle feeding on Sunday, which keeps them from School and Church.
21. It has all things necessary.
The Churchwardens are regular in discharge of duties
22. None, I am sorry to say.²

¹Hugh Hamersley (1813-84), of Pyrton Manor.

²The church was in "a terrible state of dilapidation." *Diocese Book*, f. 389b.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT

1. Rev. J. Heathcote Brooks, residing abroad, to avoid detection.¹ 1848
2. No. Living sequestered.
3. A Curate has sole charge of the Parish
4. No.
5. Yes. July 11 1851
6. Revd. W. C. Raffles Flint. Priest
7. No
8. Throughout the year 9 times in the week.

Sunday	{	10.30 Sermon	} 2 Sermons weekly
		3. Catechizing (Litany, Baptism)	
		6. Sermon	
Festivals	{	11	} 11.15 { Late Services with Lecture in Advent and Lent
		7 Sermon	
Daily		8.45 A.M.	
9. On Sunday afternoon after Litany, and daily in the School. In the latter I catechise the subject first *with* them and then out of them. In Church I intersperse the questions with addresses to the Congregation.

¹He launched into enormous expense in rebuilding the rectory, fell into debt and disappeared in 1851. R. W. Jeffery, *The Manors and Advowson of Great Rollright* (Oxfordshire Record Society ix, 1927), p. 165 f.

Now I do not for a moment think that any compulsory discipline is ever likely to be put in force, nor would it be practicable, in the temper of men's minds, if it were. But might there not be in each Parish a voluntary Society, bound by the disciplinary rules of the Church, rubrics and canons, with special rules to be approved by the Bishop, and perhaps meeting togr. in special services either in the Church or elsewhere?

The subject has long been before my mind, "How can I get these people to feel they belong to the Church?" The close contact afforded at seasons of Confirmation is most blessed, and one longs to be able to keep the same hold over the Candidates for some period after. My meagre notions seems to have taken a more consistent form after reading the Article on "Ch. of E. Religs. Socy." ¹ in the current No. of the Xtian. Remembrancer which you have probably seen.

I make no apology for troubling you with these imperfect remarks. For when a Bishop thus calls upon us Clergy the humblest may be allowed to state his grievance.

Believe me my dear Lord

Yrs. affy. and obliged

W. C. RAFFLES FLINT

¹This article has not been identified.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT

1. William Ernest Stevens 1836
2. No
3. Yes, he performs the whole duty
4. Yes. The Rectory of Salford
8. One service at 12.15 p.m. One sermon is preached
9. They attend the day school at Salford and are catechised there
10. Four times in the year viz. Easter, Whitsunday, S. after Michmas. and Xtnas.
11. The average number is from 6 to 12 Yes.
12. 15.
13. Yes.
14. For the Families of the soldiers engaged in the East.
15. None
18. There are no Dissenting places of worship
21. The church is in good repair and all things are duly provided, and the Churchwarden discharges his duties regularly.
22. No
23. There is also a service on Good Friday

Rectory of ROTHERFIELD GREYS near Henley, Oxon.

1. The Revd. J. Smith, Rectory, Greys
5 June and 7 June 1851
2. He has
3. He has an assistant Curate
4. None
5. He is. 15 Dec. 1853
6. Arthur Dixon. Priest.
7. None.

8. Two full duties with two Sermons at the Parish Church and the same at the Licensed Schoolroom, Witheridge Hill, every Sunday at 11 and 3 o'clock.
9. Regularly in Church during Lent, and twice a week in the Schoolroom, in the Ch : Cat : and explanation, and viva voce questions
10. Four times a year, Easter, Trinity, Michs., Xmas
11. There have been 36 comts. but rarely more than 20 at Greys and perhaps 7 at Witheridge Hill
12. The congregation has increased in the two last years and is now very regular, number precisely unknown.
13. All the respectable parishioners come very regularly in the morning and send their servants in the evening.
14. For the Queen's letters, the Bishop's orders, the wives and children of the Eastern army. These have been so numerous that the local charities have been obliged to yield.
15. Two day Schools, supported chiefly by the Rector and some subscriptions. About 40 and 20 scholars ought to attend in each respectively, but we cannot enforce attendance.
16. Very rarely. All are usually removed at or before ten years of age.
17. No
18. In the upper or Rectorial district of Greys there is none, nor dissenters
19. I am much more ignorant than I wish respecting the last Census, which was taken before my institution.
20. The low state of education, morals and church going, and feeling must, I fear, be attributed to previous neglect. Nothing could be more lamentable than the condition in which the parish was found, and it must now be by long, quiet, and persevering labour, that the evil can be repaired and any effectual change produced. The opening of another place of worship at Witheridge Hill has had the best effect. It is used and thankfully attended by the poor, and in time, with a resident Curate, may be expected to succeed, but great time and patience will be required for this good end.
21. Yes
22. None
23. None

The Consolidated Chapelry of the HOLY
TRINITY CHURCH, ROTHERFIELD GREYS, Oxon

1. William Philip Pinckney
April 1849
2. Yes
3. He has an assistant Curate
4. He holds no other cure.
5. The Curate is duly licenced September 1853
6. Charles Pitman Longland, in Priest's Orders
7. The Curate does not perform any other duty statedly.
8. Three Services with a Sermon after each, on Sundays commencing respectively at 11 A.M. 3 P.M. and $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 P.M.
9. The Children are not catechised, except those that attend the School, and then in School
10. On the first Sunday in each month and on the Greater Festivals and Good Friday

11. About 40 at the great festivals. About 25 on the other occasions. I do not keep a list of communicants
12. About 300. The numbers has increased during the last 9 months owing to the closing of Henley Church.
13. The no. of attendants at Church *belonging to the Chapelry* does not bear a fair proportion to the Population. I know of no particular reason for the fact
14. The Society for the propagation of the Gospel. Several collections for the incidental expenses of the Churchwardens
15. An Infants' School in connection with the Church, and a mixed School on the British System. The Infants' School is supported by annual subscribers. There are about 80 children on its books
16. On leaving the Infants' School, the children mostly attend at the Natl. schools of Henley, and none that have left those Schools attend the Sunday School of the Chapelry.
17. None
18. The Congregational Chapel, supported by the Dissenters of Henley, mainly. I cannot state with any certainty the number of Dissenters within the limits of the Chapelry.
21. It is
They do
22. The Reading Desk and Pulpit have been made to interchange positions, under the authority of the Ch. wardens, a Gangway has been cut through the seats under the wall of the south side aisle, under the same authority, with (I believe) the sanction of the Diocesan.

ROTHERFIELD-PEPPARD

Henley on Thames

1. Henry Reynolds. Rotherfield Peppard, Henley on Thames. Oct. 1848
2. He has
3. He performs the whole duty
4. He does not
7. He does not
8. There are two services on Sundays one at eleven A.M., the other at three P.M.
9. On week days and on Sundays before every service
10. Five times in the year
11. I do not either count the communicants or keep a list of them.
12. I never count the congregation. It appears not to vary in number.
13. It appears to bear as great a proportion to the total population as can be expected
14. For the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts and on behalf of the Culham College.
15. There are three Day Schools and a Sunday School for children of all ages. The School connected with the Church of England is supported by subscription from the residents and owners of land in the Parish. The Schools average 20
16. I am able to retain a few.
17. I have not.
18. There is an independent chapel. There are about 6 families that belong to the independent congregation.

19. I am not able to do so.
20. I can not mention anything that does so.
21. The church is in good repair and the Churchwardens discharge their duties regularly.
22. None have been made.
23. There is none

SALFORD

1. William Ernest Stevens
1836
2. Yes
3. Yes, he performs the whole duty.
4. Yes. The Rectory of Little Rollright
8. There are two services viz. one in the morning at 10.15 and one in the evening at 2-45. There is at present only one sermon preached; at evening service. These services are performed in the school-room
9. Occasionally. I pursue the Biblical method.
10. Four times in the year viz. Easter Sunday, Trinity Sunday, Sunday after Michaelmas and Christmas day
11. The average number is 20.
Yes
12. 60 in the morning and 100 in the evening.
13. No. I attribute the deficiency chiefly to want of accomodation.
14. For the Families of the Soldiers engaged in the East
15. There is one day school for children and one Sunday school for children. 45 in the day and 50 to 60 in the Sunday.
16. No
17. Some years ago I did so by holding an evening school twice in the week. It succeeded for a time but was obliged to be given up on account of bad attendance.
18. There is one Dissenting place of worship. I cannot say what is the number of Dissenters as most of the people come to church when there is accomodation
19. I am unable to give any certain information on the subject.
21. It is in course of rebuilding.
23. There are also two services on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Ascension Day

WET SANDFORD near Oxford

1. The Presumed Incumbent is the Revd. E. F. Latimer also Rector of 2 portions of Waddesden, Bucks¹
2. Never resident
4. Waddesden Bucks. 2 portions
5. The Revd. J. Slatter is off. Minister
6. By wish of the present Patron of the Donative²
He is in Priest's Orders.
7. Teacher in his own private school.
8. Sunday, Xmas Day, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday at 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. with sermons at each service except Ash Wednesday. On Saints' Days Mornng. Service without sermon at 10.

¹Rector of Waddesdon (1829-81), living at Shepherd's Bush, Middlesex.

²The Duke of Marlborough.

9. In Lent publicly, and one class always privately every Sunday.
10. On the first Sunday of every month and the great Festivals, from 12 to 15 times a year
11. At great festivals 20
On other occasions 10
No list kept.
12. In the Mg. 40 adults } and 40 children
Aftn. 60 — }
rather on the increase in the Mg., decidedly so in the Afternoon.
13. Fair comparatively, but not as one would wish
Not more than 10 adults probably are present at both services
14. In 1853 for the National Society and Culham Diocesan College.
15. An unsatisfactory Dame School which receives some teaching from the Dame's son. It is a mixed Day School with 40 scholars. There are about 50 come to a Sunday School, the latter is supported by the Farmers, the Day School by myself and the children's paymts.
16. Very partially, and I am unable to make great efforts as I have no proper school room.
17. No
18. None
19. None directly bearing on the question of *this* census but I formerly had experience large and well founded of the wilful inaccuracy of Dissenters in making reports of their numbers.
20. No
21. Yes
Yes
22. No
23. His Lordship will kindly allow me to say that not having been able first to consult with the Patron of the Donative these answers are made 'salvo jure patroni.'

SANDFORD

1. Thomas Curme.¹ Sandford, Woodstock 1841
2. Yes
3. Performs the whole duty
4. No
8. Two full Services with two Sermons every Lord's Day, morning and afternoon in winter ; morn. and even. in summer
9. They learn the Catechism at School.
10. Once a month
11. The average for 1853 was 35½, is not greater at festivals than at other times. I keep no list.
12. I cannot tell the average—My church was *full* last Sunday evening
13. Not so large as I could wish.
14. For the Jews' Society and for the wives and chiln. of wives and soldiers abroad—I do not remember what other.
15. One infant and juvenile school supported by *various* means about 50 in the day school about 75 in the Sunday.
16. Yes
17. No

¹He had recently fallen out with his Bishop. cf. *Diocese Book* f. 420.

- 18. No place of worship.
- 19. No
- 20. Nothing peculiar
- 21. Yes
- 22. Yes
- 23. No

SARSDEN.

- 1. Charles Barter 1817
- 2. Yes
- 3. Performs the whole Duty.
- 4. Churchill and Cornwell
- 8. Morning Service weekly at 10½ with sermon. The bulk of Parishioners attending Churchill Church Service in the evening.
- 9. Yes, in the School
- 10. Four times
- 11. From 40 to 50.
No, but I know them thoroughly, and am aware of their absence.
- 12. From 70 to 90 dependent on the Residence of Mr. Langston's Family.¹
- 13. Yes
- 14. Ch. Building
Dioc. Training School
Wives of soldiers etc.
- 15. Schools for Boys, Girls and Infants, supported by small endowment, and by Mr Langston's charity.
80 Boys, do. Girls, Infants 20.
These common to the Parishes of Sarsden and Churchill
- 16. Yes
- 17. Several adults attend an evening Reading Room and receive lessons from the Schoolmaster on two evenings in the week.
- 18. None
- 19. In this Parish I made a correct Return and there was no Dissenting congregation to return their numbers.
- 21. Yes
- 22. None
- 23. None
I have received no separate Queries for Churchill.

¹James Haughton Langston, of Sarsden House.

SHILTON

- 1. Arthur Neate, Alvescot, Lechlade
Oct? 4 1829
- 2. Not at Shilton
- 3. Yes. No curate.
- 4. Holds and serves Alvescot.
- 8. Evening service with sermon at 2 P.M. every Sunday, Christmas day and good Friday.
- 9. I use the prayer book explaining the catechism and its connection with the services.
- 10. Four times a year.

