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PREFACE

This volume consists of a transcript of the 'Books' or Parish Diaries, which three of the Rectors of Brightwell wrote during their incumbencies. They cover the years 1774-1814, 1866-1879 and 1879-1892. They span a revolution in church history. The first Rector, Thomas Wintle, had been chaplain to Archbishop Secker, who had been born in the years immediately after the Glorious Revolution. Wintle was a typical, able, eighteenth-century clergyman. The second Rector, James Haldane Stewart, was a product of the Evangelical Movement and in some ways a reaction against it. The last was Francis Cunningham, who had come from Witney where he had pulled the church there into the nineteenth century. He was influenced by the Oxford Movement and inaugurated a system of parish work in Brightwell which was recognisably that for which I was trained in the late 1950s, a system which was doomed largely to disappear within ten years of my ordination.

Naturally the focus of the three books is not the same. The first book is a practical set of memoranda for the use both of Mr Wintle and his successors, dealing with the income of the benefice, the financial obligations of the parishioners, and the duties of the Rector. The second book is largely a record of a local attempt to alleviate some of the many economic and social evils which oppressed rural people in the south of England at that time. The third is primarily the record of a priest fostering a pattern of religious practice and belief in a rural community.

I have included some ancillary material. There is a summary of the enclosure award of 1811, giving an overall picture of the village and a context to some of the detail in Mr Wintle's Book. The Sotwell Perambulation is a useful companion to Mr Wintle's description of the Brightwell Processioning. There are two summaries of the tithe for later years which are sequels to Mr Wintle's accounts, as well as a summary made in connection with the enclosure. The poor always figured largely in the life of the parish and of the Rectory. For Mr Haldane Stewart's incumbency I have printed a summary of the accounts of the parish for the year 1871, showing the different enterprises which were run from the Rectory. Added to Mr Cunningham's Diary is a transcript of a register or list, which was made in 1884 by the parish worker, of all the households of the village, with

comments on them from a religious and moral point of view. To this list I have added detail from the 1881 and 1891 censuses, and a transcript of the 1884 Charity List. Within the Introduction is a bridging passage giving some account of the years between 1814 and 1866, quoting from some of the archive material available.

Brightwell is a troublesome parish from the point of view of archives. It was originally in the diocese of Salisbury, and was transferred to Oxford; it was in the ancient county of Berkshire, but is now in the county of Oxford; it was largely owned by, and the patronage of the living and the lordship of the manor were in the hands of the Bishops of Winchester. I have, therefore, to thank the staffs of four record offices, Reading, Oxford, Trowbridge and Winchester, as well as the Bodleian Library, where some of the records are held, for their help and courtesy. I have been helped with the Wells family by a member of it, Andrew Wells, and by Mrs Vi Smith of Sotwell. I am grateful to Miss Ruth Harris for preparing the illustrations. Being rather new to the world of high-tech computers I am grateful for help in ironing out problems from Dick Mason and Dr Hugh Kearsey. I have been supported by the Society and encouraged by my wife. For all help in whatever form I am very grateful.

Parish Diaries or Memoranda have survived in some numbers in Oxfordshire and Berkshire. There are over 40 from the ancient county of Berkshire and at least 27 from the ancient county of Oxfordshire. They vary in character from a few notes written on spare pages of the parish registers to the eleven volumes from Wantage covering over a century from 1847 to 1953. They are not easily classified as a viable genre being so varied in form and content. There is, nevertheless, a body of information recorded neither as a private diary or notebook, for the parson left it behind for his successor, nor as an official record required to be kept by law, for there was no legal requirement to keep a journal such as bound masters of vessels for instance.

In the immediate vicinity of Brightwell there are memoranda in the seventeenth- and eighteenth-century registers of Benson (Oxon) followed by notes (mainly historical) made by the incumbent J. E. Field, 1881-1922. Aston Upthorpe (Berks) has tithe accounts (1794-1839) and (with Upton) the Parish Diaries of the Revd Richard Hooper, giving among other things the details of the texts upon which he preached. Blewbury (Berks) has preserved a Parish Note Book, 1865-77, recording services and duties performed, and a list of sermon texts, 1871-77. At Aston Tirrold (Berks) one Baptism Register consists chiefly of a 'Register of Parochial Annals', 1845-1911, made by the Revd Sir Edwin Hoskyns, Bart., and thence until 1917 by the Revd L. C. Green Wilkinson. At Harwell (Berks) the Registers include many notes concerning school repairs, fevers, disputes and other matters. At Streatley (Berks) the registers from 1679 to 1812 contain notes, as do the Registers (1558-1735) of North Moreton (Berks). At Moulsoford (Berks) the Register, 1772-1812, contains but 19 pages of registration, the rest being a Diary, 1846-1909. At Crowmarsh Gifford (Oxon) there is an Incumbent's Memorandum Book for the years

1910-20. The Parish Diary at Witney, begun by Francis Cunningham, is still in use and is passed confidentially from incumbent to incumbent.

For the church and social historian Parish Diaries represent a relatively copious and unused source for church history both urban and rural. For the local historian they are a storehouse of local happenings and attitudes. It will have been noticed that Parish Diaries are very mixed in character, scope, date and interest. The Brightwell Parish Diaries or Rectors' Books are typical in their variety, but Haldane Stewart's introduction to his Diary perhaps sums up the purpose of them all, great or small:

'I propose in the following pages to record such parochial facts as it seems desirable should not pass out of memory; also to indicate such incidents of my incumbency as may at least interest my successors.'

There are very few notes to the text; references are given in the text, and other material which might have formed the substance of a footnote is to be found in the index.

I am grateful to the Rector of Witney for permission to quote from the Parish Diary.

INTRODUCTION

I

MR WINTLE'S BOOK

The subject of Mr Wintle's book is that described by Jane Austen's Mr Crawford as 'the most interesting in the world – how to make money – how to turn a good income into a better' (*Mansfield Park*, ch. 23.). Mr Wintle wrote the memoranda in his book from soon after his arrival in Brightwell as Rector in 1774 until shortly before his death on 29 July 1814, the year in which *Mansfield Park* was published.

Thomas Wintle was born on 28 April 1737 in Gloucester. His parents were described as being 'in trade' there (Obituary, *Gentleman's Magazine*, 84, .2 (1814), p. 192.). He was a keen schoolboy, and gained an exhibition to Pembroke College, Oxford, where he was successively scholar, fellow and tutor. He took his BA in 1756, and his BD in 1768. In 1767 Thomas Secker, Archbishop of Canterbury, presented him to the Rectory of Wittresham (now Wittersham) in Kent, which he held in plurality with the living of St Peter's, Wallingford, in which church his children were baptized. He was Secker's domestic chaplain for a year and admired him greatly for 'his indefatigable industry and unaffected piety'. On the Archbishop's death he resided at Wittresham and Wallingford. In 1774 he accepted the Rectory of Brightwell, a parish which adjoins Wallingford, and which he held for 40 years.

His obituary, published in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for August 1814, sings his praises:

It had been well for society if Mr. Wintle's sphere of daily action had been less circumscribed. If his study accurately to know the will of God, and his delight punctually to perform it; if his orthodox Christian faith, his extensive knowledge, his right judgment, his well-disciplined understanding, his gentle and cheerful disposition, his instructive and entertaining conversation, his sound and practical doctrine, his meekness and equanimity, his temperance; his inflexible integrity; if these and other talents and graces, with which the head and heart of this learned and good man abounded, had been exercised in more public life, might not thousands, seeing his faith by his works, have been led to follow his example of giving glory to God, and doing good to men?

Much of the language seems conventional, but the expression, 'sound and practical doctrine' at least can be checked from his published works. In them he comes across as a sensible divine, not because he lacked fervour or faith, but because he knew that Christian teaching could only be received if it had been taught by Christian methods.

His Bampton Lectures, given in 1798, dedicated to his late Bishop, Shute Barrington, then removed from Salisbury to Durham, are prefaced by the remark:

I hope that the real interests of Christianity may in some small degree be promoted by these Discourses; and if we reflect on the tempers and dispositions of the multitudes around us, and on the lukewarmness and indifference of some, the intemperate zeal and forward vanity of others, the innovating and licentious spirit of a third class, perhaps the Ministers of the Gospel were never more loudly called upon than at present, to be explicit and zealous in the true cause of Christ, to endeavour to promote it upon Christian principles and motives, and to maintain that his Gospel *is the power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believeth (Romans 1.16).*

In 1812, when he was 75, he published two volumes of discourses largely on the Sermon on the Mount, which he entitled *Christian Ethics*. The fact that the discourses are all of a similar length, a little over 4000 words, suggests that they may well have been preached, probably in Brightwell Church. Two extracts show something of the character of his teaching. In the discourse on Prayer (Vol. 2, pp. 201-2) he said:

We must pray in faith, under the influence of the Spirit of his grace who hath wrought abundantly for us in Christ Jesus; we must pray with attention also, with fervency, charity, sincerity... In fine, let our prayers be ever the genuine effusion of the heart, of a heart impressed with a deep sense and firm conviction of duty, and a real and steady endeavour to grow therein.

For all the practical and sound good sense of the doctrine here, he is not without the inspiration or the elevation of spirit to have some glimpse of the beatific vision in a passage from the first discourse which was singled out for quotation by the reviewer of his *Christian Ethics* in the *Gentleman's Magazine* (Vol. 82.2, (1812), pp. 155-7).

To behold the Lord Jesus face to face in the matchless brightness of his glory, and the divine sweetness of his immediate presence: above all to see the glories of our great Creator unveiled, to contemplate the light of His reconciled countenance, and experience the continual admiration and proximate views of His unspeakable excellencies! And not only to behold, but to dwell in the constant and complete enjoyment of these superlative blessings, to have them growing and increasing upon us, without the least apprehension of interruption, intermission, or decay...

Other than ethics, his great interest was prophecy, which was a major theme of his Bampton Lectures of 1794; *The Expediency, Prediction and Accomplishment of the Christian Redemption...* The eight lectures are full of meat, but are nevertheless always sermons addressed to a congregation. He was also an Hebrew and Aramaic scholar as is shown by his translation of, and notes on *Daniel*, published two years before his Bampton, in which he combined detailed critical analysis of the Hebrew

and Aramaic text with a simple Christian grasp of the message. His treatment of the historical difficulties, which he does not evade, is what we would describe as conservative, and his age would call orthodox. In 1797 he published *A Dissertation on the Vision contained in the Second Chapter of Zechariah*. 'Of all the arguments which are alleged in favour of Christianity, perhaps there is none that strikes us with greater force, or more permanent and increasing influence, than the argument from prophecy' (p. 2.). As an Hebrew scholar he greatly objected to Richard Hurd, Bishop of Worcester, who in his *Life of Bishop Warburton* had disparaged the study of Hebrew as 'a narrow walk of literature', and had dared to criticise Wintle's patron, Archbishop Secker. Wintle wrote an open letter to the Bishop in 1796, in which he can be seen to be a good-tempered but trenchant controversialist.

In his book of memoranda, printed here, he reveals himself as strong and sensible, a firm, consistent, but not uncompassionate man. This book is so narrowly concentrated upon the business of the living that we get few insights into his scholarship or his ministry, or into other aspects of parish and village life, and then, with one exception written in his old age, only incidentally to some financial transaction.

In the Terrier (the register of the lands and possessions of the benefice) dated 24 July 1783 (Wiltshire Record Office, D1/24/2/258/5) Mr Wintle gives a detailed description of his Rectory house, which is vivid enough to give some impression of the immediate setting in which he lived his life.

In the first place the Parsonage House, which is a large Dwelling being in length from East to West ninety feet, & in depth or width from South to North thirty two feet: It consists of three spacious Rooms with a large Kitchen at the end in front, & four bed-chambers, that is one over each Room; all floored with Timber, except the Kitchen, & all cieled: these Rooms are moreover well fitted up, & the Eastern Parlour is wainscotted. At the north-east end there is a Cellar not cieled with a cieled bed-chamber over it, & at the top of the House there is a room in the Roof, the whole width of the House, used as a Study. At the north-west end is a small Parlour with a bed-chamber over it, both cieled; and between the North-east & west ends is a Hall with a Pantry on each side.

At the west end of the Kitchen with a small return of about six feet to the South, & of a considerable length to the north, being in whole seventy six feet long & about seventeen wide, is a Building open to the roof, made use of for several Purposes, that is to say, a back-kitchen, Dairy, wine-vaults, woodhouse &c. The whole House is covered with Tyles, & built part of bricks, part of stone, part of timber brick-pane, & some small parts of the Woodhouse are wattled.