11. About 14 or 18
No list.
12. The church is tolerably full but there are sittings for many more than come.
13. No. Dissent.
14. Socy. for Prop. the gospel in foreign parts.
Wives and children of soldiers in the east.
15. One Sunday and daily school in a cottage.
Endowment £8 a year. No. of Children between 40 and 50.
16. No
17. No
18. One. It is difficult to draw the line. There may be six adults who never come to church
19. No test of dissent in any particular place owing to influx of strangers on a Sunday.
20. Dissent, public houses and beer shops.
Perhaps lectures, not *professedly* religious.
21. Yes
Yes
22. Bells new cast. New communion table ordered, tho not sent home
23. No

SHIPLAKE.

1. D. Ravensley. Inducted 23 January 1849
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty
4. He holds no other benefice or cure.
8. Service with Sermon twice every Sunday, except on Sundays when the Holy Communion is administered when there is only one sermon.
9. In the Sunday school
10. 7 or 8 times in the course of the year
11. From 40 to 45 at the gt. Festivals
— 15 to 35 at other seasons
I keep a list of communicants
12. About 100 besides school children. Varies in bad weather owing to the very long distance at which many parishioners are situated with respect to the Church.
13. to the Church.
14. National Society for Education of the Poor
Shiplake National School.
Culham Training Establishment.
15. A village mixed school in connexion with National Socy.
16. Only a few of the elder girls
17. I have tried an evening school for young lads, but not with success enough to continue the experiment
18. We know no Dissenting place of worship within the Parish : but two on the borders
20. The chief difficulty for the Incumbent of this Parish is the scattered position of the houses, very few being within a mile of the Church.
21. A remedy might be found in having an assistant curate, but the income of the living will not admit of this
22. The Church is in good repair and a clock has recently been put up in the Tower

SHIPTON ON CHERWELL.

1. H. J. Passand
Shipton on Cherwell
Kidlington
Oxon.

Instituted 6 May 1831	}	Inducted 8 May 1831
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2. He has been resident during the time prescribed by law.
3. He performs the whole duty.
4. He does not hold any other benefice or serve any other cure.
5. There is no Curate
6. There is no Curate
7. There is no Curate
8. On Sunday prayers and Sermon at 11 o'clock and evening prayers at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3 o'clock. No weekly duty. Prayers and Sermon on Xmas day at 11 o'clock and evening prayers at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3 o'clock. On Good Friday prayers and Sermon at 11 o'clock. No evening duty.
9. On Sunday morning and evening before the Services.
By questions from the Prayer Book and Old and New Testament
10. Easter Sunday, Trinity Sunday, 1st Sunday after Xmas day and about the 8th Sunday after Trinity.
11. About 16 at the great festivals, and the same at the other seasons.
12. About 60, and has been for the last two years decidedly on the increase.
13. I decidedly think that it does bear a fair proportion to the population of the Parish
14. Only one for the Wives of the Soldiers gone to the East
15. There is only a Sunday school for children and it is supported by the Incumbent. There is a school room now building and which we hope to get completed in a few weeks to be used as a daily school, the cost of building and supporting by the parish, except 5 : 0 : 0 per annm. from New College, Oxford
16. It has not as yet been tried inasmuch as we have not had a daily school in the parish.
17. I have not.
18. There is no Dissenting place of worship or a single Dissenter in the parish
19. I cannot
21. It is in very good repair, it was built in 1831.
It is provided with all necessary things.
The Churchwardens regularly discharge their duties.
22. No alterations have been made in the Church or Chancel or in the manner of fitting up, except that the Clerk's seat has been moved from immediately under the Reading Desk to another part of the Church.
There was a stove erected in the Chancel last winter
23. There is not

SHIPTON UNDER WYCHWOOD

1. William Edward Dickson Carter, Shipton under Wychwood
Date of Institution December 30. 1852 Chipping Norton
Date of Induction January 22. 1853
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty
4. No
5. There is a Curate for St. James' *Ramsden*, not licensed but under the sanction of the Bishop.

6. Revd. Macdonald Caunter, a Priest
7. No
8. Two full services on Sunday at 11 o'clock and 3 o'clock respectively. *Two sermons.*
Services with Sermons during Lent and Advent (Friday evenings during the former). Service and Sermon every day in the Holy Week. The same on the festivals of our Lord's Ascension and Nativity.
Services in Easter and Whitsun week, also on Parish Club days.
9. During Lent and Advent in the morning *weekly* service, entirely without Book.
10. On the principal Holy Days and every other month
11. Varying from 80 to 100 or 120. The average is never less. I have not a list, but I remember the Communicants.
12. The Church is quite full on Sundays. We could scarcely hold more than do come.
13. Yes
14. The Shipton School.
The Diocesan College at Culham
The Propagation of the Gospel.
15. This is the last negative answer to the question, which ever, I trust, need be given. The Shipton and Milton schools are both almost finished.
The Lineham is supported by Mr. Langston¹ and goes on well.
18. None in Shipton. There are *three* in Milton. The number of Dissenters in Shipton amounting perhaps to four or five individuals. In Milton and Lineham there are a great number, probably two thirds of the population, but I verily believe their Dissent or at least the Dissent of the majority will be at once overcome by the New Church.
21. Shipton Church needs as much as any I saw Restoration. I cannot say that it is in good repair, tho' it is free from weather etc.
There are also things necessary for the performance of Divine Service.
The Churchwardens are excellent.

¹James Haughton Langston, of Sarsden House.

Chapelry of St. James RAMSDEN
in Shipton under Wychwood

1. William Edward Dickson Carter, Shipton under Wychwood
Date of Institution Dec. 1852 Chipping Norton
Date of Induction Jan. 1853
2. He resides in Shipton Vicarage.
The parish is a Chapelry
3. See answers to Shipton.
4. Ditto
5. The Curate for the Chapelry is not licensed, but under the sanction of the Bishop.
6. Rev. Macdonald Caunter, a Priest.
7. No
8. A full service every Sunday alternately at 11 and 3 o'clock. The same on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Christmas day, a sermon at every service.
9. They are catechised in their schoolroom frequently but not in church.
10. Four times a year.
11. The average of attendants at the Holy Communion is from 26 to 30.

12. The average is 120, on the increase. The chapel frequently is quite full
13. I think it does altho' there is great Dissent in the neighbourhood
14. A sermon for the Propagation of the Gospel
15. A Parish day and Sunday school supported *entirely* by contributions.
Day Scholars from 35 to 40
Sunday — from 50 to 60
16. Very few, and these irregular in attendance
17. No
18. One Wesleyan Chapel, many of whose members attend the Church, and nearly all their children !!!
19. The probable number is about 60 or 80
20. The necessity of the Clergyman's living so far from his cure, (there being no residence in Ramsden) is a great impediment
21. It is in good repair and is duly provided with all things necessary for performance of Divine Service. The Chapel Warden is not a Communicant but is attentive to his secular duties.
22. No. A good stove has been presented, which was much required.

SHIRBURN near Tetsworth
Oxfordshire

1. The Revd. James Beauchamp
inducted in 1832
2. Resident at Crowell
3. He has an Assistant Curate
4. He holds the living of "Crowell."
5. The Curate is duly licensed and was so at Xmas 1853.
6. The Revd. Henry J. Martin, a Deacon.
7. He assists in the duties of Crowell.
8. At *Shirburn* there is one full service in each Sunday.
Morning and Aftn. alternately at 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. respectively
9. Two or three times a week, by question and explanation
10. 4 times a year
11. Between 30 and 40 at the great festivals, perhaps : 16 or 20 at other times.
I keep no list
12. The No. in my congregation ranges from 60 to 150 and I think the average is increasing
13. The congregation does bear a fair proportion to the No. of the inhabitants.
14. One for the National Society in April, and one for } 1853
the College at Culham in Octr.
15. A daily school, for Children of both sexes from 3 years to 14, numbering about 40 children.
A Sunday School.
Supported by the "Countess of Macclesfield."¹
17. The Countess of Macclesfield established an evg. School in the winter, and the attendance varied from 8 to 20 adults.
18. There is no dissenting place of worship in the Parish, the number of dissenters very few.
19. No
21. The Church is in good repair and duly furnished.
The Churchwardens are zealous and attentive.
22. A new organ has been presented by the Patron.

¹Wife of the sixth Earl of Macclesfield (1811-96), of Shirburn Castle.

²Lord Macclesfield.

SIBFORD

1. Wm. S. Miller, Sibford, Banbury.
Instituted A.D. 1848
2. Yes
3. I perform the whole duty except that when I am absent for a few days I have made arrangements with the Revd. G. Fielding, Curate of Upwell, to take my weekly duty. W.S.M.
4. No
8. Daily morning prayer at 10.30—Sunday afternoon at 3.0 and evening at 6 : 30. Two Sermons each Sunday, and a lecture each Saint's day.
9. Every Friday at morning prayer after the second lesson taking the Ch. Catechism and liturgy as the text.
10. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays in each month, and on the Great Festivals
11. On Easter day about 100, other festivals 60, ordinary celebrations 35. I keep a list
12. About 350, there is no perceptible increase or decrease.
13. Yes
15. Daily Schools for boys and girls, and Sunday Schools, the former endowed, the latter supported by contributions, there are between 80 and 90 children in each.
16. Yes
17. Evening schools for Adults have been tried without success, except in a few instances among the girls.
18. Quakers and Wesleyans, numbering together about 150
19. No
20. Isolation : want of uniformity in the work of the church : for which it appears that meetings of the clergy, and revival of Convocation afford the only true remedy.
21. Yes
22. None
23. I have residing in my parish a man and woman, nephew and Aunt respectively, who are living as man and wife, having, as they state, been married at Wolverhampton.

SOMERTON Population 342

N.B. I regret that in consequence of my absence from Somerton during the last two months there has been a delay in my receiving and answering the accompanying questions.

R.C.C.

1. Robert Cox Clifton¹. April 12 1840
2. Yes
3. He has a Curate.
4. He serves no other cure but holds a Canonry in the Cathedral Church of Manchester.
5. Yes. Date of Licence Decr. 1853
6. Oswald Pattison Sergeant B.A. A Deacon.
7. No
8. Two services with sermons every Sunday, except when the Holy Communion is administered, when there is no morning sermon. Two full

¹Robert Cox Clifton (1810-61) took an active part in public life at Manchester.
D.N.B.

services on Christmas day, and Good Friday. Two services (one sermon) on Ash Wednesday. Services (without sermon) on Holy Days. Morning $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10. Afternoon $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2. From May to September evening service at 6 instead of afternoon services.

9. At the schools, both Sunday and Daily.
10. Monthly, and on the three great Festivals, Christmas Day, Easter Day and Whit Sunday.
11. Fifty four
Twenty eight.
I do not keep a list, but I know my Parishioners communicating and others, personally.
12. In a morning 140
In an afternoon or evening 180 or 90 } gradually but very perceptibly increasing
13. The number does bear a fair proportion to the population which 342 including about 20 Roman Catholics
14. For the Queen's letter, and for the Diocesan Training College at Culham.
15. Daily Girls school supported by Lady Jersey² with small payment from the scholars. 24 scholars
Daily Infant school supported in the same way. 18 scholars
Daily Boys school, free, old endowment. 18 scholars
Boys Sunday school. Master paid by myself. 22 scholars
Girls Sunday school. Mistress paid by myself. 24 scholars
16. Yes, this is now the case with the boys who leave the Daily school young to go to work, but who remain two or three years afterwards or more in the Sunday school
17. I have not at present been able to establish Adult or evening schools
18. Dissenting place of worship
About 24 Dissenters including 20 Romanists
The Dissenters (not Romanists) frequently come to Church.
19. I believe that in my Parish the returns were correctly given, forms referring to the matters on which information was sought for were sent to myself, and I believe to the churchwardens, and the answers sent were correct to the best of our judgement.
20. No. I am thankful to say that there is a desire to profit by the ministrations of the Church : and my Parish is happily free from any Dissenting Place of worship, and has no beer-shop to tempt the people to intemperance
21. My Church is in good substantial repair, and duly provided with all necessaries for divine service. My churchwardens discharge their duties efficiently in the church and out of it, and rarely miss an opportunity of attending the Holy Communion
22. Last year the Chancel arch was rebuilt, the chancel walls restored on the inside, and the whole chancel paved with Minton's tiles.
In the body of the Church several high pews were cut down, and the position of the reading desk was changed. These repairs and alterations took place with the sanction, and many of them at the suggestion of the late Rural Dean, the Revd. H. Roundell.
23. Nothing occurs to me.

²Wife of the fifth Earl of Jersey, of Middleton Park.