This House is surrounded with Garden-ground on all sides except to the Westward; and on the west is a large Farm-yard, full seventy yards long; beyond which is an equal length of thatched Barn & Stabling, which bound the yard to the West, and it is bounded to the South by a brick-wall: The Entrance into the Yard is

from the North, on which side it is shut in by the return of the Stabling on one side the Gates, and a Hovel & Coach-house thatch'd on the other. Beyond the Barns in the Rick-yard is a large Pigeon-house, built of timber & dirt & tyl'd. There is an Orchard & Kitchen-garden to the west of the Rick-yard, & beyond a Row of Lime-trees westward still, is a little piece of Meadow-ground, taken in some years since from the Common-field.

A Stream of water running alongside the farm-yard, & pent up near the South-west extremity of the Homestead forms one large, & another small, Pond; on the south side of the larger one is a bit of Ground called the Oak-walk or the Grove, in which are several valuable Oaks, & some Lime & Fir trees.

The Grove, to which Mr Wintle referred, survived many years and is mentioned in a letter from the son of a later Rector. The woodshed was demolished by Mr Cunningham in 1879.

As Mr Wintle makes clear Brightwell was a good living; in 1775 the income from the tithe and glebe of the benefice was worth more than £525 a year (*f.* 9). As a result of this income the living had been held by several distinguished incumbents in the past. The living was in the gift of the Bishops of Winchester, who were Visitors to several Oxford colleges, a fact which may also explain the academic distinction of some of the Rectors, some of whom are noticed in *The Dictionary of National Biography*.

Brightwell was a village of orchards between half-timbered cottages. Wintle counted 473 inhabitants in 1811, which he claimed was 18 less than was counted in 1801. At the time of the Enclosure, 1813, there were five holdings of over 100 acres, not counting the largest, Brightwell Farm which was already enclosed (See p. 73). The parish was divided into three hamlets: Brightwell, where the church was, Mackney to the south, and Slade End, which was detached and lay towards Wallingford the other side of Sotwell.

Mr Wintle's income came from several sources. The profits of the glebe (the land belonging to the benefice), which he let (*f.* 11), and which is set out in a sort of terrier on *ff.* 3-5. There were, of course, parochial fees for burials and marriages (*ff.* 12, 45). In 1811, the year of the making of the enclosure map, Wintle owned 63 acres in his private capacity. The bulk, however, of his income seems to have come from the tithe, and much of his Book is concerned with the arrangements he made with the tithe payers and his anxieties about the possible erosion of the value of his tithes.

The law of tithing was immensely complicated and a great body of precedents had been accumulated by the lawyers. Certain general principles seemed to have been laid down, but in the end all depended upon local custom. The statute, 32 Henry VIII, *c.* 7, enacted that all should pay their tithes and offerings 'according to the lawful customs and usages of parishes and places, where such tythes or duties shall arise or become due.' (Quoted by J. Paul, *The Law of Tythes, Digested on an Entire New Practical Plan for the Use of the Country Gentlemen, Parson, whom else it may Concern* (London 1781), p. 77.)

John Mirehouse, 'Esquire of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister at Law', in his work, *A Practical Treatise on the Law of Tithes*, London 1818, divided tithes into three classes:

Predial tithes, so called from *praedium*, a farm, are those which arise immediately from the soil, either with or without the intervention of human industry; as of corn, hay, hemp, flax, grass, fruit, herbs, and wood.

Mixed tithes are those which are produced mediately through the increase of other produce such as animals that receive their nutriment from the earth and its fruits; as of cattle, sheep, pigs, wool, milk, and eggs.

Personal tithes are those which arise entirely from the labour of man, being the tenth of the clear gain of his industry, his charges and expenses according to his estate and degree, being deducted, as of mills and fish.

By a different classification, tithes may be divided into great and small tithes. Originally the difference between them, it was held, was a matter of quantity, the great tithe being the produce of the village fields (Paul, *The Law of Tythes*, p. 47), and the small tithe being taken up from the private holdings of the inhabitants in the village – hence the name that Wintle uses for the small tithe: the *privy tithe*. But by Wintle's time, in most cases, the distinction was made by means of the nature of the crop rather than its quantity or origin (Paul, *The Law of Tythes*, p. 9f.). The great tithe consisted of corn, peas, beans, hay and wood, and the small of all other predial tithes, and the mixed and personal tithes. The great tithes in a parish went to the Rector, or to the Impropiator of the Rectory who was often a layman, and the small tithes went to the Vicar. In Brightwell, which was a Rectory, the distinction did not arise. Nevertheless Mr Wintle distinguished between ordinary tithes and the *Privy Tithes*. In this regard he mentions *privy tithes* as being of orchards (apples), potatoes, cattle and sheep (f. 57), and reckoned that all of them, being taken in money, were well below their real value.

Tithes were due when the produce was severed from the earth, that is when the corn was reaped, the woods coppiced, or the apples pulled. The producer was responsible for 'setting out' the tithe if it was to be taken up in kind, that is separating the tithe-owner's tenth from the remainder which was carried by the farmer. The tithe-owner was responsible for carrying his tithe away. Mirehouse observes (*A Practical Treatise*, p. 32) that, 'in general all the produce cut down in a field should be tithed before any part is carried away.' In some parishes notice had to be given to the tithe-owner to give him time to see that the tithe was set out in a fair proportion.

Arthur Young condemned the tithe as 'the greatest burden that yet remains on the agriculture of this kingdom; and if it was universally taken in kind, would be sufficient to damp all ideas of improvement.' In fact a great deal of the tithe was not taken in kind and therefore not levied at its full value. For some of it there was a fixed

composition called a *modus*, generally dating back to the mid-sixteenth century at the latest. By the end of the eighteenth century a *modus* represented but a fraction of the true value of the tithe. What were known as agreements for tithe also reduced the value of the amount levied on the crops, for the tithe owner was spared the expense of dealing with his share.

Agreements were commonly made with tithe payers for a money payment in lieu of the actual crops or animals owed. These agreements were made for a period of four years in Brightwell, the fields in the parish being subject to a four-year course, or rotation of crops. On the heavy clay soils of the parish the rotation was of wheat, beans, barley or oats, and in the fourth year, fallow with vetches, clover or turnips (R. J. P. Kain, *Atlas and Index of Tithe Files of Mid-Nineteenth-Century England and Wales*, Cambridge 1986, p. 138). An agreement was actually a lease of the right to collect the tithes, and was most conveniently made with the farmer of the land from which the tithe was due. Mr Wintle did not let all his tithes, retaining those of Brightwell hamlet itself, and he usually employed a tithing man, whose job it was to see to the physical collection of what was owed to the Rector. For two years, 1794 and 95, being without a tithing man, 'he tithed the corn by his own servants or some of his family' (f. 47). The great barn at the Rectory, however, was apparently not used for the storage of the tithe, for it was let to one of the farmers.

The most valuable tithe was that levied on the arable fields, and could amount to one fifth of the rentable value of the land, whereas that levied on meadow only amounted to one ninth of the rentable value. Thus one of Mr Wintle's anxieties was that arable land should not be converted into pasture (ff. 67, 72).

When Arthur Young went to France in 1787-9, he noted that the tithe was 'never exacted with that *horrid greediness* as is at present the disgrace of England.' English tithe owners had no compunction about exacting their tithe; it was a form of property, and as such part of the fixed order of society. Wintle was always anxious to make the best bargain that he could, but there is an occasional reference to the remission of tithes in the case of poverty (f. 57). This was particularly true of the privy tithes which were levied on the smallholders, whose wealth, other than what they could earn in the fields of their richer neighbours, consisted largely of a few acres of orchard about their cottage.

Tithes were, perhaps not unnaturally, unpopular among those who paid them. They were conceived to be an unfair burden falling almost exclusively on the agricultural interest. They often fell unequally on the lands of a parish, some estates being exempt, some governed by a *modus*, and some having to pay the full tithe. They were all controlled by local, ancient customs, of which a new incumbent might know nothing. As Richard Smalbroke, Bishop of Lichfield, warned his clergy in his charge of 1732, the opposition was not to be despised, who though they may be 'very ignorant in other respects, are often very knowing in those affairs within the narrow limits of their own Parish, to which they have been bred, and have confined their thoughts'. It was partly to remedy clerical ignorance of this kind that Mr Wintle wrote his Book.

A contemporary, the Revd William Jones of Broxbourne in Hertfordshire, complained about the difficulty he had in collecting his tithe and other dues. In 1805,

for instance, he wrote in his private diary on 25 July, 'I have lately taken one or other of my eldest sons with me, when I have called on some of my parishioners, for the payment of their Easter-offering, & tithes for cows, pigs, &c – & they <ie his sons> have been astonished and mortified at the insolent reception which I have met with from some of them.... who have not paid for four years.' (Ed. O. F. Christie, *The Diary of the Rev William Jones, 1777-1821*, London 1929, p. 180). One cannot imagine Mr Wintle suffering in this way, even though he did not always manage to exact what he considered to be a fair equivalent for his tithe.

Mr Wintle was also a contemporary of Parson Woodforde of Norfolk. The latter's living at Weston Longville was 'said to be worth £300 per annum' (*Diary*, 5 Nov. 1774), but at the annual 'Tithe Audit' and frolic at the beginning of December, Woodforde received amounts varying from £236.2.0 in 1776 to £286.18.6 in 1795. The occasion was always a jolly one, even if the parson did not receive his full due, and the farmers usually left 'well pleased with their entertainment', though occasionally a farmer might become 'disguised' with the liquid refreshment, and offensive. Woodforde's 'frolics', which do not appear to have been held in Brightwell, contrasted with William Cowper's poem, *The Yearly Distress, or Tithing at Stock in Essex*, where the occasion was distinctly difficult.

According to the anonymous writer of *Observations on a General Commutation of Tithes for Land or a Corn Rent*, (London 1782), the clergy, were now 'more attentive and better informed, and have therefore made a considerable progress in augmenting their composition for tithes.' Mr Wintle was one of their number, and we can see the process at work in his successive agreements with the farmers of his parish for their tithes.

There are a number of notices in Mr Wintle's Book of a change of ownership of lands within the parish. As the Revd Thomas Hassall of Great Amwell had written in seventeenth century, it was 'a matter of speciall consequence for the vicar to have an exact note of all enclosed grounds within the parish... and to enquire every yeare in whose tenure and occupation they are...' (Ed. S. G. Doree, *The Parish Register and Tithing Book of Thomas Hassall of Amwell*, Hertfordshire Record Society, 1989, p. 219.).

A few other matters are noticed in the book. For instance, Mr. Wintle lists the duty which the Rector owed by way of divine service (f. 13), and he tells the story of the fall of the tower in connection with his liability for its repair (f. 55). He lists the parochial charities (f. 7), and the past Rectors (f. 59). He speculates on the original dedication of the church (f. 12). The church was visited by an anonymous antiquary in 1812, and described in such a way that Mr Wintle is shown to be an unusually conscientious incumbent where his church building was concerned (Bodleian MS Don E 107-8, p. 25.).

Brightwell near Wallingford, Barks.

The Church consists of a nave and chancel and North and South Aisles, a modern vestry Room North Side of the Chancel, and a Square Brick Tower erected at the

expense of the Parish in 1808 stands at the West End of the Nave, containing six bells.

1st. Thomas Mears & Son of London fecit 1808

2nd., 3rd., 4th., & 5th. The Same.

6th. These Bells were recast Anno Domini 1808. Rev. Dr. Thomas Wintle rector, William Toovey and Henry Birch Churchwardens. Mears & Son, London, fecit.

The font is modern. Church neatly pewed in good repair and exceedingly clean. Over the altar worked on Black velvet, I:H:S.

At the ring of the first peal on these bells, William Jacob, a native and ringer of Cholsey, about a mile and a half distant died the instant he took hold of the Bell Rope.

In the nave on the ground was an ornamental Cross of Brass and inscription round the ledge now both gone 1812.

The staircase to the Rood Loft at Brightwell Berks Church remains Perfect.

The Banns Book and Marriage Register for the period show that Mr. Wintle was always resident, and only occasionally do names other than his own appear, and then only in his later years (from 1802 when he was 61), which suggests that the reason was infirmity.

The final pages of Mr Wintle's Book are concerned with the enclosure of the fields. It was first proposed that Brightwell and Sotwell, the lands being so interlocked and their being much ownership across the parish boundary, should be enclosed by a single Act, but this idea was abandoned as some of the Sotwell landowners were not ready for enclosure. Sotwell was eventually enclosed in 1842.

In the context of the enclosure it was unfortunate in the long run that the Bishop of Winchester did not recommend the common practice, found in 70 per cent of Enclosures, of the tithe being commuted for land, for where this happened the endowment was not lost to the church, as was the tithe.

A summary of the enclosure award of 1813 is printed on pp. 74-79. The award was proclaimed 25 July 1813 in Brightwell Church during Morning Service.