SOULDERN

1. Lawrence Stephenson 1835
2. Yes

3. No Curate
4. No other Benefice. No other Cure.
5. No Curate
6. No Curate
7. No Curate
8. On Sunday morning prayers and sermon at eleven
—evening —three.
On Xmas day the same
On Good Friday prayers and sermon in the morning
—prayers and sermon in the afternoon
Ash Wednesday } prayers in the morning
Holy Thursday }
9. At the Sunday school chiefly before confirmation.
Hear and expound the Church Catechism.
10. Six times, being two more than in 1852 previously
11. From 30 to 40. The same at the four great festivals and other times.
The list with other private papers is supposed to be lost. Cannot be found
12. About 152. Minm. 119. Maxm. 205
Stationary
13. The number of inhabitants is 600. I therefore think it bears a fair proportion to the no. of church goers.
14. The Queen's letter. The Bishop's letter. The clothing club.
Wives and children of the soldiers in the East.
15. Boys and Girls school connected with the Church, Day and Sunday.
No Adult. No infant school. Supported partly by endowment, partly by donation.
16. Very little.
17. None
18. Wesleyan meeting house, 16 in connexion, congregation 25 or 35. Roman catholic chapel, 12 in the village, 8 strangers.
19. The numbers stated to have been in the church and meeting house are supposed to be true. I am told that the wesleyans made an effort to fill the meeting house, children in arms etc. being brought in. I made no effort.
20. Nothing, the clerk being removed.
21. Yes
Yes
22. Half restored with the sanction of the late Rural Dean.
23. Nothing

SPELSBURY.

1. Jno Williams, Heavitree, Exeter.
1841
2. Non-resident.
3. None. Has a Curate.
4. Not at present.
8. Licensed in the year 1847
6. Charles Carey. Priest
7. As Curate of Wilcote
8. Two full Services at 11 a.m. and 3½ p.m. on Sundays. Xmas Day, Good Friday and Ascension Day. On Ash Wednesday at 11 and 7 p.m.

- Evening Services on Saints' Days at 7 p.m. and every night in Passion Week as well as every Wednesday in Lent and Advent at 7 p.m. Sermons on every occasion. Morning Prayer on Fridays in Lent and Advent.
9. Daily in the School. Publicly in Church on Sunday afternoons in Lent. Subjects chosen from Catechism and Church Services.
 10. The first Sunday in every month except when the Chief Festivals claim precedence.
 11. On Festivals about 30
At other times about 20
A List of Communicants is kept.
 12. From 80 to 100 *Adults*. Rather decreasing from what it was a few years back.
 13. The proportion is too small and is owing partly to the hamlets being scattered, an increase of Dissent and of late to a village quarrel. There is however a separate Private Chapel at wh : those near it attend.
 14. The Queen's letter. Soldiers Children. Culham Training School
 15. One general School for the Parish, supported by Viscount Dillon.¹ An average attendance of 30 boys and 30 girls besides Sunday Scholars abt. 15.
 16. Yes, for a limited period.
 17. Adult School in the winter evenings. This has been attended less in proportion as the Day School has done its work.
 18. Only one cottage meeting but there are Dissenting Chapels close at hand. Number of Dissenters, say 60 exclusive of their children.
 19. In this Parish and neighbourhood the Dissenters filled their assemblies on purpose. So far as I made returns with regard to the church they were taken from my own observation with as correct an average as possible
 20. Nothing beyond ordinary difficulties of contending with Dissent and apathy and the entire absence of any lay influence to back up one's endeavours
 21. It is in good repair and provided with all necessary furniture. The Church wardens discharge their ordinary duties regularly.
 22. More becoming Seats have been substituted for certain rough Benches in the Chancel for which no Authority was conceived to be necessary.
 23. No

¹The fourteenth Viscount Dillon (1810-65), of Ditchley Park.

STANDLAKE

1. Henry Biddulph, Birdenbury nr Dunchurch.
2. No
3. No, the duty performed by Curate
4. Birdenbury, Warwickshire
6. Frank Burges, Priest
7. Curate of Yelford
8. Two full duties with two Sermons half past ten and three o'clock each Sunday. Service with Sermon on Xmas, Good Friday, Easter and Ascension Day. No sermon on Sacrament Sunday mornings
9. In the Church School using Church Catechism
10. Twelve times a year.
11. No difference, averaging near sixty. I keep a list of communicants
12. Between three and four hundred. It does not decrease
13. Yes.

14. Propagation Society. Radcliff Infirmary
15. Day school about forty. Sunday school average near eighty. The former supported by a legacy, the latter by subscriptions
16. Very few
17. No
18. One Baptist Chapel
21. Yes with exception of Spire which is in a ruinous state. The Church-wardens do their duty and a slight observation would ensure the reparation of Spire¹
22. None

¹The Bishop visited on March 27 1855. "A roomy handsome church hideously bepewed. Great evils from always non-resident incumbent." *Diocese Book*, f. 467.

STANTON HARCOURT with
the Chapelry of SOUTHLEIGH.

1. William Percival Walsh, Stanton Harcourt, Oxon.
Instituted March 29 1845
Inducted May 11 1845
2. Yes
3. Yes he performs the whole duty.
4. No
7. No
8. At Stanton Harcourt there is morning service at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 and afternoon service at 6 from March 25 to Sept. 29. The rest of the year there is morning service *only*. At Southleigh there is an afternoon service at 2 throughout the year. There is a sermon at all of these services.
10. Four times a year in each parish at the four quarter festivals.
11. At Stanton Harcourt between 40 and 50. At Southleigh between 30 and 40.
12. At Stanton Harcourt 200
At Southleigh 150
13. Yes, I think so
14. A charity sermon for the widows and children of the soldiers sent out to the East.
15. A weekly school at Stanton Harcourt.
At Southleigh a weekly and Sunday school. These schools are supported partly by annual subscriptions, and partly by weekly payments from the scholars.
18. I do not know of any dissenters at Stanton Harcourt.
At Southleigh there are nine or ten families dissenters.
21. Both the Church and Chapelry are in good repair, and duly provided with all things necessary for the performance of divine service, and the church-wardens regularly discharge their duties.
22. None

STANTON ST. JOHN
OXON

1. Henry Stonhouse, Stanton St. John, Oxford
1835
2. Yes

3. Assisted on Sundays by different friends principally by Revd. William Wetherell.
4. No
8. Sunday Morning and Evg. 11 and $\frac{1}{4}$ to 3. One.
9. After Evg. Service. My own.
10. Four times
11. Fluctuated very much.
12. Don't know
13. Not aware what I am to consider a fair proportion
14. In aid of families of Soldiers in foreign service.
15. One weekday for children above 5
By endowment. Number varies
18. One small chapel. Don't know.
19. Have not got, or seen it
21. Yes
22. No

Parish of STEEPLE ASTON
County of Oxford

1. Joseph Burrows, instituted and inducted in the year 1832
2. During the whole year
3. He performs the whole duty himself and has no assistant Curate.¹
4. None
5. No answer required
6. do. do.
7. None
8. Divine Service is performed on each Sunday twice with one Sermon—
Services commence Morning 11 and Evening at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. The children are catechised every day at school.
We use the broken Catechism² and Crossman³ etc.
10. Four times in the year
11. The average on Xmas and Easter Day is about 50, the least within the last
4 years being 48, the greatest 57.
12. About 190, including the Sunday Scholars. I think not much variation.
13. It is something less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the whole population
14. For the wives and children of soldiers sent to the East and for the S.P.G.
Society
15. One endowed School and Sunday School and various Minor Schools, the
latter being supported by subscription. The no. of Scholars at the
endowed School being 25 and the Sunday School 62, at the others —
16. The girls generally remain some time after, but not the boys
18. We have a reformed Wesleyan Chapel. The nr. of Dissenters few if any,
i.e. of such as never attend at the Parish Church.
19. I cannot. I know not whether any of the Inhabitants were returned as
Dissenters.
20. I cannot say
21. It is in good repair
22. None

¹" I try to get him being rich to keep a curate. He resents hotly, alas ! " *Diocese Book*, f. 30.

²cf. BRITWELL SALOME p. 23.

³cf. LILLINGSTON LOVEL p. 87.

STEEPLE BARTON

1. Arthur H. Pakenham, Barton, Woodstock
July 5 1850 Sepr. 22 1850
2. Yes
3. Performs the whole duty.
4. No
8. Two services on Sunday, commencing $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 and $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 (summer 2.45).
Two sermons on Sundays. Service on Saints' Days. Wednesdays in
Lent with sermon
9. Not except at the Sunday and day school
10. Once every month
11. 40. Easter and Xmas 50
No list of communicants hitherto.
12. 120 in the afternoon. In the morning less,—tho' I scarcely can answer the
last question, it is not increasing
13. Scarcely. To the great number of dissenters and to the distance from the
village of the church.
14. Society for Propagation Gospel. Ch : Missionary. Families of soldiers
15. Daily School 80 to 90.
Sunday School (Summer) 60 to 70, about the same in Winter, only fine
days
Night School from 25 Sep : to 25 March average 30 to 35
16. In [a good many]¹ some instances, not however in half.
17. I have been much encouraged last winter in my night school. The night
school is for young men.
18. Wesleyan chapel (it is debated whether in this Parish or Westcot, how-
ever it is contiguous). Primitive Methodists have meetings, cannot say
the number of positive dissenters
19. I have reason to believe that the same persons attended Services of different
denominations on the day of the Census
20. I feel the distance of the church stands in our way, particularly on week
day services such as in Lent.
21. Yes
22. Church rebuilt in 50.51. Since his Lordship reopened it, has been no al-
teration.

Qu: 12. A person in whom I place confidence has told me since I wrote the
above, that the congregation has certainly increased since my coming here. And
it is increasing still. I myself believe this to be the case, tho' upon my own
authority alone wd. not say so.

¹This is crossed out in the M.S.

STOKE LYNE

1. Charles Marsham, Bicester.
18 March 1812
2. Yes¹
3. He performs the whole duty.
4. Caversfield as Incumbent.
5. He has no Curate
8. Alternate Morning and Evening full Services at eleven and two o'clock on
Sundays, Good Friday, Christmas day and Prayers on Ash Wednesday.

¹He resided at Bicester. Mr. Marsham appears to have been somewhat of an
oddity. *Diocese Book*, f. 481.

9. They are catechised every Sunday. The books used are Bell² and Mants³ Catechism.
10. Six times a year including Easter, Whitsunday and Christmas day.
11. About 50. Other seasons 35.
I do not keep a list of communicants
12. About 150 in the morning and 170 in the evening.
It is rather increasing.
13. Yes
14. Queen's letter for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts and for the Families of the Soldiers and Sailors on the Fast day
15. There are there daily Schools containing 40 children and a Sunday School containing about 70. The Sunday School is supported at my expense. I contribute likewise to the daily Schools as also Lady Peyton.⁴ The poor children of the Hamlet of Fewcott attend⁵. School at the adjoining Parish of Ardley which is nearer to Fewcott than Stoke and I subscribe 2 per ann. for this instruction
16. The children generally attend the Sunday School till they have been confirmed
17. There are no adult Schools
18. None
20. I cannot
21. The interior is in good repair, but I am not competent to speak of the exterior. The Churchwardens regularly discharge their duties.
22. There has been no alteration.
23. Not any.

²J. Bell, *Lectures on the Church Catechism* (1816).

³cf. ADDERBURY p. 3.

⁴Wife of Sir Henry Peyton, Bart., of Swift's House.

⁵The Bishop thought Fewcott with its "quite heathen population" to have been neglected. "Best to join it to Ardley, build an aisle and give some endowment to Ardley."

STOKE ROW.

1. J. Arrowsmith, Stoke Row Parsonage, Henley-on-Thames
Licensed 1850
2. Yes
3. Performs the whole duty.
4. No
8. Two Services on the Sunday, morning at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10, afternoon at 3. A
Sermon at each Service.
10. Monthly
11. Twelve. No list kept
12. Morning, thirty. Afternoon, seventy.
13. No. The place is overrun by Dissent
14. Queen's Letter for S.P.G.
15. One Parish School. Average attendance, thirty
18. One Meeting House

NORTH STOKE with NEWNHAM MURREN and IPSDEN

1. The Revnd. Richard Twopeny
2. Yes
3. An assistant Curate

4. No
5. Yes, May 1854
6. Charles L. Thomas, Priest
7. No
8. On Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2½ p.m.
9. Daily, the plainest manner of catechizing, the children are so young.
10. About 5 times
11. Generally about 10. Yes
12. Increasing
13. Yes
14. S.P.C.K., S.P.G. and Queen's letter.
15. Daily school and Sunday, supported by subscriptions.
16. Generally
18. Not any
20. No
21. Yes
Yes
22. Not any.
23. No.