Brightwell Farm, the largest in the parish, had already been enclosed. In 1800 it was valued so that it might be sold to Mr William Toovey. The valuation papers in the Hampshire Record Office at Winchester are summarised on p. 73.

THE MANUSCRIPT

The manuscript is contained in a quarto white leather-bound book, numbered XI in the list of documents and registers contained in the Parish Chest. There are 100 pages in the book, 90 of which are used. Up to *f.* 79 the recto, or odd numbered pages

were written first, and the notes brought up to date by additional matter written on the opposite page, or inserted between paragraphs. Occasionally the narrative runs back from the odd-numbered page to the even-numbered page opposite, which suggests either that Mr Wintle continued an entry at a later date on the odd page, or that the next odd-numbered page was already full.

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The handwriting on the whole presents few problems. I have retained the capital letters and the punctuation of the original. The original spelling has been retained except that *ye*, *yt*, *wch*, *wth* and *&* have been expanded for ease of reading. Mr Wintle did not indent his paragraphs which has occasionally led to some doubt as to when a new paragraph was intended. Small additions have been made to existing paragraphs both in the text on the right-hand pages and in the notes and additions on the left. These additions, which can be identified by a comparison of ink and nib characteristics as well as subject matter, are marked [...], or, where more than one addition has been written, [...[...], eg *f.* 19.

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II

1814-1866

After Mr Wintle's death the living fell into the hands of the Tory aristocracy. The Bishop of Winchester, the patron, was Brownlow North (Bishop 1781-1820), the half-brother of the prime minister, Lord North. Brownlow's promotion to a bishopric at the age of 31 was criticised by some, but defended by Lord North on the grounds that if Brownlow were any older he might not have a prime minister for a brother. He is said to have been popular in his diocese and generous. He was particularly generous with the good things of the church to his own family. Thus the next incumbent, William Garnier (1814-19), was his son in law, and he was succeeded in 1820 by his elder brother, Thomas Garnier (1820-31), who was later to be given the Deanery of Winchester. The registers show that they very seldom ever took services in Brightwell.

Marmaduke Thompson (1831-51) was resident. During his time, in 1837 there was begun a fund collected annually and used to buy coal for the poor. £48. 2s. were collected the first year, and thereafter never less than £40 until it fund was wound up during the Great War.

Mr Thompson founded the village school in 1841, giving the site himself. It is perhaps an indication of the indifference and opposition that there was to the project that it was ten years before he could acquire a site, and then from the Poor Law Commission rather than from a local landowner. A letter of his in this connection gives a picture of the state of the parish, as seen by an incumbent looking for money.

From the Rector of Brightwell to the Bishop of Oxford.

Brightwell Rectory, Wallingford – August 6th /41

My Lord,

I beg leave respectfully to request the favor of your Lordship's signature to the accompanying Paper, to enable me to obtain a grant of Money from the National Society towards building a National School in the Parish of Brightwell. To this day

there is no School in the Parish. There are what are called 3 dame schools, held in Cottage rooms very small & inconvenient – 2 of them certainly are very ill taught. From my first coming to the Living nearly 10 years ago I have anxiously sought some piece of ground on which I might build one, but was utterly unable till last year, when I succeeded in purchasing 2 Cottages sold by order of the Poor Law Commissioners – in the conveyance of which there were considerable delays, so that it was only this Summer that I could have begun to build.

The funds required for the site, building, fitting up, Law and other incidental expenses, amount to about 270£ – towards which I have procured £107: 3: 0, including a donation of 10£ from the Bishop of Winchester as Patron of the Living, and Lord of the Manor, – 20£ with an annual Subscription of 5£ from myself, – and the Collection after a Sermon of 20£.

The Parish is wholly agricultural, and very poor, – without any resident Gentleman, – divided into small farms, – the largest of which is 500 acres, – and the farmers, I am sorry to say, by no means liberally disposed to works of Christian benevolence like this, – and collections which have been made in the Church under the Royal Letters of late years, having always been chiefly from my own family.

At the same time the disposition of the poor themselves for Education has been decisively manifested by the numbers that come to receive the benefit of an improved system in a School under the direction of a member of my family, in which we have at this time upwards of 40 children crowded into a room of 19 ft by 13, including furniture &c. All these Scholars, particularly, would be immediately transferred to the new School under the same effective superintendence. We have been made to feel also the want of a School for Sunday teaching, having no other place to assemble the children between 70 and 80, and sometimes exceeding that number, than the Church, the objections to which are very obvious, and will, I trust, be obviated by the proposed School....

The year before there had been a fire in Brightwell Farm, which, as well as burning many of the farm buildings, also destroyed some of the cottages nearby. Mr Thompson instigated an appeal, and the following documents describe something both of the occasion and of the goods which the poorer members of the community owned, some of which were of considerable value in terms of their owners' earning capacity.

An Appeal is respectfully made to the compassion of their benevolent Neighbours, in behalf of 3 poor Cottagers & their families, & a Lodger, sufferers by the late destructive fire at Brightwell. It is a matter of great thankfulness, that rapid as was the spread of the flames, & extreme the danger of very many of the cottages of the Poor, the injury to any serious extent as to them, was thro' Divine

Mercy, confined to these four, who have lost the chief of their little property, – in some of the cases to the whole of their Clothes, except only the things they had on.

James Eggleton, – Carpenter, – Wife, Son & Daughter, & grand child.

William Hewitt, – Labourer, Wife & 4 Children.

Widow Denton, a deserving young Woman, & 4 Children.

William Townsend, – Carter, – a young man who had by great carefulness acquired a respectable stock of Clothes, all of which except what he had on, were burnt, – with some other property, & 30 Shillings in money.

The Son of James Eggleton also lost in the fire 11 Shillings & his Watch.

Subscriptions will be thankfully received by the Rector, the Curate, & the Church-wardens.

Subscribers

Revd M Thompson	5. 0. 0
Revd W. S. Crowdy	3. 0. 0
Mr Fairthorne	2. 0. 0
the Misses Fairthorne	3. 0. 0
Mr Edw. Fairthorne	10. 0
– – Fairthorne	10. 0
– Edw Wells, Slade End	1. 0. 0
Mrs Wells, Senr. do.	1. 0. 0
Mr Jno. Dalzell	1. 1. 0
Benj. Hazell	1. 0. 0
– Jno. Hazell	1. 0. 0
– Wm. Taylor	10. 0
– Jno. Taylor	10. 0
– Dearlove	10. 0
– Allnatt	10. 0
– Parsons	10. 0
Dr Arnold	1. 1. 0
Mrs Arnold	10. 6
Miss Arnold	10. 6
The Misses Grenfell	1. 0. 0
Wm. Stone Esq	2. 0. 0
Edwd. Wells Esq	1. 0. 0
Wm. Hayward Esq	1. 0. 0
Revd. F. Hilliard	10. 0
Jno. A. Hedges Esq	1. 0. 0
Mr Palmer, his portion of remuneratn. for his Services on the occasion, as Superintendent of Police.	

Chas. A. Allnatt	1. 0. 0
E. H. Payne	10.
Jno. Marshall, Senr. Esq	1. 0. 0
Mr Wall	1. 0. 0
Mrs P. Grenfell	1. 0. 0
Wm. Toovey Esq	5. 0. 0
Lady Riversdale	10. 0
Chas. Morrell	2. 0. 0

There was, however, trouble.

To the Subscribers in Brightwell, for the relief of the Sufferers by the late Fire.

The Revd. Mr. Thompson having just seen a Petition by William Hewitt, circulating in the Parish for additional relief as a Sufferer by the late Fire, false in its chief pretence, – loses no time in both noticing so wrong a thing to the Subscribers, & giving them a general statement of the out-lay of the Money, which has passed thro' his hands. – The Petition of William Hewitt is grounded chiefly on the pretence of the loss of his own & his family's "*Wearing Apparel*" – *every Article* of which, as stated by his Wife immediately after the fire to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson they took care to replace within the week, – including a great Coat for himself, price £1. 3/- No Stockings were supplied, because she mentioned none – but *every Article* which she did name, was restor'd to her, her husband, & children –

– As to the Scythe & other implements lost, Wm. Hewitt gave Mr T. a Specification of them on Friday Evening, amounting in value, on his own reckoning, to about 15/-.

The Subscriptions receiv'd have been £42. 4 – It required no little thought & carefulness to expend this sum in the fairest manner, & on the fittest objects – Rumours were soon afloat of falsely pretended losses, in respect, chiefly, of 2 families – as to one of which, James Eggleton's, Mr T. has satisfied himself, that they were unjust. – His first care was to provide the poor people & their children Beds to lie upon, and the most needful furniture for their houses – in order to which he had to supply 7 Bedsteads, – of which 2, according to what had been lost, were 4 Post Bedsteads with furniture, – 1 Tent do. with do. – 1 half Tester, – & 3 stump. – without – 1 feather bed, 1 pillow, 1 bolster – 4 Tables, – 8 Chairs, – with various articles for cooking, washing, &c, &c, amounting to £18. 17. 9 – Of the furniture every article was second-hand – nothing of all the above being new but what could not be procured at 2d. hand. – Proceeding then to bed Linen & wearing Apparel, – not pretending to replace every article reported to be lost, – having provided Calico, flannel, &c, – to be made up by the persons themselves, – the Bill

for which from Messrs Field & Son was £4. 1. 10, – he allotted to James Eggleton, whose loss in Clothes had been considerable £3. 10. 0, – to his Son £2, – to make the best of as they could, – & to the Carter Townsend whose loss was in Clothes the greatest of all, with 30/- in money, 5£ & Calico of the value of 9/4. To James Eggleton he allow'd also for Tools burnt, – Planes of sizes, Chissels, a new Axe, saw, &c, &c, &c, 30/- & purchased a Watch for his Son having seen the remnant of the one from the fire for 32/- & made up the 11/ lost. – These things, with an Article for old William Wetherell for 2 burnt on his Master's Premises, – 2 or 3 to 2 Boys in like case, – & a few additional Articles to Widow Denton, with one or 2 yet to be supplied, – have consum'd the whole Subscription Money yet received.

Mr Thompson submits the whole to the judgment of the Subscribers in the Parish, – who he is persuaded, will readily perceive that in the course of the above work he has had a task to perform of some nicety as to adjusting respective claims, & doing equal justice to all, – & of no little personal labor & pains. Errors he may have made, & probably has made, – but on the whole he trusts they will kindly approve of what he has done to the best of his judgment.

Brightwell Rectory
Tuesd. Ev'g June 2d./40

P.S. Mr Thompson having this morning, Wednesday, receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Fairthorne, explaining some things in reference to Hewitt's Petition, begs leave to annex it to this Report in justice to the Petitioner, that the whole case may thus be before the Subscribers – As to the report itself, it was always his intention to submit one to them as soon as all the Articles required for the poor Sufferers were supplied, & the accounts given in & discharg'd.

<The paper was folded with the superscription>

To the Subscribers in Brightwell for the relief of the Sufferers by the late Fire.

Mr Fairthorne <i><ticked></i>	Mr Taylor
Mr Wells	Mr Dearlove
Mr Dalzell	Mr Allnutt
Mr B. Hazell	

On his death Mr Thompson was succeeded by the Revd Robert Sumner (1851-8), the third son of the 'last of our Prince Bishops', Bishop Charles Sumner of Winchester (1827-69). He restored the church during the last three years of his life. Haldane Stewart tells some of the details, and the following Balance Sheet adds a little more.

Balance Sheet
Decr 6th 1858

	£	s		£	s
Builder's Contract	684	0	By Rates	200	0
Ditto extra about	96	0	Subscriptions	446	0
Font & Sundries	41	0	Do per Miss		
			Simson	41	0
Architect £35. 0			2 Societies		
Stove £41. 0	89	13	each £30	60	
Faculty £13. 13			Deficiency	163	13
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	910	13		910	13

Chancel fittings not included.

An application was made in 1857 to the Church Building Society (Bodleian MS Top Berks C14), which among other things records that the rental of the parish of Brightwell amounted to £4,341, and that the Poor Rate at 3/- in the £ came to £569. The seating in the old arrangement of the pews had 163 free seats for adults, no free seats for children who were accommodated on benches in the Chancel, and 78 rented seats. Free places were only to be increased by four because a gallery at the west end, seating 30, was to be removed. There were to be an additional 34 'not free' seats, 27 of which were to be placed in the chancel.

G.E. Street, the Diocesan Architect and a high churchman, criticised Benjamin Ferrey's plans in that 'the Prayer desk was planned to face due West' in the old-fashioned manner, and the 'Detail of the nave seats shows doors to the seats - In the Chancel the Seats are proposed in a very singular manner. There seems to be no reason why they should not correspond, and undoubtedly their effect would be better if they were more uniform.'