SOUTH STOKE
without WOODCOTE

1. The Revd. P. H. Nind, Woodcote House, Henley-on-Thames. Instituted Oct. 28 1844 and inducted on the 5 of November 1844
2. Yes
3. He has an Assistant Curate
4. He undertakes the two full Sunday Services at Woodcote Chapel.
5. The date of the Licence is Nov : 11 1851
6. George Hunter Fell. Priest.
7. No
8. Two full services on each Sunday at 11 A.M. and 6 P.M. and on the Festivals, with a Sermon on each occasion.
9. Or in the Sunday and weekly Schools in classes
10. On the first Sunday in each month and at the great festivals
11. 13
8
Yes
12. 45 at the Morning Service. 180 at the Evening. It has increased very much and is now stationary.
13. It is not a fair proportion of the Parishioners, as the congregation are formed partly by non-parishioners. I attribute the deficiency to Dissent, and to the evil and immoral example set by the principal Farmers.
14. The National Society
15. Evening School for Adults and Boys, who have left the week School during the winter months from Oct. to March.
Number 34. Sunday School 70 Scholars.
Daily School 51 scholars.
Supported by endowment and subscriptions.
16. Yes until they leave the Parish for service.
17. Yes, by Evening Schools for Men and Boys. The success has been very satisfactory.
18. An Independent place of worship. The whole of South Stoke, with the exception of about 20, are Dissenters

20. The long prevalence of Dissent. The entire want of co-operation and assistance from the largest landed proprietor, the Dean and Canons of Christ Church, whose estates are let to a violent opposer of the Church. And the opening of Beer Houses on Sunday.
21. The Church needs entire restoration or rebuilding.
It is duly provided with all things necessary.
Yes
22. No.
23. The advantage which would accrue by the separation of South Stoke from Woodcote, when at the end of 7 years the living will be considerably increased in value.

STOKE TALMAGE

1. Cranley Lancelot Kerby
1820
2. He has
3. Employs a Curate
4. He holds a portion of Bampton
5. He is. 1847
6. Thomas Broadley Fookes
7. He is Head Master of the Grammar School, Thame
8. On Sunday at 11 and half past 2. The sermon is in the morning.
10. 4 times in each year
11. The number varies from 12 to 17. I do not keep a list
12. Seldom under 50, often more. It neither increases nor diminishes.
13. The poverty of a peasant congregation renders it impossible to make collections
15. There is a Sunday School.
18. There are no dissenting places of worship.

STOKENCHURCH.

1. Job Mayo, P. C. May 15 1849
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
5. No Curate
7. No Curate
8. Two full services with sermons each Lord's Day.
Two on Good Friday and Christmas day at half past ten and three.
9. Sundays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. The Church Catechism and Scripture
10. Six times during the year
11. From thirty to thirty five
From twenty five to thirty
Yes
12. Upwards of two hundred in the morning, three in the afternoon. The morning Congregation has increased
The church continues to be well attended.
13. Yes
14. Church Missionary and Propagation Societies
15. An endowed week day School for boys and Sunday School for boys. Also a Sunday School for girls. No infant School. No adult School. By annual Subscriptions and endowment. Boys 40 girls 70.

16. No
17. No
18. Three
Sixty
19. No
20. No
21. Yes
Yes
22. No
23. No

STONESFIELD

1. Francis Robinson
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty
4. He does not serve any other cure, but is Rector of Staughton Parva in Bedfordshire
7. No
8. The duties are
Sunday { Morning at 11 o'clock
Afternoon 2.30 o'clock
Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent, Passion Week at certain times there is a ev. service. Sermons on Sunday, morn. and afternoon
9. On Sundays in the School often making use of Mr Champneys Explanation¹ and the Broken Catechism.² They are instructed also in the daily School
10. On the first Sunday in every month excepting when that day falls near any of the great festivals, when it is administered on the festival itself and on the Sunday following
11. At the great festivals about 45, on the ordinary occasions 15 to 16
12. The congregation remains much as it has done.
13. I cannot say that it does, though the church generally appears well filled. The deficiency is owing in a great measure to the causes noticed in answer 20
14. During the last year besides the Queen's letter sermons have been preached for the Culham Training school and the wives and children of soldiers and sailors.
15. Daily school averaging 60 in winter and from 40 to 50 when able to work. Sunday school about 90. These schools are supported mainly by the Rector and his family.
16. Yes generally speaking.
17. From October to February the young men are at work much later than in other places which interferes with Evening Schools though the effort has been made and with some success
18. One for Wesleyan Methodists
One for primitive Methodists
It is very difficult to know who are really members of these bodies
19. I am unable to do this

¹W. W. Champneys, *The Church Catechism made plain* (5th ed. 1847) ; *A Simple Catechism for Protestant Children* (3rd ed. 1851).

²cf. BRITWELL SALOME, p. 23.

20. There being 5 licensed public houses and beer shops many of the people earning large wages of which too many make a bad use. The opposition occasioned by Dissenters who receive children into their schools even in spite of the remonstrances of the Incumbent and have their service just so as to interfere with the afternoon service
21. Yes
Yes
22. There has been no alteration in the fabric of the Church strictly speaking but a small door has been opened by the churchwardens into the Belfry in order to prevent the necessity of the ringers passing through the church, which was the occasion of great evil and scandal.³
23. No
- The incumbent thinks it right to state that though the Queen's letter has been read according to order the sermon has not been preached owing to unavoidable circumstances. It is however his intention to preach the sermon on the 9th inst.

³The Bishop visited on March 24 1855 and remarked " The church quite detestable. A vast pulpit raised almost to the ceiling and then curtained against chancel still higher. Curtained pews etc. Galleries all round, in one front of which two ill-behaved young women, whom I reproved . . ." *Diocese Book*, f. 586.

STRATTON AUDLEY

1. Edward Clayton—September 1846
P.O. King William's Town, British Kaffraria, S. Africa
2. Yes
3. During his absence a Curate is in residence
4. No
5. Yes. March 8 1854
6. Horatio Walmisley. Priest
7. No
8. Daily Service at 9 a.m.
Holy days at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Sunday 11 A.M. 3 p.m.
2 Sermons on Sunday, 1 on holidays
9. Every Sunday in School, about once a month in Church, after the second Lesson.
10. On the first Sunday in every month and on the great Festivals
11. 36
25
Yes
12. 200. I can hardly speak as to its increase or decrease there has been no sensible difference lately.
13. The Population is about 340, when the Manor House is occupied : at present it is vacant.¹
14. Culham. This is the only Charity Sermon I find on record. A collection is made monthly for S.P.G.
15. A mixed Parochial School (45) free to the children of the village. Master paid by the Lord of the Manor. Infancy School (15), Mistress paid by children's pence. Sunday School (60)
16. Yes in some measure

¹The property was held by the trustees of the Hon. William John Borlase-Warren Venables-Vernon.

17. I have an Evening School twice a week, attended regularly by 20 of the elder boys, during the winter half year.
18. None. One man and his wife attend the Dissenters meeting at Bicester
19. No
20. No
21. Yes
Yes
22. Yes, by sanction of your Lordship. Floor relaid and repaired, pews rearranged and some new, new plastering, have wall and piers and arches restored. Gallery removed. New Belfry. New doors.
23. The Churchyard requires enlarging speedily and I hope it may be arranged for consecration by next spring.

SUMMERTOWN

1. John Sansom, 4, New College Lane, Oxford
June 1846
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
8. The usual Morning and Evening services with sermons on Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday. Morning service without sermon on Saints' Days, and all Wednesdays and Fridays; also on Ember and Rogation Days
9. The children of the School are catechized by me in School, and occasionally in Church at the conclusion of the week day services.
10. On the first Sunday in every month, on Ascension Day, Christmas Day and Whit Sunday and Trinity Sunday.
11. The communicants on the chief Festivals average from 50 to 60. At other times from 20 to 30. I do keep a list of communicants.
12. About 300. The congregation improves in regularity of attendance.
14. Sermons have been preached for the schools, for the Training College at Culham, and for the wives and families of soldiers.
15. The Parochial School contains about 60 scholars including infants. It is a Sunday and Day School supported by subscriptions. Besides this, there are ten or twelve small private schools in the district.
16. In a few instances.
17. Yes : I have had evening classes, sometimes with apparent advantage.
18. There is one Meeting-house
20. The chief obstacles to the Church's welfare in Summertown arise out of the insufficiency of the Minister's income, which frequently prevents his leading his parishioners to a fitting exercise of works of piety.
21. Subscriptions have been commenced for the enlargement of the Church.
Yes
Yes
22. No

SWALCLIFFE with
EPWELL and SHUTFORD

1. Edward Payne, Swalcliffe Vicarage, Banbury
Instituted and Inducted A.D. 1837
2. Yes

3. Yes. He performs the whole duty of Swalcliffe, and has no assistant Curate for Swalcliffe : but has one for Epwell and one for Shutford.
4. No.
5. Both are duly licensed, the one in 1853, the other in 1854
6. Henry J. Salmon is Curate of Shutford and is in Priest's Orders
G. H. Fielding is Curate of Epwell and is in Deacon's Orders.
7. No
8. Two full services on all Sundays (except when the H : Communion is administered) at 10 : 30 and 2 : 30. Morning Prayers at 9 : 30, whenever a Proper Collect Epistle and Gospel is provided, and on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent.
9. In the Sunday School before service.
10. On the first Sunday of each month, and on the Great Festivals with the exception of Ascension Day.
11. Seventy
Fifty
Yes
12. 150 in the morning : about 200 in the afternoon, inclusive of children.
It is stationary
13. Yes
14. One in obedience to the Queen's letter for the S.P.G. One on the recent Fast Day for the widows and orphans of soldiers and sailors employed in the East.
15. A daily Mixed School. A Sunday Mixed School. An Evening Adult School for young men, held thrice a week in the winter evenings. No infant School. Supported by voluntary subscriptions and children's pence
In daily School 45 : In Sunday 50 : In Adult from 12 to 20
16. In all cases for some years, and usually until nearly or quite, the time of their Confirmation.
17. No
18. None
Two : but they do not plead guilty, if charged with their dissent
19. I made the Census Returns according to the schedule sent, to the best of my ability.
20. No
21. It is now under due repair for such matters as are needed, and is duly provided etc.
Yes
22. I have pulled down the Gallery at the West End of the Church, and thrown open the Tower Arches, together with the west end of the north and south Aisles. I have had no legal authority whatever for so doing, save my own will and that of my Ch : Warden and Parishioners

SWERFORD

1. Thomas Harris 1849
Address, Swerford, Enstone.
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
8. Morning and Evening Services on Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday with sermons at each

9. Occasionally at School. Publicly during Lent in the Church after the 2nd Lesson at Aftn. service.
10. 4 times in the year
11. About 25
12. About 150
13. Yes
14. 1 For the wives and children of soldiers
1 For the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.
15. 1 School (Day and Sunday) for children about 4 years of age, supported by private subscription. Day school about 45. Sunday School about 60
16. Yes
17. No
18. None
19. I am unable to answer this.
20. I am not aware of anything peculiar to this Parish
21. Yes
22. None beyond the staining of the woodwork in the Church, and new framework to the Bells
23. No

Perpetual Curacy of SWINBROOK

1. William Raine, Swinbrook near Burford, Oxon
Instituted and inducted in April 1838
2. He has been so resident.
3. He has a Curate who performs the whole Duty.
4. He holds the adjoining benefice of Widford, but does not serve that church or any other.
5. His Curate is duly licenced. Licence date June 1852
6. George Dawson Turner Layton. Priest.
7. He performs the Duty as Curate of the adjoining Parish of Widford
8. One Service on Sundays alternately morning and evening at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., with a Sermon
9. Twice a week at School and during the summer months at Church using Ch. Catechism and on portions of S.S.
10. Once in 2 months
11. 50 persons make full attendance, 40 average.
A list of communicants is kept.
12. About 150 persons. Much the same during last 2 years
13. All, with very few exceptions, saving the rich, attend the *afternoon* service.
The population is 200
14. 1. for building and repairing Churches.
2. For Missionary College, Culham
3. Society for Propagation of Gospel
15. 1. Day school for boys endowed, 20 boys
2. do. girls supported in part by the children's pence, in part by the incumbent and other contributions. 20 girls.
2. Sunday School, 50 boys and girls
16. There is a class of ten boys engaged in field labour, and about as many girls. But it is difficult to retain them
17. I have for two winters opened an Evening school at which about 20 lads and adults attended, including the 10 Sunday scholars. At first I educated girls also, but that I found it expedient to discontinue.

18. There is no *Meeting house*, but a few primitive Methodists assemble in a cottage. But they regularly attend the Church
 20. Under this head I would mention the insufficiency of many dwellings for comfort or *decency*, and the early age (7 or 8 yrs) at which the children are taken to labour.¹
 21. The Church is out of repair, very dirty within, and the pew accomodation very defective. Repairing and refitting have long been talked of, but the Parish itself cannot provide means.
 22. No alteration
 23. The only matter that seems pressing is the neglected state of the Church
- ¹cf. WESTWELL p. 158.