His strictures were received and the seating arranged in the orthodox Cambridge Camden Society manner: no doors to the pews, regular chancel stalls, and the reading desk facing across the chancel.

Sumner died at the early age of 37. His successor was the Revd Robert Milford (1859-65). He had given his first son, Lionel, the additional name of Sumner, so he was presumably connected with the Bishop. It was during his incumbency that the organ was installed. When his son, Lionel, then aged ten, learned that his father was to move to Bishops Knoyle (now East Knoyle, then another Winchester living) in Wiltshire, he wrote to his mother on 6 October 1865 a letter which gives a charming vignette of life at the Rectory during the school holidays.

My dear Mama,

I am awfully sorry to hear we are going away from dear old Brightwell because I know everybody so well there, and it will be all strange to us. We shall

know none of the people there, and there will be no green house, no organ most likely, and look at all the cuttings we took – there will be none of them – and the church will not be half as nice as ours – then there will be no grove, no swing, no Wittenham Clumps – no dear old Thames. We shall not be able to go to Oxford – We shall not be able to pick nuts in Wittenham Wood...

III

THE REVD JAMES HALDANE STEWART

Much of the information in this section of the introduction comes from an article, 'James Haldane Stewart the Younger (1820-1879)' in *The Stewarts*, XV.1 (1976), 45-57 by the eldest grandson of the Rector of Brightwell, J. E. H. Blackie, C. B., which I quote by kind permission of The Stewart Society.

The Rector was the second son of the Revd James Haldane Stewart the elder, who was the subject of a memoir by his elder son, the Revd David Dale Stewart, published in 1856. In it he appears as one of those extrovertly pious evangelicals so savagely parodied by Anthony Trollope in his novels. James the younger, inherited from him a sickly constitution but, unlike his brother David, perhaps reacted against the style of his father's piety, and emphasised the more practical, ethical side of the Christian life.

He was ordained in 1847, as his Diary recounts, by Bishop Sumner of Winchester, and enjoyed his patronage until his death. His first living, the Perpetual Curacy of Crowhurst, he combined with acting as his father's curate in Limpsfield. He was a great traveller and had the knack of being at the right place at the right moment. He was at Scutari in 1856 where he saw Florence Nightingale at work, and also witnessed the signing of the Armistice in a field outside Sebastopol. In South Africa he heard judgment being given against Bishop Colenso in the Archbishop's court. In 1869 he was in Rome to see the troops of Victor Emanuel II enter the city bringing to an end the temporal power of the papacy. In 1871 he was in Berlin and saw the triumphal return of the Kaiser, Bismarck and Moltke from France. He met eminent men: the President of the United States in Washington in 1853, and Lord Elgin, then Governor-General of Canada. In South Africa he trekked 500 miles from Grahamstown to Basutoland with two ponies and a single 'Hottentot servant' and met Chief Mosesh of Basutoland. A few of his diaries survive which give the detail of some of these journeys. Others were described in lectures at Brightwell and reported in the local press.

His American diary reveals most about his character. He left Liverpool in November 1852 in a schooner along with 50 emigrants. After having recovered from

sea-sickness, we find him taking a great interest in the welfare of his fellow passengers, relating in his diary their sad and extraordinary circumstances. A stowaway was discovered. On Christmas Day Haldane Stewart took a service, well attended even by the Irish Roman Catholic emigrants. That night the stowaway and two of the ship's boys were caught stealing water. The stowaway was put in irons and sent to remain among the ship's boats, and the boys were to be flogged with a rope's end. 'Both the boys had been at my father's <Sunday> school in Liverpool and one of them remembered me as a teacher there. I was therefore doubly sorry for them... I made some remarks about forgiveness for the first offence but the captain thought they must be taught a lesson. They only received two or three strokes.' Meanwhile the stowaway was still among the boats. 'I suggested that after midnight (it was then about 11) the boats would be a cold berth. The captain ordered him to be put under cover. Next morning I discovered him still handcuffed at the forecabin, looking most disconsolate. I said something about him to the Captain who ordered him to the quarter-deck. The Captain was a kind-hearted man but a disciplinarian which in a ship is necessary...' Eventually Stewart, aided by a German woman, obtained liberty for the boy. 'The stowaway... seemed grateful, poor lad; perhaps he has rarely met with a kind word. Kicks may be had anywhere. Halfpence are scarce!'

In New Orleans he attended a slave auction. 'I was disgusted and vented my indignation by spitting on the floor of the St Louis Auction Room.' At another auction after a mother and child were sold, he and two others followed her into the auctioneer's room. '...the two gentlemen stared with me at the child. One said: "She's almost white, Sir." I became indignant and said: "I'm an Englishman, I never saw such a sight before and hope I may never again," and then cut.' He spent much more time informing himself about slavery, and got into many more arguments.

In New York, equally, he was interested in social conditions, and made contact with The Five Points House of Industry, a mission conducted by the Protestant Episcopal Church. There a Mr Eels took him on a tour. 'First we went into a tall dark house full of thieves and beggars. At the top saw a Scotch lassie cohabiting with a coloured man, an Irishman and family at tea and three young thieves sitting on a bedspread, several people lying in bed. Another house inhabited by Desperate Mike a blind beggar. Up an alley on the other side of the street, up very dark stairs, several girls working at straw plat. Up higher to a ragman worth \$20,000. Passed through a room with a noisy dog. Upstairs going out of it to some coloured people. Then further along the street down a dark alley to a wooden house, down steps into an area and cellar where a murder had been only lately committed, the woman's husband being in prison. Then to some low dancing houses a wretched and depressing sight. Then back to the Refuge where were prayers and oranges and cake distributed. Then out again... to some wretched places such as I was never in before. Returned sickened at the sea of wickedness and filled with pity and desire to liberate so many almost hopeless and helpless beings.'

In 1866 he was appointed Rector of Brightwell. He was immediately popular and remained so. *The Berkshire Advertiser* (19 July 1866) – '...he came amongst us as an entire stranger; but so kind and courteous has he been, and so assiduous in the

efficient discharge of his duties, that during the few months he has been with us he has won for himself the hearty good will of every parishioner – quite irrespective of age, position or sect.’

Soon after his arrival he married Emily Leveson-Gower, of Titsey Place, Surrey, just north of Limpsfield where he had been his father’s curate for some years. Great preparations were made for their return to Brightwell after the honeymoon: – ‘Wanted: 50 volunteers to draw the carriage of the Rev. J.H. Stewart on Thursday 19th.’ *The Berkshire Advertiser* (19 July 1866) recorded that ‘A subscription was opened to defray the necessary expenses, and the list is quite a curiosity. Rich and poor, Churchmen, Dissenters and Catholics all subscribed, and, while the gentry gave their gold, the poor sent in their pence and even those on the parish begged to be allowed to add their mites to the fund...’ Flags were flown, bands were engaged and ‘a very tasty <sic> triumphal arch’ was erected at the entrance to Brightwell, the crowds gathered, variously estimated at 1000 and 4000 people. The schoolmaster, Mr Hobley, carried a small banner bearing the couple’s initials. ‘The pretty street, shaded in places by the rich foliage of the trees, scented with the perfume wafted from the flower gardens on either side –, the decorations at every dwelling and across the street – the smiling countenances of all the inhabitants, all of whom appeared in holiday attire... all contributed to the interest of the scene, and the occupants of nearly every house came out... to welcome them home.’

This romantic picture of the village hid much hardship, poverty and many social problems. As he had found in New York, so in Brightwell there were many ‘almost hopeless and helpless beings’ to be liberated. The analysis of the club accounts on pp 100-6 gives a picture of some of the means which he used to relieve the effects of poverty; his Parish Diary tells of others, and there was no doubt much private relief offered at the Rectory.

Three years after Haldane Stewart arrived in Brightwell was published Anthony Trollope’s *The Vicar of Bullhampton*. It is interesting how Lord St George wrote to the Vicar in terms which to a large extent sum up Haldane Stewart’s ministry (ch. 60).

‘There is not a landlord in England more desirous of doing good to his tenants than my father; and I am quite willing to believe that there is not an incumbent in England more desirous of doing good to his parishioners than you.’

There were villages in England where the squire and the parson worked in partnership to do what was really the same good to their tenants or parishioners, a good which consisted of the relief of their immediate needs and the application of a healthy control or discipline. Cunningham, Stewart’s successor, would have thought this a rather secular ministry.

Brightwell at this time was an open village with no predominant landlord, but one of the farmers, Edward Fairthorne, who farmed the 500 acres of Brightwell Farm, was the Rector’s partner in ‘doing good’ to the village. Edward’s father, Henry Fairthorne had moved from Mongewell, where he had been farming and where the family had all been born, across the Thames to Brightwell. He farmed Brightwell Farm, and became

a churchwarden for the first time in 1832. His son, Edward, took over the farm, and prospered so much that he retired in 1879 and built the Red House in Slade End, an enormous house which still survives, divided into three.

Conditions for many of the villagers were hard. The agricultural wage had risen from about 7/1 in 1851 to 11 or 12 shillings for the lowest paid, and up to 18/- for those in higher positions (Dent, J.D., 'The Present Condition of the Agricultural Labourer', *Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society*, 2nd ser., VII.2 (1871), 343-65, quoting Mr Culley in the second report to the Poor Law Commission, 1869.). Berkshire was nevertheless among the counties which paid the lowest wages. The wages might be augmented by a gift of coal worth 25/-. Wages, housing, education and drink were the problems and opportunities in the way of the agricultural labouring class. What Edward Fairthorne did about wages we do not know. His record in education can be read in the text, in addition to which in 1882 he endowed Fairthorne Scholarships to help village children in their further education. As for housing a prevalence of half-timbered, thatched cottages and an absence of Victorian ones throughout the village suggests that little was done by most landlords. It was an exception to Dent's statement ('The Present Condition', p. 364.) that 'everyone who travels through the country sees... well-built and commodious cottage dwellings, rising amongst the squalid homes which even yet disgrace our land.' Fairthorne did build two cottages for his workmen at the entrance to Mackney Lane. To do this he did something to combat the problem of drink, for the two cottages replaced an ale-house called the Swan. 'Sir, them ale-houses is our curse,' was how the wife of one farm-labourer wound up her evidence to Mr Culley (2nd Report 1869, p. 138). Too much of a very small family income could go into the ale-house coffers.

The new school building, greatly aided by Fairthorne, is sufficiently described in the text. The schoolmaster, Frederick Hobley, who left the year after its completion is worthy of notice. He wrote down some reminiscences of his life in Brightwell (printed in *Alta, University of Birmingham Review*, 6 (Summer 1968), 331-9.). He was appointed after an interview with the then Rector, Robert Sumner, in 1852, and lodged with the Rector's coachman. Like many schoolmasters he rapidly added many duties and offices to his school work including collecting Government taxes and the rates, being Assistant Overseer, and a Census Enumerator. He taught Arithmetic to the young gentlemen who lived with the Vicar of North Moreton, and did a lot of land measurement both for the farmers and for the workmen who were paid by the acre for 'the Cutting, tying up in Sheaves, and stacking in Shocks'. He was paid 3d. an acre for the measuring. In Church, before the organ was introduced, there was 'a small, ordinary, Village Choir that sang the Hymns and Chants in the Church Service; this, of course, I joined. It was led by a Violin, and I remember at one week evening service, the Violin player and myself were the only two present in the choir, yet in the Hymns we had the four parts. J. Tarry played the air with the Violin, and sang Alto, while I played the Bass on the 'Cello, and sang Tenore...' When Hobley left Brightwell School he left teaching and became a somewhat unsuccessful commercial traveller, dying in 1908 at the age of 75.

In 1875 the new Master's House for the School was completed. The chief subscribers were Mr Fairthorne (a total of £207. 10s.), and the Rector (the site and £100 initially, and finally making up a deficit in the subscriptions of £159. 1. 11d.). As the Newcastle Commission reported to Parliament in 1861, the clergyman 'is the man who feels most the mischief arising from want of education... He begs from landowners; if he fails to persuade them to take their fair share of the burden, he begs from his friends, and even from strangers; and at last submits most meritoriously, and most generously, to bear not only his own proportion of the expense, but also that which ought to be borne by others...' Not only do members of Haldane Stewart's wife's family, the Leveson-Gowers, frequently appear on Brightwell subscription lists for major works, but on any list where there is a deficit, it is the Rector who deals with it.

Of the Rector's interests outside the parish J. E. H. Blackie (p. 55) mentions him in connection with 'the cottage hospital, the savings bank, the Horticultural Society, the various Benefit Societies, the Royal Berkshire Hospital at Reading, the Board of Guardians.'

His health was not good, and his absence on that score from parish outings is noted in the Diary. He died from pneumonia in Paris in 1879 on his way to Algiers on doctor's orders. J.E.H. Blackie writes:

'At the Rectory there were six little girls, the eldest ten, the youngest less than two. There still exists a pathetic photograph of them, taken outside the house, perched like little huddled birds on a waggonette, clothed in black and each wearing a funny little hat like a bowler with a bunch of what look like black feathers in front. The coachman James also in mourning stands at the horses head. The picture creates a profound impression of desolation and loss.'

IV

THE POOR

The vast majority of the inhabitants of Brightwell could be described as poor. They earned very low wages; they received charities. They were helped by the Church in a variety of ways, which have left their mark on the parish archives.

A folio white-covered account book is devoted chiefly to the Coal Fund accounts. It also contains some accounts of the Brightwell General Charities, comprising the

Riggins, Wintle, Field, Bayn Hill Close, Leavers and Mrs Isham's Charities. These charities between them produced an annual income of £24. 5. 4. The book was obviously actually used at the Boxing-Day distribution, and each figure is ticked in pencil as the money was given out.

In 1864 the disbursements were recorded as follows:

Distributed to the poor of Brightwell
Dec. 26th, 1864.

December 26th in School Room	17. 3. 6
Four widows Yates	
Cox	
Batten	
Eggleton	1
 Bread Money for the poor <of> Slade End	 3. 3
Schooling for the same	<u>3. 3</u>
	24. 9. 6

This final amount used up the year's income and 4s. 2d. of the 7s. 7d. carried over from the previous year.

The number of people who thought it worthwhile to turn up on Boxing Day to receive a few shillings across the schoolroom table is remarkable. In 1861 out of 194 households 120 were represented. Those who were not represented included, as one would expect, the farming families: the Cozens, Dearlove, Fairthorne, Hazel, Powell, Taylor and Wells households. There were a number of others who lived on rents and annuities and had retired to the village. The tradesmen also were on the whole unrepresented at the table: the blacksmiths, publicans, wheelwrights and other master craftsmen. A few, on the other hand, were there, especially cordwainers or cobblers, who seem to have been badly off for they were frequently lodgers in the poorest homes. A few agricultural labourers, heads of families, did not turn up: John Wilcox, John Marshall and William Stroud. One woman, Laura Eggleton, unmarried with four children (one just having started employment as a maid), and who sewed waistcoats for her living, was perhaps not encouraged to be there. But the rest of the village, the farm labourers, the shepherds, carters, gardeners, young and old, they all turned up in the schoolroom along with the paupers on parish relief and the widows; even the parish clerk and the sub-postmaster were there.

There was a hierarchy of need in they eyes of the administrators of the charities. On 27 December 1869, perhaps after some protests in the schoolroom, the rector recorded:

Memorandum as to the general principles upon which the 5 charities are distributed at Xmas -

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| 1 Married couples – able-bodied | 1-6 |
| 2 Ditto aged – but the husband is able to work | 2-6 |
| 3 Ditto aged and infirm | 3-0 |
| 4 Widows able-bodied without children – if infirm 6d extra | 2-0 |
| 5 Children unable to work including children at work | |
| | for 1st year each 6 |
| <Inserted> Widows without children for self | 2-6 |
| 6 Young married couples not admitted till year after marriage – Other applicants from Sotwell at once – other persons after a year – | |
| 7 The legal claim of Blue Mountains admitted but “discretion” exercised by giving to none but aged-sick & special. | |
| 8...All special cases – Eg sickness – treated exceptionally & as appears at the time. | |
| 9 illegitimate children not counted. | |

JHS

*By “discretion” – not by express terms of will.

<Inserted in the margin>

10 – as to school attendance see year 1874 Xmas.

The Christmas 1874 entry reads as follows:

New Rule 10th – That after this date the sum of 6d be withheld from the parents of every child between the years of 5 & 11 – who has not attended school 250 times during the year previous ending Nov 30 & if above 11 – and under 12 – 150 times & in cases where none of the children coming under the above description have attended school as stated no charity money will be awarded – special cases such as illness excepted – That in cases where the above conditions are observed – and no other impediment exists 3d per child be added to the usual 6d. 24 Dec/74 – illegitimate children counted both ways.

In 1889 the school managers introduced a new system of payment and rebates for children attending the National School to increase regularity of attendance and diligence. There was, for instance, a rebate of a shilling for a child who passed all three subjects.

For the purposes of paying school fees villagers were divided into two classes: tradesmen and parents. In 1878 the managers decided that ‘Mrs Belcher was to be considered a tradeswoman & pay 2d each for her children’ (*Brightwell School Minutes, 1877-1913.*). By 1889 ‘parents’ were expected to pay three-pence a week for the first child, four-pence for two children and five-pence for three or more. ‘Tradesmen and some others’, however, were to pay ‘four-pence for the first child, and three-pence for each child after the first’. This division of the village into two

The different charities were in effect amalgamated with the exception of Mrs Isham's widows' crowns and those charities confined to Slade End. The parish and club accounts which were not the churchwardens' responsibility are, for the years 1866-1878, contained in an octavo soft-covered account book. On its cover is affixed a label which reads:

I	Brightwell & Sotwell Clothing Club
II	Brightwell & Sotwell Childrens Clothing Club
III	Brightwell Lying in Charity
IV	Brightwell & Sotwell Soup-Kitchen
V	Brightwell Ringers Fund
VI	Brightwell Churchyard Fund
VII	Brightwell Organ Fund
VIII	Church Missionary Society
IX	Propagation of Gospel Society
X	Collections in Church 1868
XI	Offertory – Brightwell 1868 – Sotwell

V

Like his predecessor Francis Cunningham came from an evangelical background, but reacted against it in a rather different way. His father was 'Velvet' Cunningham, who had been a curate to John Venn from 1809 to 1811 at Clapham, and is described as a

prominent member of the Clapham Sect. His sons bore Clapham names – Thornton and Macaulay. In 1811 ‘Velvet’ Cunningham accepted Harrow where he remained for 50 years until his death. His preaching was very popular and his going from Clapham much lamented, but at Harrow he made an enemy of Anthony Trollope’s mother, who satirised him in *The Vicar of Wrexhill*, (1837). His children were all competent and distinguished in the careers they followed.

Against this background Francis Cunningham reacted by becoming a tractarian. Not that he ever wore vestments or burned incense, but he valued the sacraments, and strove to introduce some colour and dignity into what was often a slovenly and boring church service. He came to Brightwell from Witney where he had been Rector for 15 years. In Witney he wrote a ‘Parochial Diary’ similar to the one he continued in Brightwell. This and his successor’s contribution have been used by Carmen Smith in a booklet entitled *Two Men’s Ministries* (Witney, 1983). Cunningham went to Witney in 1864, and thus his ministry there was almost contemporary with Haldane Stewart’s in Brightwell. Carmen Smith writes, ‘The man himself – orderly, meticulous, humanitarian, strong willed, amateur psychologist, sometimes impatient and irritable yet rejoicing in a sense both of honour and of humour – speaks to us through his words and deeds.’

In Witney, as later at Brightwell, he had to do much work on the Rectory which was in a poor condition and he spent £1500 of his own money on it. St Mary’s Church was in need of restoration, indeed it was ‘in so scandalous a condition that the Bishop would not enter it’ (p. 5), and a confirmation had to be held elsewhere. He successfully raised the money and carried the work out in his first three years. He did at Witney many of the things that Haldane Stewart was doing at Brightwell. He did much for the schools. He re-organised the coal and clothing clubs into a Thrift and Self Help Club. He introduced parish outings and children’s parties. He had an annual garden party at the Rectory where he danced into the small hours. He was a great gardener, and with his daughters planted ‘thousands of trees, shrubs and plants.’ He also instituted a system of district visitors in 25 districts throughout the town. In Octavia Hill’s words, ‘those gentle, earnest, duty-doing souls, well born, well nurtured, well provided for, possibly well educated, turning aside out of the bright paths which they could pursue continuously, to bring a little joy, a little help, to those who are out of the way’ (*Our Common Land and other short Essays*, London 1877, p. 24). Cunningham seemed unaware of Octavia Hill’s doubts about the system: ‘To some it seems incongruous to carry tracts in one hand and coal-tickets in the other... Others again, feel that carrying tracts without coal-tickets when the grate is empty seems a little like want of sympathy; and others that carrying coal-tickets without tracts is treating the poor as if they were only concerned with the outside things of life.’

Mrs Bussell, whom he soon invited to Brightwell, was such a district visitor, except that she visited the whole parish. No doubt she carried both tracts and coal-tickets. She was a lady, with her own income, and kept two servants in her cottage. Cunningham paid her the expenses which she incurred in her work.

With opposition he could be sharp, but not always successful. On 21 June in his first year in Witney, he wrote: 'A visit from Mr Salmon, Organist, on behalf of the Choir to say if I interfered with the music the Choir would leave the Gallery!' And on 26 June, 'Met the above move by dismissing them all – and getting the Gallery filled with persons out of many houses who would rally round me – and thus so thoroughly threw the Choir on their backs that all whom I chose to admit came back in a few weeks on my terms.' He did the same with the bell ringers – 'Beer and tobacco prevailed in the belfry and order was there none' – but in preparing for the mission of the Cowley Fathers, with Fr. Benson, the founder himself, in 1870, he felt he had failed insofar as 'we have been unable to gain the goodwill of those whom we especially desired to gain – the regular old-fashioned church goers.' Some of them, in fact, left St Mary's for neighbouring village churches. The middle classes were made of sterner stuff than the working-class choir and ringers. In 1870, however, he instituted collections at all the Sunday services to pay church expenses and to support the schools. In 1879 he added the note: 'Boldness did answer. I never regretted the move.'

Throughout his ministry Cunningham had, what is now called, a bias towards the poor. He 'began open air preaching. As the poor will not come to us, I thought I would go to them. Established myself in Lowell's Yard. Had, of course, a crowd of people from all parts of the town. We distributed hymns, printed for the occasion and the singing was very hearty' (p. 14). So every Sunday afternoon, from May to early autumn, at least for one year, he conducted his services there at 5.15.

What he took most pleasure in was an increase in the number of communicants. 6 March 1864: 'There are only monthly celebrations of Holy Communion. Only about 20 communicants this day.' At Easter that year there were 45. In 1868 he wrote (p. 22) 'On Easter Sunday 76 came to *early* Communion. This was double the Number there were all day in 1864. There were also 70 at the 2nd Celebration. It is impossible not to feel much pleasure in the advance of Church Matters during the 4 years. *Deo laudes.*' *Advance* is almost a technical term for the introduction of higher standards of worship. 'I took another step in advance by introducing Hymns Ancient & Modern in both Churches – I believe to everybody's satisfaction... I determined to try another advance, on the strength of the new book, & commenced this day by singing a processional Hymn as we went down to the Vestry after Evening Service' (p. 25). The evening service was the one attended by the poorer and more malleable classes. Other advances included surpliced choirs, eastward position at the altar, the observance of saints' days, more frequent celebrations of the Eucharist, more communicants, a retreat for 30 clergy in 1874 conducted by Canon Edward King (later Bishop of Lincoln, and victim of an anti-ritualist prosecution in the Archbishop's court), 'a deepening and quickening of the religious life of the place' (p. 26).

When he left Witney he summed up his ministry in the Book.

Thus ended a ministry of 15 years at Witney. It has been a time of some activity & of profound interest. My health had been so bad for some time past that I knew it to be impossible for me to continue to labor as I had done. Though I had

3 most excellent Curates, Revds W.H. Partridge, H.N. Cunningham (my son) & W.M. Miller, I should never have been satisfied to stay on after I had ceased to pull the stroke oar; & I feared lest the parish should suffer through my default. Many Institutions have been set up on what I hope may prove to be solid foundations & I could not have been happy if I had seen any signs of deterioration in what I had been instrumental in establishing. Everything was left in full swing of work in all parts of the Parish. May God forgive the deficiencies of which I am conscious, and consolidate His own work.

F.M. Cunningham.

He came to Brightwell at the age of 63, with his wife Alice, whose health was also poor, and his unmarried daughter Mabel, aged 18 (two other daughters had been married in Witney), to what was thought perhaps to be a job for a convalescent. He died, 20 years later in his 84th year after a vigorous and successful ministry. The entries in the Parish Diary, however, cease in 1892, which may betoken a return of his ill health. Of his three sons, one was dead in Rangoon where, after being a Cambridge rowing blue, he was Government Advocate in Burma. His second son became headmaster of King's School, Peterborough. The third, Herbert Noel, who had been his curate at Witney had gone out to America in 1876 to be Rector of Le Mars in Iowa.