SWYNCOMBE

Henley on Thames

1. Henry Alfred Napier, on the 13 of October 1826, was instituted to the rectory of Swyncombe, Henley on Thames.
 2. Yes
 3. He performs the whole duty.
 4. No
 8. Morning service at 11 o'clock with Sermon every Sunday through the year, evening service (at 3 o'clock with a Sermon) commences on Palm Sunday, and ends at Michaelmas. From Michaelmas to Palm Sunday the evening service with Sermon is read at the school room. There is full morning service on Christmas day, and there are 2 full services on Good Friday.
 9. At school on Sunday afternoons. The children repeat the catechism, and are questioned by the teacher on it.
 10. 11 times in the year
 11. Labouring people do not attend so well at the great festivals as on other occasions

5 Feb. 54	—	17 communicants.	
5 March	—	26	—
6 April	—	29	— Easter day
4 June	—	24	— Whitsunday
2 July	—	37	—
 12. The congregation certainly has increased of late years.
 13. Yes.
 14. Collections in Church are only made for Queen's Letters, and one lately for Culham School.
 15. There are 2 schools in the Parish, one supported by Mr. Keene,¹ the other partly by a benefactor under the direction of the Minister. Children are invited to come to the latter at 5 years old and few stay at the day school after 10 years of age.
 16. Some of them.
 17. No.
 18. One dissenting place of worship. Some adult persons who are dissenters do not come to church, as I remember at the moment.
 19. No.
 20. No.
 21. Yes
- I have no fault to find with the Churchwardens

¹The Rev. Charles Edmund Ruck Keene (1792-1880), of Swyncombe House.

22. None, with the exception of a flue being lengthened for the better warming of the chancel²
 23. None whatever
- ²" Napier will not allow the enlargement of the church." *Diocese Book*, f. 505.

SYDENHAM

1. William Douglas Littlejohn.
2. Yes
3. Performs it himself
4. None
7. No
8. Two full services on Sundays at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in winter and 6 p.m. in summer. The services at 11 a.m. every Wedy. in Lent, and on Ascension Day, and sermons
9. In school on Sundays
10. About 8 times a year
11. My communicants are 22 !
The average is uniform, about 16
12. I cannot tell correctly—about 150 adult. It is not decreasing certainly
13. I think it does
14. Church Pastoral Aid and Church Missy.
15. A Day School supported by Pence and subscription attendance varies from 20 to 40. A Sunday School with about 75 scholars
16. Pretty well !
17. None
18. 2 Baptist Chapels, one breaking up for lack of attendance, not more than 50 adults and children !
19. I do not think the Church was so minute as the Dissenters, as it would not condescend to reckon babies and little children, nor do I believe any Clergyman wd. canvass for hearers on a Census day as Dissenters would.
20. No external impedient !
21. The Church is about to be enlarged etc. Is properly provided and the warden does his duty satisfactorily
22. None
23. None

TACKLEY, Oxon.

1. Lancelot Arthur Sharpe B.D.
Instituted Nov : 9th. Inducted Nov : 12 1839
2. Yes
3. Yes
No
8. Two full services with two sermons at 11 and 3
9. On Sunday afternoon during Lent after 2nd Lesson.
A 6th portion of the Catechism thoroughly investigated.
10. Every month, besides Good Friday and the Great Festivals
11. 22 and 12
No
12. About 100. I fear not increasing.
13. Scarcely. To the inconvenient position of the church, on the top of the hill, at the farthest part of the village, while the " Chapel " is central on the level. Dissent is rife.

14. 2 for Parish Clubs, Nat. Society, Culham College and Soldiers' wives
15. 1. Mixed for all ages from 2 to 14. Weekly average 54. Sunday School. Boys 35, Girls 35. Supported chiefly by the Rector, and 3 *extra-parochial* subscriptions.
16. Pretty well.
17. An Evening School in winter, it has a very beneficial influence in civilising the young lads, not so much from the instruction given as from intercourse with their betters.
18. A Wesleyan Meeting-house. I do not know the number of members, but almost all the villagers attend the "Chapel" or the Preaching on the Green on Sunday afternoon.
19. No
20. The Chapel and Sunday School attached to it affords a place of refuge to every boy who dislikes correction, which is therefore less enforced than it should be, lest the boys should be lost to the Church and its influence
21. Pretty good. Yes.
22. A new Font presented etc.

TADMARTON

1. Thomas Lea, Tadmarton, Banbury
1824
2. He has
3. He performs the whole duty. He has no curate.
4. Bishops Itchington in the diocese of Worcester.
He serves Tadmarton only.
7. No
8. On Sunday Morning at 11 o'clock. On Sunday Afternoon at 3. A Sermon at each service
9. Mostly in the schoolroom, using the Church Catechism.
10. Eight times a year
11. From 15 to 30. No particular list kept.
12. About 130 in the morning.
About 200 in the evening
Less in winter
13. A fair proportion but decreasing on account of many emigrating and removing. 13 habitations now vacant.
14. The Society for propagation of the Gospel.
15. A Day school and a Sunday School for children supported by the Incumbent. Day school having about 25 to 30, Sunday school about 55.
16. They attend the Sunday School longer than the Day.
17. An evening School is attempted in the winter.
18. No Dissenting place of worship. There are one or two regular dissenting families otherwise the rest call themselves members of the Church of England, tho' many are seldom seen at services.
19. No
21. In good repair, and duly provided.
The Churchwardens are attentive.
22. The North aisle has in part been releaded and the whole roof of the church repaired, under the authority of the Churchwardens.¹

¹The Bishop visited the church on March 18 1855 and thought it had been "sadly mauled. Found white-wash hand bason for baptism, concerning which wrote to Payne." *Diocese Book*, f. 510.

TAYNTON

1. Thomas Lewes, Taynton, Burford, Oxfordshire
Instituted Decr : 3 1819. Inducted Jan. 7th 1820
2. He has, having been absent only two Sundays.
3. He performs the whole duty.
4. Yes, Great Barrington, where he has a resident Curate.
5. He has no Curate at Taynton
8. Twice every Sunday a $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 and $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2, at each of which services a sermon is given
9. At the Sunday School.
10. Four times, in the course of the year that is, at Easter, Whitsunday, Michaelmas and Christmas day.
11. A list is not kept but the average number is from 60 to 70.
12. 120, and increasing
13. It does, as those who reside in Forest attend Swinbrook Church
14. For the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts
15. A day school for the younger children, the older ones attend the school at Great Barrington. Also a Sunday school for boys and girls, all supported by voluntary subscriptions. Boys Sunday school at present 18. Girls 22
16. Yes
17. No
18. There are no dissenting places of worship, and we have no dissenters except Wesleyans who attend the Church
19. No
20. No
21. It is, and duly provided with all things necessary.
The Churchwardens do discharge their duties.
22. None whatever.
23. No.

TETSWORTH

1. John Witherington Peers, Tetsworth, Oxon.
1841
2. Yes
3. Whole duty
4. No
5. None
6. None
7. No
8. Two full Services on Sundays, Good Friday, and Xmas Days.
11 o'clock, 3 o'clock, 2 Sermons
9. Catechism in School
10. Once a month and three Festivals
11. 17
16
No
12. 150 in School Room, no place for more, cannot increase because Church full.
13. No.
See above
14. Church Nursing Society, Pastoral Aid, Jews, Propagation

15. Boys and Girls.
Boys 47, Girls 34, Sunday 106
Voluntary
16. In part
17. No Adult or Evening Schools.
No
18. Mongrel. Baptist Minister, Wesleyan and Independent Congregation.
30
19. Some of my Parishioners, not Dissenters, occasionally attend Chapel in the Evening and of course were returned to the Census as Dissenters. Parents sometimes send Children to get them out of the way.
20. No
21. Building new Church
Tolerably regular
22. Building
23. No

GREAT TEW

1. Rev. John I. Campbell, Gt. Tew Vicarage, Enstone, Oxon.
Inducted October 1844
2. Yes
3. An assistant Curate for Little Tew.
4. No
5. The last Curate was duly licensed. The present one is only temporary, but is licensed to preach in the Diocese.
6. Rev. George Ward. Deacon.
7. No
8. Morning and Afternoon Services at Gt. Tew Church every Sunday at 10½ A.M. and 3 P.M. with sermons at each. Morning and Evening Services at Little Tew at 10½ A.M. and 6 P.M. and Prayers on Saints' Days at 11 A.M. Full services on the greater Festivals.
9. During Lent after the second lesson in the afternoon and in the Sunday School all the year, taking the Catechism as the basis of instruction.
10. The first Sunday of every month and on the great Festivals at Gt. Tew Church and as often as possible at Little Tew Church.
11. Thirty at the great festivals, and twenty at other seasons at Gt. Tew. Ten and five at Little Tew
Yes
12. At Great Tew, 140 in the morning and 120 in the Afternoon. At Little Tew 60 in the Morning and 50 in the Evening. Rather on the increase
13. Bears a fair proportion to the population, if the Dissenters be deducted.
14. For Culham, Propagation of the Gospel, Parochial Schools, Wives and children of soldiers
15. Great Tew Boys and Girls School, supported by endowment, school pence and voluntary contributions. Average number of scholars 40 boys and 40 girls. Little Tew mixed school, supported by School pence and voluntary contributions, average number 35.
Gt. Tew Sunday School, average 70
Little Tew do. do. 25
16. A few boys stop until they are about 14 and some girls. No farmers' children attend.
17. Adult Schools have been tried, but after one or two years, did not succeed.

18. A Baptist Meeting house at Little Tew. Probably one third at Great Tew and one half at Little Tew are either Baptists or Ranters
19. A Dissenter was employed to make the returns.
20. Dissent and want of education, or rather of the sense of its value amongst the people generally. There are also local circumstances which cannot be mentioned here.
21. Yes
Yes
22. No
23. Whether Ranters' Meetings in the open air in a village can or should be stopped.

THAME

1. James Prosser. July 1841
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty
4. No
5. No Curate
8. 2 full services on the Lord's Day at $\frac{1}{2}$ before 11, and 6 in ye evening. A lecture on Wednesday evening. Three sermons are preached.
9. On the Lord's day and in the week.
10. 15 times in the year
11. About 100 on the former occasion and the average on other seasons about 70.
Yes
12. About 600. It is not decreasing. I should say 800 persons regularly attend the Church
13. Yes
14. Infant Schools, Nat. School, Sunday Schools, Parish Aid Soc., Culham, Organist, S.P.G. Soc., Ch. M. Soc.
15. Nat. Boys and Girls School. Infant School

Nat. Boys School	80	} They are supported generally by voluntary subsn. There is a small endowment for the Nat. Sch.
Nat. Girls School	90	
Infant Sch. under 6 years	70	
16. A few only of the boys are retained, but more of the girls
17. An Adult school has been adopted but not with much success
18. There are 3 dissenting chapels. Probably $\frac{1}{3}$ of the parish, scarcely so many.
19. I have no reason to think that the return was unfairly made.
20. No
21. Yes¹
Yes
22. No

¹The Bishop visited on February 26 1855 and found Mr. Prosser very anxious to move the Lord Williams monument. *Diocese Book*, f. 516.

TOOT BALDON

5. Yes. Licensed 1851
6. G. Wheelwright. Deacon.
7. None
8. Alternate Services with Marsh Baldon at 11 A.M. and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. One Sermon.

9. During the week and at Sunday School. By making the Collect Epistle and Gospel and the Sunday Lessons the basis of instruction
10. On the First Sunday in every Month.
11. 30
20
Yes
12. 180. I think it has rather increased during the last years
13. Yes.
14. For the National Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.
15. Dame School with 36 children and a Sunday School with 22, supported by the children's pence and by Queen's College.
16. No.
17. During 7 months we have an Evening School for 5 days in the week and the Results are Encouraging.
18. A Primitive Methodist Chapel—About 12
19. No
20. The ignorance of the people and the low state into which they have sunk, from which nothing but Education and the care of their Superiors and Employers can raise them.
21. Yes
Yes
22. No
23. No

TUFFIELD or NUFFIELD.

1. William Toovey Hopkins, of Nuffield Rectory near Henley-on-Thames, instituted in 1826
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. No
8. Two full duties every Sunday, besides the festivals of Ascension day, Christmas day, Good Friday and Whitsuntide.
9. They are catechised every day in the school room.
10. Every two months.
11. The average is about the same at all times, that is 22 to 25.
12. The Church is generally full. It contains about 200. The attendance about the same for some years.
13. Yes
14. For Culham Training School and the Church Missionary Society
15. A daily School and Sunday School both supported by voluntary contributions. In the daily School 42. In the Sunday School 70.
16. Yes
17. Yes by an Evening School twice a week during the Winter months. They attend regularly and are attentive and thankful.
18. None. There is only one family of dissenters and they attend Church once every Sunday regularly
20. No
21. Yes
Yes
22. No
23. No

WARBOROUGH

1. Revd Herbert White, Warborough, Wallingford
Instituted 1837
2. Yes
3. Assisted almost always by some friend or other in the Sunday Services.
4. None
8. Morning Service at 11 with Sermon, on Sunday. Evening Service at 3
with Do., on Sunday.
No Week Day Services
9. Occasionally in the School, never in the Church.
No particular method pursued.
10. Four times in the course of the year.
11. Between thirty and forty, at all seasons.
No list of Communicants is kept.
12. One hundred and fifty. No observable increase or decrease. Answer, as
it must be returned before Sunday, given at random.
13. No : owing to the number of Dissenters
14. Only such as have been required by authority.
15. Only a National School, where the children of all ages are taught, in
number about 130
16. Very seldom.
17. An evening School, from Michs. to Lady Day, is well attended by boys,
lads and occasionally Adults.
18. A Quakers Meeting House
A Congregation of Baptists
Do. of Methodists } Whole number of Worshippers not
exceeding one hundred.
19. None
21. Yes
Yes
22. None
23. No

WARDINGTON

1. Charles Walters
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty
4. No
5. There is no Curate.
8. On Sunday in the morning at eleven, and in the afternoon at three, with
Sermon at both services. On other days Morning Prayer is said at
10 o'clock
9. On Sunday afternoon, and on such other days in the week as may be, some-
times taking the Church Catechism, and at others some portion of Holy
Scripture as a basis.
10. On all Higher Festivals, and on the First Sunday in every month.
11. From 40 to 50
From 25 to 35
Yes. The number of Communicants is also noted down at each Com-
munion.
12. About 180 in the morning and from 350 to 400 in the afternoon. It is
hoped the morning congregation is increasing rather than otherwise.