Cunningham was a very different man from Haldane Stewart. He had not the latter's gift for endearing himself immediately to all and sundry. He was an older man, crustier, and had a very different idea of what the work of a parish priest should be. For him the primary purpose of the priest was to foster a pattern of religious observance and to nourish and deepen the spiritual life of his parishioners. Good works and the relief of poverty were not forgotten, but they were secondary. His idea of 'advances' was not going to endear him to some of his wealthier Sotwell parishioners, nor perhaps his bias to the poor. In many ways his ministry in Brightwell was a repeat of his Witney work, but on a much smaller scale. In much he was successful – in some things he failed.

One of his first tasks was a decision about the Rectory. The Diary gives his reasons for going against recommendation of the following report.

14, Great Marlborough Street
London W. 18th April 1879

Brightwell Rectory Berkshire
A report and Survey made by Edwin Dolby,
Architect.

I have carefully examined the Rectory House and Outbuildings at Brightwell with a view to (if possible) converting it into a suitable residence for the new Rector, and am of the opinion that without making alterations amounting nearly to Rebuilding the fabric, it cannot be converted into a convenient dwelling or into a

satisfactory state from a sanitary point of view. It seems to me that the House has been erected at many different times by making small additions & as a matter of fact about half the room of the House is wasted in unnecessary passages, dark corners & small unhealthy rooms. A large proportion of the Building is in such repair as to make rebuilding a necessity before the responsibility involved by the dilapidations act can be judiciously undertaken by a new Rector.

The Floor of the House is nearly level with the ground surrounding it, & I fear that owing to the natural dampness & closeness of springs to the surface, together with the want of proper fall for drainage the earth cannot be lowered to a sufficient extent to make the House dry & healthy. The rooms on the First floor are very low & for the most part are cramped & inconvenient, badly lighted & without proper means for ventilation while those on the Second or Attic Floor are quite unfit for use.

To make the House into a convenient healthy one would necessitate in my opinion the removal of nearly all the internal walls the raising of the Floors and Ceilings, newly roofing throughout & in most of the Bedrooms the insertion of larger & better fitting windows, together with an entire re-arrangement of the Plan & additional buildings. I therefore recommend the Erection of a New House upon a dry & healthy site on higher ground in the adjoining field belonging to the glebe.

The Present Stabling is capable of being enlarged & improved & could be conveniently used in connection with the New House.

The advantages of the site suggested are first a dry healthy atmosphere, good fall for drainage & a subsoil free from impurities.

1882 shows Cunningham handling the Hymn Book problem with great tact, so much so that he was able to rebuild St James' Church, Sotwell, without any opposition. He was curiously impatient about a faculty – he obtained one for Witney Church without any problem.

30, May 1883, in a letter to I. M. Davenport, the Diocesan Registrar, I was quite taken aback at being told we required a faculty. We should have been in the thick of the work 10 days ago but for this <needless proceeding del.> tiresome formality.

Cunningham's account of the rebuilding can be amplified somewhat from his correspondence with Davenport.

23 May, 1883 I have erased that portion of the petition which refers to the public meeting. There was no "due notice", & no resolution was passed, &

certainly none to apply for a Faculty. The Question of the Faculty has not arisen till now.

If it is needful to notice the meeting, what occurred was this. I invited, in a number of private notices, every person in Brightwell & Sotwell who I thought would be interested, & would be likely to help or hinder the project. Of course all the employers of labor were invited, & Some who were not. But no notice was given in Church. It was a mixed meeting of Brightwell & Sotwell people – &, after a good deal of discussion of plans, materials &c, somebody proposed that such & such persons should form a Building Comtee. Not a word of objection was made, or has been so much hinted at. The whole population of the 2 parishes is in favor of the work, & Everyone who has a shilling to spare is ready to give it.

I do not know what form the notice will take, but it will, in my opinion, be much better to ignore the meeting altogether.

Whatever the notice, I shall cause it to be read aloud on Sunday next. You maybe assured there is no hole & corner work in this case, but I <will> not affect a publicity & the notice &c, &c which did not occur.

The petition, signed by the Rector and the Churchwardens, William Roberts and George Allaway, described what was to be done:

It is proposed to rebuild the walls in Good stone instead of rubble – to raise & repair the roof – to put new floor – new seats – new windows in exact imitation of 2 Existing windows – & (after a while) (or if funds should permit, now) to add a Chancel & a porch. At present there is neither the one nor the other.

And on 11 June he wrote to Davenport:

I inclose this little work of supererogation. I have kept the Church door intact for the exhibition of the Proclamation – but right or wrong, the Faculty will not be of much use to us – for the work is, at the moment, in full swing – & will go on, if all be well, Faculty or no Faculty.

The Bishop has given his consent, long ago – & as I knew full well the whole parish was only grumbling at the needless loss of so much fine weather, we made our arrangements pretty much irrespective of formalities.

The great sorrow of his ministry was the opening of the Mission Hall, now the Brightwell Free Church. The Fairthorne and the Roberts families were closely connected, for Edward Fairthorne's wife, Ann, was the sister of William Roberts, who had married Fairthorne's sister, Charlotte. Augusta, Edward Fairthorne's unmarried sister lived with the Roberts's in Sotwell. The two sisters, Charlotte and Augusta,

were the centre of the opposition to Cunningham. He blames Augusta for the Hymn Book problem, and both of them for the reaction to his success with the poor (p. 113). Augusta Fairthorne seems to have been a woman made unhappy by her deafness and perhaps her failure to marry and have an establishment of her own. No doubt for all of them both theological and social considerations weighed, but in what proportions in the absence of any evidence we have no means of telling. Cunningham in his account points to both: there was opposition to 'the doctrine of the Prayer Book', that is to the revival of those parts of Prayer Book teaching which were customarily neglected at that time, but also it was 'the poor' who were accepting the teaching and being 'misled'. Some 25 years ago (c.1970) a village lady declared that the Free Church was 'where the domestics went'. One factor in the situation was probably the policy which all Victorian clergymen of the new school had, which was to be in charge of their church. At Witney we can see Cunningham taming the bellringers and the choir. He saw the parish partly in terms of those who would 'rally round him' and those who would not. Forty years earlier, the arrival of a resident incumbent could upset the balance of power in another village. As the *Lincolnshire Chronicle* (25 May 1838) put it '... there are many great 'uns resident in the parish who have viewed with much suspicion the residence of a gentleman among <them> much fearing, mighty souls, that their consequence in the eyes of the parishioners might be somewhat eclipsed' (Quoted, M. Spurrell, *Stow Church Restored* (Woodbridge, 1984), p. xvi). Cunningham certainly intended to be in charge, and his being in charge resulted in changes. He also went behind the backs of the farmers and moneyed residents, appealing to the poorer classes. Well might the 'great 'uns' of Brightwell and Sotwell be suspicious.

There was a personal animus as well. Cunningham had managed to get the Roberts memorial window – three female figures representing Faith, Hope, and Charity – placed at the west end of St James', so that eventually a window with a representation of Christ in it might be over the altar at the east end. Immediately after his death a window depicting the empty tomb decorated with the favourite low-church text, 'He is not here, He is risen' (and, of course, no sign of Christ), was installed with the inscription, 'This window is erected as a token of love and friendship to the memory of John Haldane Stewart, a little while Rector of this Parish. A.D. 1898.'

As has been noted above the entries in the Diary cease without explanation in 1892. For 1878 Cunningham had written at Witney, 'There has not been much to record this year. I had by this time accomplished all that I had set myself to accomplish – & nothing remained but to quietly consolidate the work' (p. 39). The previous year and into 1878 he had allowed himself to be absent from the parish abroad for long periods because of his wife's health. It may be that the absence of a challenge undermined his own health, and that the same thing happened in Brightwell during the last few years of his ministry and life.

He died on 31 March, 1897. His wife, Alice, had died two and a half years before at the age of 75, on his birthday. Mabel, his unmarried daughter died in Bournemouth in 1908 aged 47, and was brought back to Brightwell to be buried with her parents.

MRS BUSSELL'S LIST

Written in a copperplate hand, this stiff-covered quarto book contains a list of almost all the inhabitants of the parish, with notes on their church affiliation. Internal evidence suggests that its writing should be ascribed to Mrs Bussell, though there is no direct evidence.

Mrs E. Bussell came to Brightwell in October 1880 as a parish visitor and left on 30 April 1886. She was unfortunately absent on Census Day, 1881. The book is dated 1884. On 19 March that year 42 candidates were presented for confirmation and a Communicants' Guild set up. Easter 1884 Communion is recorded in the book, which would seem to be a pastoral aid to keep up with this influx of communicants. Further entries were made in the book the last event recorded, the baptism of Lionel Alfred Harvey on 25 April 1886 (no. 83), being five days before Mrs Bussell's departure.

The list serves both to provide some sort of religious census in the parish, and also to highlight the priorities of Cunningham's ministry. It appears that the book originally contained only those families who might need relief as the better off families are entered in a rather more cramped style. No detail, however, of any relief is recorded in the book.

The entries are not strictly in alphabetical order, because some names were missed out by accident, other families moved in, and the families were inserted where there was room, roughly in the right part of the alphabet.

While communicants are recorded, ordinary attendance at Church is unfortunately not recorded. There are under twenty dissenters noted, which, even without their children, seems to be a low number. It must, however, be remembered that Haldane Stewart had been exceptionally popular, and Cunningham was energetic and able, and the strength of nonconformity in any village largely depended upon the strength of the established church. The effect of the foundation of the Mission Hall in 1884 is not recorded, but one person, Richard Looker (No. 101), is described as being 'Great at the Mission Hall', although he had been confirmed three years before.

The Confirmation of 1884 is largely recorded. 33 out of the 42 candidates can be identified. The confirmation was on 19 March and Easter on 11 April, and it was quite usual to expect that a quarter of the candidates might fail to make their communion.

Inserted in the pages of the book is a small scrap of paper which is printed at the end of the List (No. 180). It is a vivid reminder of the poverty and the problems which were to be encountered in an agricultural village such as Brightwell. It also bears witness that Cunningham at Brightwell did not forget the coal-tickets in favour of the tracts.

Some abbreviation of the MS has seemed desirable. In the MS the column headings are repeated for each family. The word CHILDREN precedes the numbered members of the family and has been omitted here. In printing the MS, dates such as 'Febr 14th 1881' are represented by '14.2.81'. Words in CAPITALS represent

underlinings in the MS. Words and whole entries in *italics* are those entries which have been deleted in the MS. Where there are deletions within deleted entries they have been noted. The numbering of the families has been added for easy reference.

One or two entries (e.g. No. 172, which seems characteristic of the man) are in Cunningham's hand and have been noted. The word 'No' in the column headed CONFIRMED is in the MS always, optimistically, written in pencil. The final column contains additional information not found in the MS, gathered from the census returns of 1881 and 1891. Material from the the latter census is enclosed in square brackets. The ages have been adjusted to the year 1884, but the occupations, of course, refer to the date of the census.

There are two sorts of *sigilla* in the MS. The ticks do not represent church goers, for some communicants are left out and one widow who 'does not attend either Church or Chapel' is ticked. Nor do they represent those in need of relief. My guess is that they refer to some visiting scheme. On the other hand two of those ticked are queried, and they share the same name, which rather suggests a subscription; but it would have had to have been one to which even the poorest could contribute because some of the families ticked were very poor indeed. The crosses, and occasionally double crosses, I think refer to a request for domestic service, both male and female, and mark those people who might be suitable. The provision of 'places' had always been a way of helping the poor – see No. 180.

MR WINTLE'S BOOK

NOTE

In reading this document it must be remembered that for the bulk of it the odd and even pages do not continue one to the other. Perhaps the easiest way of reading is to read the odd, right-hand side pages and refer to the even ones. From f. 78 (p. 60) the book can be read in the normal manner.

The sheepskin cover, front and back boards lined with MS, probably of the 17th century.

<On the front cover>

Brightwell Rectory
The Revd. Thomas Wintles
Book

X1

f.2

NB. I find from a Paper of Mr. Morgan's that these Lands were measur'd by Mr. Wm. Burgess in October 1736; & the exact Measure of the several Parcels is as follows.

*The Sparrow acre is 2 Rood & 15 Perches.

2. The portion of Lands at Haddon which lies for $18\frac{1}{2}$ Acres, contains but 12 Statute Acres & 5 Perches.

The other which lies for 8 Acres is but 4 Acres & 1 Rood.

The third Parcel which lies for 5 Acres is but 3 Acres 1 Rood & 15 Perches.

[These two last were once disjoin'd by a foot Path, which is now remov'd to the outside of the smaller Piece, & the Pieces laid together. [the first now lies for 19 field Acres (the Lands being lay'd streight & 2 Lands call'd an Acre).]

3. A parcel of Land, arable, called Abwell-piece lying in the Home- field, of 18 Acres.

f.1

A Book containing sundry Memorandums & Particulars relating to the Living of Brightwell in the County of Berks & Diocese of Sarum begun by Mr. Wintle for the Use of himself & Successors.

NB. Mr. Wintle was instituted to this Living of Brightwell (by virtue of a Presentation from Dr. John Thomas Bishop of Winchester) on the twenty fifth day of March 1774; and this Book was not begun till near the end of the second Harvest after his Institution in the month of August 1775.

This Living is a Rectory, charg'd in the King's Books at £44.17.11 per ann: and of course the yearly Tenth's are £4.9.9½; After the Tenth's were deducted Mr. W. compounded at the First-fruits office for the Sum of £40.8.1½ to be paid at four half-yearly Payments together with 2/6 at each payment for the Acquittal-fee; and the Fees for Composition Stamp &c were £2.16.6.

The Tenth's are paid at the Tenth's Office before the 1st. of Ma<y... *line illegible*>

f.3

The Glebe Lands belonging to this Living are as follow,

1. A Dwelling House with Gardens, Barns, Stables & Close behind the Barn, Farm-yard, and an Acre of Land called Sparrow acre*, which formerly lay in the adjoining Field, but was taken in to the Close, & a Quick-set Hedge planted to fence it from the said Field by Mr. John Morgan formerly Rector of this Parish. All these lie within one Fence, except a small part at the top of the Sparrow-acre, which is necessarily disjoin'd by the intervention of a Foot-way to Moreton &c.

2. Three Parcels of arable Land lying contiguous at Haddon in the West field of Brightwell, one of 18 Acres, another 8 Acres, & the third 5 Acres.

3. Abwell is a most excellent piece of Ground, & measures 16 full Acres 1 Rood Perches. & It is now laid out in 34 Lands. It us'd to be estimated at 18 field Acres, tho' it now lies for only 17. [for a Mere on the west side see p.61.]

4. The Piece which lies for 5 Acres call'd Coombe-piece is but 3 Acres 1 Rood & 6 Perches.

5. The middle furlong Acre is 3 Rood & 11 Perches.

6. The single Acre near Abwell is one full Statute Acre & 30 Perches.

7. The Acre near Thorn Lands is 3 Rood & 4 Perches.

f.4

8. There are in the Priest-mead 2 Acres belonging to Mr. Wells's Estate, & one Acre belonging Mr. Tomkins's, & one Acre more which belongs to the Reeve for the time being; the meadow containing in all 8 Acres; the Rector's four are nearest the Highway, & the rest are said to be tithe-free; but the Reason of this I know not, & I find it queried by Mr. Morgan. – From Lammas to Candlemass the whole of the Mead lies common; from which Right of Common the Rector & the Tenant of the Reeve-Acre are said to be excluded: The old Terrier in the Register-book made by Dr. Godwyn in 1634, affixes the Right of the Rector from Candlemas to Lammas; but whether he is thereby excluded from the Right of Common afterwards is a matter of Doubt, & I find by report that it was disputed by old Mr. Toovey when he rented the Glebe, on the principle that there was no other Lammas Ground in the Parish. Mr. W. has agreed with the other Occupiers for the feed from mowing-time to Lammas to be valu'd at the rate of one Acre for the whole feeding-time; so that the Number of Horses or Cows to be turn'd in to pasture is not at any time to exceed ten; of which two are to be the Rector's. [But this Agreement ceased in 1797, & I hir'd sheep to feed the Ground from mowing-time till Lammas-day, in that & some following Years.]

⁺It is said, that something similar to this is to be met with in Nth. Moreton parish. The old Terrier of 1634 gives reason to think that these Meads were not then exempt from Payment of Tithes; & if that was the Case, I shou'd suppose the Tithes must be lost in the times of the Usurpation; however no Traces now appear, that they ever did actually pay Tithes, or were deem'd tithable.

4. Five Acres of arable Land call'd Coombe-piece near the Hand & Post, opposite the farm-hill gate on the west-side of the Highway.
5. One Acre of arable Land lying in the middle furlong in the East farther Field.
6. One Acre of arable Land at Abwell.
7. And another Acre of arable near Thorn Lands.

f..5

8. Four Acres of Meadow Ground in the Priest's-mead in Brightwell. These are full Acres & 12 Perch: over.
9. A little Meadow in Brightwell Grounds about 2 Acres.

This measures but 1 Acre 2 Rood & 27 Perches.

The whole of the Glebe Lands (exclusive of the Home) lies for 63 Acres & $\frac{1}{2}$ - and measures about 48 Acres.

[NB. If the Sparrow Acre be not reckon'd, but included in the Homestead, & the piece call'd Coombe-piece be set at 19 Acres, then there will be just 63 Acres by Estimation or field Acres.]

All manner of Tithes great and small are payable to the Rector of Brightwell thro' the whole Village & Farm of Brightwell, the Hamlets of Mackney and Slade-end.

Except here – the four Acres in Priest-mead mentioned in the opposite Page; & except likewise the Meads belonging to Brightwell Hamlet only which are said to be Tithe-free, & that the Commons only are tithable which are all inclos'd like the Meads. – The Reason of this I find also Queried, & no such Exceptions appear in the Terrier: The only Reason I can learn from the Inhabitants is, that when the Meadows were inclos'd by joint Consent, the little Mead was assign'd & accepted by the then Rector as his Portion: but the oldest Men in the Parish can remember nothing of the time when this Enclosure was made. Brightwell-farm meadows are intirely excluded from the above Exception, & are all tithable. [Possibly the few Glebe Acres of Meadow might in the original Allotment be given to the Rector in lieu of the Tithe of the rest, tho' no mention is made of such Agreement in the old Terrier.⁺]

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⁺I was inform'd by the Tenant that this Farm consisted of 328 Statute Acres, whereof about 50, or rather more, are Meadow Ground, either common or inclos'd, & the rest, viz, upwards of 270 are arable Land. If I understood the Tenant right, there is this number of Acres, exclusive of Hedges, Ditches & Mounds.

[#]The Impropiator of Harwell has the Tithes of these 20 Acres⁺, & takes them every year from the Wheat-side, which are most valuable, & from any part of that which he choses.

[⁺He takes the Tithe of only 20 *Lands* of Wheat, as I have since discover'd.]

NB. I do not find that any Easter Dues have been demanded or any Mortuaries paid within memory; and Mr. Morgan has a Mem. much to the same purpose in 1730

[On farther Examination I have reason to think that the Easter-Dues are paid to the Parish-Clerk with some addition.]

⁼ See p.50

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NB. The Tithes of Mackney & Slade-end are to be let to the respective Inhabitants, but the Persons under-mention'd are responsible to the Rector for the respective total Sums till Michaelmas 1777.

- 1 Mackney Tithes are let to Messrs. Richd. Willson & Zech: Keame.
2. Brightwell farm Do. to Mr. William Toovey.
3. Brightwell Do. with the Glebe to Mr. Robt. Saunders.
4. Slade-end Tithes to Messrs. Fr. Bolton, Wm. Dobson & Jos: Bishop.
5. Harwell Tithes to Mr. Thos. Saunders.

[I do not know the exact measure of Brightwell-farm, but from the best Information I have pick'd up, I believe it to contain about 450 Acres. [See p.42.] Harwell Estate contains about 328 Statute Acres, of which I think about 70 are in meadow or pasturage including ways, & the rest arable; out of this the Tithe of 20 Acres of Wheat is taken annually by another Proprietor from what ever Quarter of the Wheat-crop he likes best; but they must be from the Acres as they lie, & not according to Statute measure.

f.7

⁺All manner of Tithes great and small have been paid time out of mind to the Rector of Brightwell from a certain Farm situated in Harwell; held by lease of the Bishop of Winchester now belonging to Mrs. Bateman, & occupied by Thomas Saunders.

[#]Except out of this farm 20 Acres of Land called Sheep-acres which are not tithable to the Rector of Brightwell.

The Terrier (as in the Register) intimates also farther, that every Easter the Villages of Brightwell, Mackney & Slade-end pay for Easter- dues 4d every Yard-Land, & the Farm of Brightwell 2d only. And

All Mortuaries payable to the Rector.

The Tithe of Osiers or Willows is due from an Eyte or Island in the Thames; There are also four Coppices on Brightwell-farm which are tithable to the Rector, which are now all detach'd from the Farm, & are in the hands of the Landlord. The Tithe of the above Eyte & Coppices is let to Mr. Wm. Toovey. [I inquire often of Mr. Toovey, if these Eytes & Coppices are tith'd, & am assur'd the Coppices are always, & the Eyte either tith'd, or an Allowance made for it by Laffar the Tenant. It might not be amiss if the Rector took the Tithe of one of these Coppices into his hands, especially that adjoining to Wittenham Woods call'd the Fellmead Copse⁼; as Wittenham Woods are deem'd subject to a Modus, & both the Woods & Brightwell-farm are the Property of Sir H. Oxenden, or rather he has the letting of the Farm under the Bishop of Winchester.]

f.9

The value of the Living of Brightwell, as it now stands, is as under,

	£	..	s	..	d
1. Mackney Tithes	140	..	0	..	0
2. Brightwell-farm Tithes	116	..	0	..	0
3. Brightwell Tithes with the Glebe	138	..	10	..	0
4. Slade-end Tithes	78	..	0	..	0
5. Harwell Tithes	52	..	10	..	0
	525	..	0	..	0

There is moreover the Tithe of a Coppice at Haddon which the Rector keeps in his hands, to supply his House with Poles & Fire-wood; This Coppice belongs to Town's end Estate, now occupied by Jonah Norcutt, [afterward by Edwd. Inns.]

The value of the Homestead should also be added, which is not inconsiderable.

The Boundaries of Mackney, Brightwell & Slade-end are well known & may be learnt from the Course of Processioning mention'd hereafter, & as in each of those fields the Acres are reckon'd as the Lands are lay'd out, it would not be easy to ascertain their Number in Statute-measure, nor probably wou'd it be of much use, as their Value differs widely in different Situations. 1787.]

1. The Tenant of the Glebe pays the whole Land-tax, & is allow'd it out of his Rent. [NB. The Land-tax opposite is at three shillings in the £.

In 1776 the Land-tax was rais'd to 4s., & then I was assess'd at £48..8..10 for Brightwell & at £6.16. for Harwell. [Some time after Brightwell Tax was rais'd to £52..13.]

[There is a Charge likewise at the Triennial Visitation of the Bishop, of 16s.4d., if a primary Visitation, & of 2s. less if not so.]

6. For the Nature of the Charge see the Register. No Children are allow'd any thing, but all the Men & their Wives thro' the Parish are admitted to a Share. [See p. 72.]

8. In an old Copy of the Quit-rents due to the Bishop I find the Rector is charge'd two pence for the Rectory & four pence for this Bit of Ground. I believe this Bit of Ground was part of the Waste, and was once in possession of a man of the name of Cripps, whose Daughters are now living, 1782, & was transferr'd by him to the Rectory about the year 1733 in the time of Mr. Morgan who planted the Lime-trees. See a farther Acct. of this below. [Mr. Toovey once told me it was waste.]

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<In pencil> Is this the case now?

See a new Agreement with Mr Toovey &c at Pp. 50, 51.

The Yearly Expences of this Living are as under -

	£ .. s .. d
1. The Land-Tax (paid by Robt. Saunders ½ yearly)	33 .. 9 .. 6
2. The Window-Tax	3 .. 17 .. 0
3. The Tenths & Aquittal-fee	4 .. 10 .. 3½
4. Synodals payable at Easter with Acq: fee 4d.	0 .. 3 .. 4
5. Procurations payable at Michaelmas with Do.	0 .. 9 .. 8½
6. Charge on Maundy-Thursday (for married Persons only as appears by Mr. Morgan's Acct.) about	2 .. 10 .. 0
7. Land-tax for Harwell-tithes paid by Thos. Saunders <i><Totalled in pencil></i>	<u>5 .. 2 .. 0</u> <u>50 .. 11 .. 10</u>
8. There is a small Piece of Ground at the entrance of the Church-yard, for which the Rector pays a Quit-rent of 6d. to the Bishop of Winchester; This is pretended to belong to Brightwell-farm by Mr. T ^{oovey} , but too inconsiderable to be charg'd. The House &c is assess'd at the rate of 5£s per ann: to the Poor. 1775.	

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NB. The Tenants supply the Rector with Straw to thatch his Barns, & the Tenant of the Glebe pays the whole Charge of the Thatching for his Barn. He is allow'd the Dung of the Stable, for which he supplies the Rector with Straw, & with six loads of Dung for his Gardens. Mr. W. had nothing paid him for Dilapidations, & cou'd recover no Allowance, his Predecessor dying insolvent.