13. The afternoon congregation does, but not the morning. This is conceived to be due to there having been of a long time but one service in a day, and the lazy habit so grew up.
14. For the Training School at Culham and for the National Society. A collection was also made on a General Fast Day.
15. Daily, Boys 46. Girls 32
Sunday, Boys 43. Girls 24.
Evening adult school during the winter months from 15 to 21. All supported with difficulty by voluntary subscriptions.
16. Yes
17. Yes, by an evening School, as above, which is attended with very fair success.
18. One, for Wesleyans. Comparatively speaking few would acknowledge themselves dissenters, tho' many, who come to Church, go to Meeting House also.
19. The person from whom information could be obtained has left the Parish, and therefore could not be enquired of without delay.
20. There can be no doubt that a dissenting leaven in a Parish tends much to hinder our work, which it is hoped, however, time will tend to diminish.
21. The Church cannot be said to be in bad repair, or unprovided with things necessary. It is hoped, nevertheless, that now very shortly the whole will be put in a condition more worthy God's House, and the place of Divine Service.¹
22. None, I think, of sufficient extent to specify or such as called for the intervention of the Ordinary.

¹The Bishop visited on March 16 1855 and thought "the taking away of the gallery a great gain. The parsonage house too small in its rooms etc., and the money too much laid out on small ornaments, but a wonderful gain to have got a resident clergyman." *Diocese Book*, f. 551a.

WATERPERRY

1. Francis George Henley, Waterperry, Wheatley, Oxon
Instituted and inducted in May 1852
2. Been resident all the year
3. I perform the whole duty.
4. No
5. There is no Curate
8. There are two full services on Sunday at 11 o'clock in the morning and 2½ in the afternoon. 2 sermons preached.
9. I catechise in Church during Lent.
10. At Christmas, Easter, Whitsunday and in the Autumn
11. I have kept a list of Communicants during the last year: the average number has been 40.
12. I believe the average number is about 60, not including children
13. I believe the population of the parish is 250
14. A Sermon was preached for the National Society.
15. There is a day school with 42 scholars, an Infant school with 12 scholars, and a Sunday school with 20 scholars, besides the day scholars: the scholars in day schools pay 1d. each: the Sunday school is free.
16. If they continue at home, they belong to the Sunday school, till they are confirmed.
17. There was an evening school for boys during last winter: at which all the Sunday School Boys attended.

- 18. There is no Dissent in the Parish
- 21. The Church is in good repair
- 22. No alterations have been made that I know of.

WATERSTOCK, Oxon.

- 1. Gibbes Walker Jordan, Waterstock, Wheatley, Oxon
Feby. 1827
- 2. He has
- 3. He does
- 4. None
- 7. No
- 8. Morning and Evening services on Sundays and The holy days of our Lord.
- 9. I do. In Lent. In the Chancel.
- 10. Four times in the year generally
- 11. 56 about.
- 12. 85
- 13. Population 125
- 14. Under the Queen's letters of command for society. [*sic*].
Under the Ld. Bishop's request for Culham School.
Under my own wish for Wellington Memorial and with the sanction of the
Ld. Archbishop of Canterbury¹
- 15. One complete for week and Sunday.
- 18. None

¹Wellington College, founded by public subscription as a memorial to the first Duke of Wellington, was incorporated by royal charter in December 1853.

WATLINGTON.

- 1. William Longford, Watlington.
November 12 1841
- 2. Yes
- 3. The whole duty
- 4. None
- 8. Twice every Sunday, 11 and 3 in winter, 11 and 6 in the summer. Two sermons. Prayers in Lent and on Epiphany and Ascension Days
- 9. In the School Rooms.
- 10. On the Festivals, and on the first Sunday every month.
- 11. 70, 40, No.
- 12. Between 3 and 400. Increasing.
- 13. No, from want of Church accomodation.
- 14. Church Missionary Society and Queen's Letter.
- 15. Two daily Schools, for boys and girls. By endowment and voluntary contributions with children's pence. 70 and 60
- 16. Yes, in certain cases
- 18. Two, Wesleyan and Primitive Methodists. Very indifferently attended I hear. A very small proportion of the general Population are Dissenters
- 21. Yes
- 22. The Church has been repaired and an ante Chapel fitted up with new seats.

WENDLEBURY

- 1. Walter Lucas Brown. Wendlebury.
July 1839
- 2. Yes

3. He performs the whole duty.
4. No
5. He has no Curate
8. Morning and Evening Prayer with Sermon in the evening, Sundays and Christmas day and Good Friday. Morning service only without sermon Ash Wednesday and Ascension day
9. A Catechetical Lecture for Adults for an hour before Evening Service every Sunday. The subject proposed by anyone present, questions asked on the explanation of theological terms, texts etc. Children taught by the schoolmistress.
10. The Sacrament administered the 2nd Sunday every month and at the great Festivals
11. 30 at the great Festivals
At other seasons 23
Yes
12. About 80 in the morning { About stationary for the last few years
About 100 in the afternoon { though it has increased in my incumbancy.
13. Population about 240
14. Queen's letters, Diocesan Training School, Clergy Orphan School.
15. One School, Daily and for Sundays, attended by children of any age above 3 years
Self Supported. Average number of scholars 40
16. A few still attend after leaving the daily school, but not very long.
17. I have attempted Evening Lectures on interesting subjects during the winter months, but the attendance after a few years became so small that I gave them up.
18. None.
There are none.
21. Yes
Yes
22. No
23. None

WESTCOTE BARTON

1. Edmund Leopold Lockyer, Westcote Barton nr Woodstock
Instituted and Inducted 1852
2. Yes
3. He performs the whole duty
4. None
7. None other
8. *Daily* Morning Service at 8.30 A.M.
Sunday Morning Service at 11
Afternoon Service at 3. A Sermon at each service on Sundays
9. Weekly and occasionally at School
10. Once every month and on the Great Festivals
11. About 22 on the Great Festivals
About 16 every month, on the average, sometimes more. I keep a list
12. The average congregation on Sunday is about 60 or 70. Neither increasing nor decreasing
13. It does *not* bear a fair proportion to our population (about 300) in consequence of the almost universality of Dissent in the Parish.

14. The National Society.
15. Only one Daily and Sunday School supported by myself, and the children's pence. About 30
16. Generally, yes
17. No
18. There are two dissenting chapels in the Parish, and probably two thirds of the Parish are more or less Dissenters
19. I was not here at the time, I cannot give an opinion.
20. The great Impediment to the Church and true religion here, is the disaffection caused by Dissent, the Chapels being mainly supported by surrounding Parishes. Keeps our poor disaffected.
21. The Church is in a very bad unseemly state. It much requires restoration. But the parish is so small and poor that I fear I cannot expect much from them. The Churchwardens are well disposed.
22. None
23. The Church and School need much external aid, and on these points I should be very glad to obtain the Bishop's advice.¹

¹March 1855. "Moving to restore church at estimated cost of £700—£200 to be raised on Rates. Mr. L. responsible for rest. I promise to help him and preach at opening." Jan 2 1856. "Go to the re-opening and preach on Isaiah xxxiii 18, 19. . . . The church exceedingly well restored." *Diocese Book*, f. 50.

SOUTH WESTON

1. The living is at present vacant
2. The late rector did reside during the last year
3. He had a curate.
5. He is not licensed. He began to officiate on May 28
6. Thomas Rennison. Deacon.
7. He is also Mathematical lecturer and Chaplain of Queen's College.
8. Morning and Evening service each Sunday.
Morning service commences at 10½.
Evening service at 2½.
There is one sermon preached
9. There has been no catechising hitherto.
10. } The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has not been administered since I
11. } began to officiate.
12. About 14 in the morning and 30 in the afternoon.
It is increasing
13. The population of the parish according to the last census is 98
14. There have been during the period I have officiated here no Charity sermons preached
15. }
16. } There have been no schools.
17. }
18. There is a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. I cannot specify the numbers of dissenters. They are not many and I think their number is decreasing.
19. I cannot give any information on this point
20. No
21. Yes
Yes
22. Not to my knowledge.
23. No

1. John Ernest Bode, Westwell Rectory, Burford.
July 1847
2. Yes
3. Ordinarily he performs the whole duty, but he has engaged the services of a Curate for a year from last Trinity Sunday.
4. No
5. Yes. Trinity Sunday last.
6. George C. Bode. A Deacon.
7. No
8. Two services every Sunday. Mg. at 11. Aft. at 3. A sermon at each. The same on Xmas day. Two services in Mg. and Evg. on Good Friday and Ascension Day, but on the latter day only one sermon. Evg. Prayers or Litany and Sermons on Wednesday and Friday in Lent. Mg. Prayers every day in Passion Week, also on Easter Monday and Tuesday.
9. Before each service, I retain the method of asking questions independently of any other book but the bible and Catechism. The children read the lessons of the day and then are examined in them and in the Catechism and other points arising therefrom.
10. The first Sunday in every month and on Easter and Whit Sundays and Xmas Day.
11. About 14 on the whole number of Sundays. I have never been able to secure a larger attendance at the great festivals, partly I think from the frequent custom of the villagers going to pay visits on such occasions. Owing to the smallness of the number I do not keep a regular list.
12. About 40 in the morning, and 30 in the afternoon, excluding children—I consider it rather decreasing than otherwise.
13. I do not consider the proportion what it ought to be, though the parish has lately decreased in number, and I attribute the deficiency in *some* degree to the farm-work on Sundays
14. For the Soldiers Wives and children, and the S.P.G.
15. There is a day school for children, and a Sunday school. The former is a dame's school hitherto held in the dame's house, but now to be held in the new School Room, which is also to be used as a Sunday school (instead of the Church), The only support is the children's pence, and a slight and uncertain donation from two farmers saving what the incumbent may add. There are about twenty at present at the Sunday school and from that to 30 at the day school, including Infants. The former number is below the average.
16. Generally speaking the boys attend regularly till their confirmation, and the girls till about the same time unless they go into service.
17. The last two years the Evening school has been discontinued owing to the Clerk who acts as School master to the boys on Sunday (for a small extra pay) being unwilling to have it in his cottage, but now that a good school Room has been built I hope to renew it both for boys and adults.
18. There is a room licensed for worship attached to a farmer's residence, who himself preaches. It was licensed for Plymouth brethren, but I should say that the attendants did not belong to any denomination. Another house is licensed for Particular Baptists but very rarely used. I think the number of regular dissenters (adults) is 15 at most. I have reason to know that the children of one of the farmers (a P. Baptist) are favourably disposed to the Church.

19. I sent a (private) report of the state to the Registrar General with such explanatory remarks I thought conducive to a true estimate : I am not aware whether the Dissenting Minister sent any account.
20. The early age at which children go to work is one great evil, and I can divine no remedy for the avarice of farmers or the indifference of parents.¹ I could not help sympathizing with Mr. Cobden's view of making such early work illegal. Another great want is I think more tolerance* among the clergy (if unity is impossible) and less of extreme views. As to details, greater freedom as to services, as provision for a little decent music (not choral service or intoning). In the former instance I beg leave to say that great good would I think arise from a short characteristic service for the *evenings* in Passion Week. At present in such a parish as this the morning service which *is* distinctive cannot be made generally useful.
21. The Church is in good repair on the whole, but the senior Churchwarden who naturally is allowed by the other to have his own way, requires to have regularity in his duties enforced upon him. It was the habit here to do everything of this kind irregularly. Things are slightly improved but not I think satisfactory in this respect, but I do not think any good would arise from any steps being taken during the life time of the present Senior Churchwarden. If hereafter there are still Ch. wardens I am in hopes of improvement.
22. No alterations have been made.
23. No, unless it is to request a rather longer notice for the probably ensuing Confirmation and if compliable with your Lordship's arrangements.

*It seems to me that this remark does not apply with *especial* propriety to this neighbourhood, but the point which led me to make it is the exaggerated prominence which is given to distinctive views whether "Evangelical" or "High Church" by so many earnest-minded persons.

¹The Bishop expressed another point of view in *A Charge delivered at the triennial Visitation of the Diocese* (1857), p.10—"When their leaving school is *bona fide* the consequence of their having reached the age at which they can, in work and service, at once enter upon the true labour of their lives and learn in its lower beginnings what will make them hereafter better workmen, I do not think we ought to regret their changing the class-room for the farm-yard, the stable or the field."

WHEATFIELD

1. Charles Vere Spencer, Wheatfield Rectory, Nr. Tetsworth
Instituted Dec. 20 1852. Inducted Dec. 27 1852
2. Yes
3. Yes he performs the whole duty.
4. He serves the curacy of Adwell
8. One service on Sundays with a sermon alternately morning and afternoon with Adwell. Also Divine service is held on Christmas Day, the feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord, Ash-Wednesday, Ascension Day, Wednesday and Thursday in Passion Week, and Friday afternoons during Lent with a sermon. On Sunday morning at 11, afternoon at 3 o'clock.
9. The children are catechised by me every other Sunday before afternoon service. They repeat the collect and gospel after which they read, and are catechised upon it, and occasionally they repeat the Church catechism
10. At Christmas, Easter, and Whitsuntide, and 3 or 4 times besides during the year

11. About 12 is the average both of the great festivals and other seasons No.
12. About 30 or 40. If anything rather on the increase.
13. Yes, I think so.
14. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts. Also a collection was made for the wives and children of soldiers ordered to the seat of the War
15. There is a private dame's school with about 6 scholars, and a Sunday school with 12 or 13 scholars, the Schoolmaster being paid by the Rector.
16. Yes
17. No
18. None. There are no professed dissenters and I have never seen any dissenting minister going round to visit anywhere.
21. Yes
Yes
22. Not since my institution

WHEATLEY Oxfordshire

1. Edmund Elton, Bedford Lodge, Ryde
1849
2. He has been resident, except when compelled by circumstances to leave. He is now preparing to return.
3. Assisted by a Curate
4. No
5. Yes. 11 of June 1856
6. Edward King. Deacon¹
7. No
8. Service on Sunday at 10½ a.m. and 3 p.m. On Wednesday at ½ past 6 p.m. On Saints days with short sermon at 11 a.m. This course has been interrupted lately. Sermons on each occasion
9. In the National school on Sundays and during the week, when we endeavour to explain as much as possible the meaning of every sentence and word
10. At least once in each month.
11. About 40. 30 at other times. A list of numbers attending is usually kept.
12. About 200 or 250 in the afternoon when it is fine.
The former slightly.
13. No. I am sorry to say it does not. To the extreme ungodliness of the place, and to the bad example set by many above the pauper class.
14. Culham Diocesan College. S.P.G.
15. 1. Infant School, not on Sunday, 60 scholars, by Pence.
1. Mixed do. { the same on Sunday, 77 scholars, by an endowment of
45£ per ann. and the Pence.
16. To a very limited extent
17. I have tried an evening school, but we could not keep up a regular attendance

¹Edward King (1829-1910), subsequently Bishop of Lincoln. "Wheatley was at that time [1854] a peculiarly rough and lawless place, and Mr. Elton's attempts at moral reformation had roused the utmost hostility. He had just lost his wife, and he invited his new curate to live with him at the vicarage." G. W. E. Russell, *Edward King, Sixtieth Bishop of Lincoln* (1912), p. 10 f.

18. One Independent Meeting House, but of the whole Population there are not many bigoted dissenters. Their influence in the place has of late *visibly declined*
19. The number given as present at church was ascertained with care and I have no information to give in respect to the Dissenters.
20. The most unfortunate position of the Parish as being the receptacle of the ill conducted from the district near. For the existing state of the people the present and former owner of estates near must be held largely responsible.
21. It is not in good repair, but is duly supplied "with things necessary."
22. No
23. The Churchyard will be closed under authority on April 1, 1855 against burials except in certain cases. It is necessary for the Parish to take steps to purchase fresh ground.*

*I am about to call upon the people to do this in a legal manner, as soon possible

WHITCHURCH OXON

1. Edward Moore, Whitchurch Rectory, Reading
1840
2. He has
3. He performs the whole duty himself
4. No
7. No other duty whatever.
8. The Morning and Evening prayers every Sabbath Day with a Sermon at each service. The hours of Divine Service, 11 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon
9. After the Evening Service when such questions are put to the children as may seem requisite, chiefly from Revd. W. A. Hammond, the late incumbent.¹
10. As nearly as possible once in each month. 10 times in each year.
11. The average number of comts. for the four last years was 64 at Easter, Whitsunday 41, Xmas 46, at other times about 35 and I keep a list of the number of Commts.

1850	407
1851	488
1852	424
1853	354 at 9 Sacraments
12. From three to four hundred at least. The congregation is to the full as many as ever it has been for the last 15 years.
13. I think it does.
14. Only for the Queen's letter
15. The National school for boys and girls from five or 6 years to 12 or 13 comprising about 70 children, supported by subscription and the children's pence. And a girl's school of about 12 children supported by Mr. Powys.²
16. They do not attend after they cease to attend the Daily School.
17. I have not adopted any adult or evening schools
18. There is a small Wesleyan chapel. The number of Dissenters I cannot determine.

¹W. A. Hammond, *The Catechism of the Church of England; or, an Instruction to be learned of every person before he be brought to be confirmed by the Bishop: with an Explanation, and Proofs from the Scriptures* (1844).

²Henry Philip Powys (1791-1859), of Hardwick House.

19. I have not had access to the Census made in the Parish, nor do I know how the returns were made.
20. I know of no special impediment
21. My Church is in good repair and the Churchwardens are ready to discharge their duties and provide whatever I require on every occasion.
22. No alterations have been made in the Church or Chancel since the last visitation, with the exception of Tablets for the Commandments and a restoration of the front of the south Porch.
23. I am not aware of any such matter.

Rectory of WIDFORD

1. William Raine, Swinbrook near Burford Oxon.
Instituted and inducted in August 1812
2. Not resident
3. He has a Curate who performs the whole Duty
4. He holds the adjoining benefice of Swinbrook but does not serve that Church or any other
5. His Curate is duly licensed. Licence dated June 1852
6. George Dawson Turner Layton. Priest
7. He performs the Duty as Curate of the adjoining Parish of Swinbrook
8. One Service on Sunday, with Sermon, alternately at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
9. The children of this Parish are catechised with those of Swinbrook
10. Once in 2 months
11. Varies from 8 to 12. There are not more than 15 adults in the Parish.
12. About 50. In the summer as many as the Church can contain, about 70 persons
13. The population is 25. The congregation is chiefly from Swinbrook
14. As at Swinbrook.
15. Children at Swinbrook Schools
17. See Return for Swinbrook.
18. Nil
20. See Return for Swinbrook
21. The Church is much dilapidated, walls cracked and crumbling, very damp, altar unfit for use, the school children placed within the rails for lack of room.
23. I venture respectfully to beg the Bishop's attention to the inconvenience of keeping open this Church which is very small and dilapidated, distant only $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from Swinbrook Church, and $\frac{5}{6}$ of congregation come from Swinbrook

WIGGENTON

1. John Williams 1843
2. Yes
3. An assistant Curate
4. No
5. Yes. 1852
6. Charles Moffat. Priest
7. No
8. Two services, with sermon at 11 and 2.30
9. In the school
10. Each month

11. About 25 is the average.
Yes
12. About 80 or 90. Nearly stationary
13. A fair proportion
14. S.P.C.K.
Culham Training School.
15. A daily school, supported by subscription and payments by the children, and a Sunday school. About 50 in the former and 40 in the latter.
16. Only those about 11 or 12 years of age with a few exceptions
17. Only by Confirmation Classes
18. One Baptist Chapel, not very numerously attended.
21. In fair repair.
Yes
22. No
23. No

WILCOTE

1. John Buck, St. Giles, Norwich.
2. Non-resident.
3. Duty performed by a Curate
4. None
5. Licensed to Spelsbury but not to Wilcote
6. Charles Carey—Priest
7. Curate of Spelsbury.
8. Afternoon service every Sunday at 1½ o'clock.
Morning Service with Holy Communion four times a year
9. There are neither School nor children in the Parish
10. Four times
11. Five or six to ten
12. Fifteen to twenty
13. The Population is only 9.
14. The Queen's Letter and Soldiers Wives and Children
15. No Schools
18. None
21. All in good repair
22. None
23. Nothing

WITNEY

1. Richard Sankey, Rectory, Witney, Oxford
Institution July 15 } 1853
Induction July 30 }
2. Yes
3. He has two assistant Curates.
4. No
5. One is licensed July 1847
The other is ready to be licensed
6. William Mills. Priest
John Richard Baldwin. Priest.
7. No
8. *Parish Church.* Prayers on Sts. Days and Fridays and from Advent to Easter on Wednesdays 10.30. Wednesday Evng. 6.30 Lecture. Sunday 10.30 and 3 sermon.

- Curbridge Chapel.* Sundays at 3, with Sermon
*Holy Trinity Church.*¹ Sunday 10.30 and 7 with Sermon
9. Occasionally at the several schools in the week and on Sunday after 2nd Service
 10. Parish Ch. 1st Sunday in the month and Great Festivals
 Trinity 3rd do. do.
 Curbridge do.
 11. About 55 or 60 wh. does not differ from the No. at other seasons
 I have discontinued a list wh. was kept on account of my ignorance of the names : but I intend soon to resume it
 12. About 500 or 600 at the Parish Ch : Certainly increasing.
 13. Certainly not.
 The great prevalence of several Ministers of Dissent
 14. Ch : Missionary Society, Gospel Propagatn. Society, National Schools, Soldiers wives etc.
 15. Boys School average attendance 75 } Day
 Girls and Infants 30 }
 2 Boys average attendance 100 } Sunday
 2 Girls 100 }
 Day Schools supported by Subscriptn. and payments.
 16. Yes, pretty well.
 17. No.
 18. Wesleyan Chapel
 Independent do.
 Primitive Methodist do.
 Ranters do.
 Quakers do. Numbers unknown.
 19. I am not yet sufficiently acquainted with the parish to be able to do so.
 20. Perhaps the prevalence of Dissent and the ignorance of the parishioners of the claims of the Church.
 In as much as many are driven from the Church by the Pew system, the first remedy is to get rid of that. The N. Schools ought to be removed.
 21. In good repair except as to the mullions of some of the windows. Well furnished. Ch. Wardens very regular in the discharge of their duties, and desirous of supporting the Rector in everything.
 22. None, as far as I know.
 23. Nothing as peculiar to the Parish, but as perhaps affects other parishes as well. Some enactment is urgently required to legalise the tenure of School premises so as to give them a marketable title, when at present they have none.

¹The Bishop confirmed in Holy Trinity, Wood Green, on March 16 1855. " This church too small for confirmation, yet better than mother church with its high pews. The pulpit moved in this, which a great advantage." *Diocese Book*, f. 569.

WOODEATON

1. Thomas Clarke, Woodeaton, Oxford.
 Instituted Augst. 5 Inducted Augst. 9 1851
2. Yes
3. Performs the whole
4. No
5. None

6. None
7. None
8. Full Services with Sermon every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Afternoons at 3 and Evening at 6. Two Services on Christmas day, Good Friday and Holy Thursday. Wednesday and Friday in Lent Morning Prayer, and Wednesday Evenings with Sermon at 7 o'clock.
9. Chiefly on Sundays in the Schoolroom using the Church Catechism with Scriptural references and explanation
10. Monthly
11. At Festivals 18, other seasons 12 or 13
Yes
12. 35. Varying
13. Yes
14. In 1853 Sermons for National Society and Culham Training Institution
15. One Daily and Sunday with 12 or 13 children, supported by R. Weyland, Esq., J. Weyland Esq.¹ and the Rector
16. Very few
17. An Evening School in Winter has some promise
18. None.
3 or 4
19. No
20. No
21. Yes
Yes
22. Seat in Chancel repaired
23. No

¹Richard and John Weyland, of Woodeaton manor.

WOODSTOCK

1. G. W. V. John
May 1847
2. Yes
3. He has an assistant Curate
4. He has no benefice : he is Chaplain to the Woodstock Union
5. Yes. Xmas 1851
6. William Scott. Priest.
7. As Chaplain to the Workhouse
8. Two full services on Sundays commencing at 11 A.M., 3 P.M.
9. On Sundays. By asking questions from the Catechism
10. Seven times in the year
11. About 80. About 50
Yes
12. 200—Increasing
13. Yes
14. Society Prop : Gospel. School sermons. Missionary sermon.
15. 2 Endowed Schools, 1 for boys and 1 for girls. Also an Infant school.
About 100 in the daily school and 230 in Infant School
16. Occasionally
17. No
18. A small Wesleyan chapel and a Baptist one.
About 150
19. No

- 20. No
- 21. Yes
- 22. No
- 23. No

WOOLVERCOT

1. Stephen Edwardes, Merton Coll : Oxford
Licensed March 12 1854
2. Resident only during the Christmas Vacation
3. The whole duty
4. No
8. On Sundays Morning Service with Sermon at 11 o'clock
Afternoon at 3, with Extempore Lecture
except there by a Baptism.
On Christmas Day, Ascension Day etc. services with Sermons. Friday
Evening services in Lent at 6.30 with Sermon.
9. There has been no public catechising *yet*, but an intention of introducing
it at Afternoon Services as near as practicable.
10. At present four times a year, but after the Confirmation it will be adminis-
tered oftener.
11. About 30
No
12. Almost 150, including the School children.
Much as before, perhaps slightly increased, but several come twice
regularly instead of once.
13. No. There is little prospect of the attendance being much improved
until there be a resident Incumbent, and more accomodation in the Church,
but there is no resident landholder to interest himself in procuring Funds
14. Last Sunday for the S.P.G. I believe there has not been a Charity Ser-
mon for a very long time before this.
15. Day Schools { Mixed } The girls in the Infant School are not all under
{ Infant } six years. The total number on the books in both
schools is 91. Average attendance 79.
Sunday Schools { Boys } No payment.
{ Girls }
Supported partly by subscriptions, partly by Schoolpence, but mainly at
the expense of the Incumbent.
16. I can only speak of one or two that have left since my Incumbency, these
come as far as their employments will allow.
Several come for a time, but as I was unable to be in two schools at once,
and there are no volunteer teachers in the parish, they found it tedious and
cease to come.
17. No. I am unwilling to tax the Schoolmaster beyond the regular School
hours. It would also encourage parents to remove the children earlier
from School. If I was resident I could find means to bring adults to me.
18. None. The Dissenters in this parish go to Summertown or Oxford. I
should say the number is about 12, but the majority of people are simply
indifferent and go to no place of worship.
20. Chiefly want of residence of the Incumbent.
An enlarged Church would take away excuses.
An enlarged Schoolroom would smooth the way for the education of Adults.

21. The timbers of the roof are in a decayed state. The flooring and flagstones have been recently repaired. All necessities are provided sufficiently. The Churchwardens do their duty.
22. The pews have been removed from the Nave, also the Reading Desk, and the Chancel screen. One new seat placed in the Nave. In the Chancel the old Pews removed, and new seats placed stall-wise ; a new altar and rails ; the floor level raised. The old pavement removed and marble and coloured tiles placed in its room. These alterations were carried out under the superintendence of the Diocesan Architect¹. The Bishop was made acquainted with the fact that alterations were completed.

¹George Edmund Street (1824-81). *D.N.B.*

WOOTTON

1. William Blackstone Lee
1836
2. Yes
3. He has an assistant Curate
4. No
5. No
6. John Palmer Hurst. Priest
7. No
8. Two full Services with two Sermons every Sunday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
9. Every Sunday
10. Six times
11. About 35
No
12. I think about 150. I think, it is
13. I think not. Several go to New Woodstock
14. National Society. Propagation of the Gospel. Culham School.
15. 4 Schools all daily schools.
2 Infant Schools 30, 50
1 Boys do. 35
1 Girls do. 45
By endowment and annual subscription
16. Not much
17. No
18. One
19. I have no reason to suppose that the numbers were incorrect.
21. Yes
Yes
22. Yes
The Church and Chancel have both been entirely newly fitted up with seats.

WROXTON with BALSOTT

1. John Murray, Wroxton
Instituted 21 July 1854
3. The whole duty
4. Only the cure of the two parishes of Wroxton and Balscott.
7. None

8. On Sundays there is Morning service at 11 A.M. and afternoon at 2½ P.M. (with Sermons) at Wroxton and Balscott alternately. There is also Morning Prayer at Wroxton every Wednesday at 9 A.M. and on Saints' days at the same hour, without sermons.
9. Private Catechising in my usual visits to the school
10. The custom has hitherto been to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 4 times every year in each parish.
11. Wroxton 30-35. Balscott 12-16.
A list of communicants has been kept during the last year.
14. The Culham Diocesan Training College
The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel
The wives and children of the soldiers gone to the seat of war
15. A daily school (mixed) Wroxton, 68 children
A daily school (mixed) Balscott, 40 children
16. Very few of them have attended hitherto.
17. An Evg. school for the men will be opened in the winter. There is a Bible Class for adults in the Schoolroom on Wednesday evenings, when a portion of Scripture is explained in a familiar manner, and the people encouraged to ask questions. It is not mistaken for a public service and seems to be strengthening the affections of the people towards their Church and Pastor, as well as affording them instruction.
18. Wroxton. 1 Independt. 1 Wesleyan.
Balscott. 1 Wesleyan.
19. The numbers were returned by the Dissenters according to the supposed attendance at their chapels. But there being no 2nd service, many Church people are in the habit of attending as well as many who are nothing at all.
20. The dislocation of work resulting from the union of 2 district parishes under one Clergyman, and the consequent impossibility of supplying them sufficiently with the public services of the Church. No present relief seems apparent.
21. Wroxton Church is in excellent keeping and repair. The Chancel of Balscott as well as the pulpit and desk are in very poor condition. One of the Wroxton churchwardens is a Dissenter and was thrust into office against his will. He never attends Church. The others are very exemplary in the discharge of their duties
22. The high pews in the Chancel of Wroxton Church have been replaced by stalls, and a warming apparatus (hot water) been fitted up under the direction of Col. North.¹

¹Col. John Sydney North, M.P. (1804-94), husband of Baroness North, of Wroxton Abbey.

YARNTON Deanery of Woodstock
Vaughan Thomas. Vicar

1. Vaughan Thomas¹ No. 60 High Street, Oxford
and Vicarage House, Yarnton
Date of Institution Feb. 12. 1803. Date of Induction Feb. 24, 1803
2. During the first part of last year the Revd. John Thorp lived in the house as my assistant Curate. Since he left I have retained a Room in the House for myself, the rest of it with the Garden forms part of the Salary of the Reverend Henry Octavius Coxe² my present assistant Curate. Though I do not reside I take the whole morning duty on Sundays. I also

visit the sick and attend to the School and am at Yarnton 2 or 3 times in the week. The sick are also visited and the School attended by Mr. Coxé. I live at my own House No. 60 High Street Oxford.

3. I have said I take the whole morning duty on Sundays, to that I have to add that during Lent I read Prayers every Friday as also Ash Wednesday and every day in Passion Week and on the two days in Easter and Whitsun Week and also on Ascension Day. My present assistant Curate is the Revd. Henry O. Coxé a.m. At 77 I find such assistance necessary at all times comfortable.
4. I hold Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, where I have succeeded in making a District Chapelry and building a Chapel towards which and its fittings I gave £700 together with an immediate endowment of £52 17 0 per ann. out of my Rent Charges. All this was settled and done 10 years ago. I have also a college living, Dunsbourn, Gloucestershire, where I have built a handsome Parsonage House without leaving any charge upon the Living. I serve no other cure than that of Yarnton, the duties of which I have discharged personally (with intervals of absence) 51 years.
5. My Curate is the Revd. Henry O. Coxé whose stipend, in all its particulars, I stated upon his appointment. He is not licensed although his Nomination was forwarded to the Bishop's Secretary last December
6. The Revd. Henry O. Coxé. He is a priest and none but a priest is fit to be assistant Curate to an aged Incumbent. I therefore object to give my Curacy as a Title for Orders. I gave it to the Revd. Richd. Tudor to do him a friendly service but I found the ill effect of it. He held it 2 years but would not complete his Orders
7. The Revd. Henry O. Coxé is one of the Lecturers at Carfax in the City of Oxford, the Duties of which Lectureship do not interfere with and prevent the performance of the duties of his assistant Curacy.
8. Sunday Duty. Service and Sermon, Morning and Evening. In Lent, Ash Wednesday and every Friday morning. In Passion week every day in the morning, the same on the Monday and Tuesday Easter Week, Ascension Day, and the Monday and Tuesday Whitsun week. I have also three Morning Prayer Days in the Yarnton Aisle according to Sir Thomas Spencer's will—Jany. 1, March 6, April 30.³
9. The Catechizing of the Children according to the Church Catechism takes place in the Schoolroom as part of the school teaching. As to other methods catechised, I question the children after morning service upon such subjects as the Scriptures (read on Sunday) may present or suggest.
10. Christmas Day, Easter Day, and Sunday following Whitsunday and the Sunday after Michaelmas. I have also continued the custom I found at Yarnton in 1803 to administer the Sacrament on Good Friday. In cases of dangerous illness, I administer it to the Sick at their homes.
11. Upon this point there can be no doubt as the names of the communicants are entered in a Book. There were 24 last Whitsunday and on other

¹Vaughan Thomas (1775-1858), antiquary. *D.N.B.* "A much respected, though rather grotesque, specimen of Oxford orthodoxy." T. Mozley, *Reminiscences, chiefly of Oriel College and the Oxford Movement* I (1882), p. 362.

²Henry Octavius Coxé (1811-1881), appointed Bodley's Librarian in 1860. J. W. Burgon, *Lives of Twelve Good Men* (1891), pp. 307 ff.; Sir Edmund Craster, *History of the Bodleian Library 1845-1945* (1952), *passim*.

³B. Stapleton, *Three Oxfordshire Parishes* (Oxford Historical Society xxiv, 1893), p. 295.

- occasions they vary being 14, 15, 16. The attendance of the Farmers and their families is much more satisfactory than that of the labouring poor
12. About 150. Three years ago I returned the average at 100. Tho' far from satisfactory it is better than what it was and far better than what it was 30 years ago.
 13. The population is 300. As to deficient attendance, I attribute it to the efforts made by the Dissenters of Oxford in sending out their Preachers, being specially anxious at this time to support the numbers of Dissenters they have given in their pretended Census. They have agreed with me not to hold their meetings before 6 on Sundays
 14. The National Society May 9 1853 Collection £2 10 7
 The Culham College Octr. 23 1853 Collection £2 2 6
 The Propagation of the Gospel Decr. 18 1853 Collection £1 16 10
 The Soldiers Wives and Children April 26 1854 Collection £2 18 0
 For Sons of the Clergy July 16 1854 Collection £2 6 0
 15. There is one day school for the Children of the Poor established by me in 1803. It is for children above 4 years old and for their instruction as long as their parents will let them stay. On Sundays 6 boys and 3 girls are added to the Number. With the exception of a small balance of about £3 left after repairing the Clerk's house, I support the School paying the School Mistress £12 12 per ann. with Dress, Shoes, Bonnet £1 0 0. Books, Writing Books, Slates etc. and a full suit of Clothing for Boys and Girls on New Years Day. The Bishop of St. Asaph⁴ as a Land owner gives £1 : 0 : 0 and that is the only subscription
 16. A very important question. If I can secure their Sunday attendance I must be satisfied. Their field employments and earnings stand in the way of their attendance at School after they are old enough for any profitable service.
 17. There is neither an adult or evening School at Yarnnton and the population too small and too widely scattered to keep up a good class and the Parish too poor to maintain a suitable Schoolmaster.
 18. I believe John Herbert's cottage is licensed. Farmer Johnston recently come from Warwickshire, the only dissenting Farmer of the Parish, has Prayer Meetings at his house. The Ranters preach, but still after 6 o'clock in the open air. There are about 20 Dissenters who never come to Church
 19. I have enquired of the Churchwardens and others about this Census but they have none of them heard of it neither have I. I cannot learn who or by whom it was taken. I never saw it and can give no account of it
 20. The obvious cause of failure in my endeavour to bring the People to Church in greater numbers is to be found in the language of encouragement addressed to the Dissenters by men of influence in high places within as well as without the pale of the Church. This produces greater activity in their Preachers and greater difficulty in resisting their influence
 21. In all these particulars I have every reason to be satisfied
 22. I have to report nothing worthy of official statement
 23. The Spirit of the age and the forlorn aspect of Church affairs and of the Church itself (as a visible establishment recognized by the Law of the Land and entitled to the aid and protection of the State) are such as to forbid my entertaining any hope of good from what I may have to suggest and submit to the Bishop's Notice.

⁴Thomas Vander Short (1790-1872), Bishop of St. Asaph.

1. The Principal of Jesus College Oxon
2. No
3. No, the duty performed by Curate
6. Frank Burges Priest.
7. Curate of Standlake
8. One duty at one o'clock.
Fifty four sermons are preached each year.
9. No children in the parish
10. Four times a year
11. Four is the average number
12. Fifteen.
13. Yes, it is more than total amount.
14. Propagation Society
15. None
18. None
21. Yes
22. No
23. No