In 1777 at Michaelmas Mr. W. took all the Barns & Farm-yard into his own hands, as soon at least afterwards as the Corn could be thrash'd out: But having no use for the upper Barn, he let Mr. Toovey have it with his Tithes, but wou'd not let any of the Farm-yard or Rick-yard with it, as he found it necessary to confine that to himself. - In the South-barn Mr. W. laid a new Floor of Oak in the Spring of 1778: the old Deal-floor being very rotten was intirely taken up.

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+An Acct. of this Duty was return'd to the Bp. of the Diocese in 1801, & an Answer to some few other Queries relating to my Residence, the State of the Parsonage-house & Buildings, & the Due Entry & Returns annually of the Parish Register, signed by me Augst 1st.

The Ch:wardens have always been nominated on the Tuesday in Easter-week; I have nam'd one, & the Parishioners chose another, & have made the Entry accordingly – 1782. See the Ch:wardens Book.

Thomas Bedwin had been Clerk of the Parish for more than 50 Years; upon his removal to Wittenham at the advanc'd Age of near 86; I appointed Thomas Butcher to be Clerk in his stead; which I did by entering his Nomination in the Ch:wardens book in their presence & making them sign it as witnesses; & after this publish'd it in the Church – about Michaelmas 1781.

⁺If this be the Saint of the Dedication, it appears to be St. Margaret, & then the Acct. of Brown Willis taken from Ecton must be a Mistake. The Festival of St. Margaret is near St. James's Day in the month of July; Now Satwell-feast or wake is on the Sunday after St. James, & Brightwell-feast is on the Sunday next after that, as I suppose that both Wakes might not be kept on the same Day. This seems to confirm the Opinion that the Saint whose Name is found in the west window is the tutelar Saint of the Church of Brightwell.

If any Grave-stones are erected in the Ch:yard, I take no fee of the Inhabitants, but usually about 3/6 for a single stone & somewhat more for a double one, of Aliens. [see p.45.] - There are no Fees for Churching of Women, or for burying the Inhabitants, but a Fee of 6/8d for burying a Stranger in the Ch:yard; & I have always demanded a

In the Spring of 1782 Mr. W. took down the East end of the House or rather of the buildings at different times added to it, & run up a new Front, & enlarg'd the Closets & Cellar, & has left inclos'd a Space at the South-east corner, to which an Opening may be at any time made from the Parlour & Room over it: Joists are laid in the building for a floor & it is cover'd in at the top. Part of the Wall that was taken down was in a very old & tatter'd Condition; And as the Timber of these added Buildings was so much decay'd I suppose the parts that now remain of the House in its original State must be of very great Antiquity; however upon examination they appear perfectly sound, & from their size & heart may last as long as the parts new-built. – About this time a small, & a large, Piece of Timber were taken out from behind the top of the Stone Chimney-piece in the East parlour; the Timber was hot when taken out, & had the Mortar, which was plaster'd over it, fallen off, the House might probably have been set on fire, & the Wainscot catching, it might have been burnt to the ground.

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The Duty in the Parish Church⁺ of Brightwell is twice on Sundays, viz. Prayers & Sermon in the Morning at eleven, & Prayers only in the afternoon at three. Prayers likewise on all Holy-days, & on Wednesdays & Fridays in Lent, a Sermon on Xtnas day & Good-Friday – The Sacrament is administer'd about six times a-year, on the three Great Festivals, &, on Quinquagesima Sunday, the first Sunday in August, & the Sunday after Michaelmas, & sometimes there are Prayers the Evening before the Sacrament. The Children are catechised every Sunday Afternoon in Lent, & a Lecture or Sermon on the Catechism has usually been deliver'd from the Pulpit or Desk.

Brightwell Church is dedicated to St. Agatha, it had formerly a high Altar, of which the Ascent or Steps are still remaining; there are some Remains of an Assumption of the Virgin Mary on the Glass in the East window, a Crucifix in a Window in the South Ayle, & in a west window near the Door there is the Figure of a Saint, possibly that to whom the Church is dedicated.⁺

There are several Benefactions or Legacies for the Poor of the Parish of Brightwell; Accounts of which are hung or painted on the Front of the Gallery: And Copies of some of the Deeds that have convey'd them to the Parish I have transcrib'd in the Register book, there being too great danger that the Deeds or their Copies in the Parish-chest will soon be obliterated or destroy'd by the Damp. [See below.]

There is only one Vault in the Church, near the lower or west end of the middle Ayle; in which the Family of the Keame's, now Allnutt's, are buried; it had been the usual burying-place of that family without a Vault, but the Vault was made in 1782; for

Fee for every person buried in the Church. The Fee for a Couple married by Banns is 5s., & by Licence 10s. or 10/6.

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1776. 1. Jonathan Mayne stands charg'd - £2..0..0 - & Richd. Smith - 2s-6d

2. John Park is not charg'd, as he is not a Parishioner of Brightwell, & may not be made one by being tith'd.

See another Copy of a Poor's-rate Decr. 15th. 1778 among the Brightwell Papers.

⁺Joseph Deadman's in 1792.

which I demanded a fee of a Guinea. I know of no other Vault at present in the Church; but suspect there is one in the Chancel.

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A copy of a Poor's Rate at 6d in the Pound made Decr. 21st. 1774.

		£ .. s .. d
Revd. Mr. Wintle		0 .. 2 .. 6
Wm. Toovey for the Farm	9 .. 7 .. 0	
D ^o for Tithe of the Farm	2 .. 18 .. 0	12 .. 5 .. 0
Jno. Slade for Townsend (now Jonah Norcutt)		2 .. 5 .. 0
Robert Saunders for his own	0 .. 2 .. 0	
D ^o for the Tythe & Glebe	3 .. 9 .. 3	
D ^o for Mr Tomkins's	1 .. 0 .. 0	
D ^o for Mr Leaver's	0 .. 7 .. 0	5 .. 1 .. 0
D ^o for Lewis's Barn &c-	0 .. 0 .. 6	
D ^o for Eldridge's Field & Orchard	0 .. 0 .. 6	
D ^o for his Share of Tithes in Slade-end	<u>0 .. 1 .. 9</u>	
Sarah Eggleton for her House &c Richd. Cox's		
	Estate	0 .. 1 .. 3
John Cox		0 .. 1 .. 3
1. Richd. Smith for Mr. Fludger's		
	1 .. 16 .. 6 (now Jnn. Mayne)	
D ^o for his own	0 .. 1 .. 3	1 .. 17 .. 9
Thomas Clarke		0 .. 5 .. 0
Edward Inns junr. for Mr. Henderson's		0 .. 9 .. 0
Edward Inns senr.		0 .. 3 .. 0
John Dearlove for Mr Dews's		0 .. 5 .. 9
Joseph Deadman		0 .. 1 .. 6
2. Richard Gold for Cox's Close (now John Park ⁺)		
		0 .. 2 .. 0
John Hewett		0 .. 1 .. 0
John Bosier for Sr H. Oxenden's	0 .. 4 .. 0	
D ^o for Mr. Wells's	1 .. 6 .. 0	1 .. 10 .. 0
John Smith for Narroway's Orchard		0 .. 1 .. 9
Wm. Turner		0 .. 5 .. 0¾
Mrs. Birch		
1. for the Malt-house	0 .. 2 .. 6	
2. for Henry Weston's	0 .. 8 .. 0	
3. for Mr Hazle's	0 .. 1 .. 6	
4. for her Tithe in Slade-end	0 .. 2 .. 4½	<u>0 .. 14 .. 4½</u>
		25 .. 12 .. 2¼

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Brought forward			25 .. 12 .. 2¼
George Loffar			0 .. 1 .. 6
Wm. Dobson	1. for Mr. Ford's	0 .. 2 .. 3	
	2. for Mr. Bolton's	0 .. 10 .. 3	
	3. for Mr. Hucks's	0 .. 16 .. 0	
	4. for Mr. Wells's	0 .. 6 .. 0	
	5. for Tithe in Slade-end	0 .. 8 .. 7½	2 .. 3 .. 1½
Mrs. Fludger for her Orchard			0 .. 0 .. 7½
Mr. Gilling (now Edward Inns junr)			0 .. 4 .. 4¾
Matthew Wright for Mr. Fludger's Barn)			0 .. 0 .. 9
Edward Wells	1. for Mr. J. Toovey's	0 .. 9 .. 0	
	2. for his own	0 .. 0 .. 3	
	3. for Tithe Slade-end	0 .. 2 .. 3	0 .. 11 .. 6
Mr. Scoolt	1. for Sr. Wm. Blackstone's		
	2. for Tithe Slade-end		0 .. 5 .. 7
Joseph Bishop	1. for his own	1 .. 3 .. 6	
	2. for Mrs. Fludger's	0 .. 9 .. 0	
	3. for Mr. Bags's	0 .. 1 .. 4	
	4. for Tithe Slade-end	0 .. 6 .. 1½	1 .. 19 .. 11½
Charles Taylor	1. for Mr. Nodson's	0 .. 12 .. 6	
	2. for Mr. Fludger's	2 .. 0 .. 0	
	3. for Quelch's Barn	0 .. 0 .. 9	
	4. for Walter Beaty's	0 .. 1 .. 0	× see the end]
	5. for Tithe Slade-end	0 .. 13 .. 3	3 .. 7 .. 6
Eliz. Field			0 .. 1 .. 0
Wm. Leaver			0 .. 2 .. 6
Samuel Woodbridge	1. for Mr. Fludger's	0 .. 7 .. 3	
	2. for Tithe Slade-end	0 .. 1 .. 6	0 .. 8 .. 9
Francis Bolton	1. for his own		
	2. for Mr. Rawlins, part now let to Mr. Scoolt		
	3. for Tithe		0 .. 3 .. 10½
Samuel Saunders for Mr. Hazle's			0 .. 3 .. 11½
Richard Willson	1. for Mackney Court	2 .. 10 .. 0	
	2. for Mr. Fludger's	1 .. 3 .. 0	
	3. for Mr. Painter's	0 .. 14 .. 0	
	4. for Anthony Langford's	0 .. 3 .. 0	
	5. for Mr. Henderson's	0 .. 18 .. 0	
	6. for Mackney Tithes	1 .. 7 .. 11	6 .. 15 .. 11
John Middleton	1. for Mr. Fludger's	1 .. 6 .. 6	
	2. for Mr. Tomlinson's	1 .. 6 .. 6	

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Michaelmas 1781.

1. The Tithes of Slade-end were again let for four years more by a verbal Agreement to Wm. Dobson & Chas. Taylor junr. for the same Sum of £82 yet each Tenant to have his own as before, & the Rector to pay no Tax but Land-tax. [When Wm. Dobson died in 1784, Mr. Edward Wells junr. in Wallingford succeeded him. [See p.49.]

3. for Tithes Mackney	0 .. 13 .. 4½	3 .. 6 .. 4½
		<u>45 .. 9 .. 6</u>

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Brought forward		45 .. 9 .. 6
Zechariah Keame		
1. for Small's	2 .. 2 .. 6	
2. for his own at Brightwell	1 .. 8 .. 6	
3. for his own at Mackney	0 .. 12 .. 6	
4. for Mackney Tithes	1 .. 0 .. 10	6 .. 9 .. 4½
Mrs. Sayer		
1. for her own	0 .. 12 .. 6	
2. for Tythes	0 .. 3 .. 3	0 .. 15 .. 9
Richard Cox		
1. for Mr. Carter's	0 .. 12 .. 0	
2. for Tithe	0 .. 3 .. 3	0 .. 15 .. 3
Jonathan King (now Edwd. Inns junr.)		
1. for his Land		
2. for Tithe	0 .. 3 .. 11	
Richard Swathling		0 .. 1 .. 3
[Sir Geo: Oxenden for the Coppices of Brightwell-farm stands charg'd at £12 a year, & for this he was charg'd to the Land-tax in 1782, but not before.]		
		<u>53 .. 15 .. 0½</u>

[NB. in June 1776 are added

Mrs. Frewin Brightwell	0 .. 1 .. 6	0 .. 1 .. 6
John Eltham Slade-end	0 .. 2 .. 3	0 .. 1 .. 3

but of this last 1s. is for Walter Beaty's now Bennett's]

[There was a considerable Advance made in the Charge of the Estates to the Poor in a Rate of six pence in the Pound made in Decr. 1778; for a Copy of this & other subsequent Memorandums see the Papers. [- But this Assessment receiv'd some few Alterations chiefly in Abatements, sometime after.]

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At Michaelmas 1777 the former Agreement expir'd, & then Robert Saunders threw up his Bargain, declaring it was too high-rented, & that the Glebe shou'd not have been rais'd; Upon this Mr. Wintle determin'd to take it into his own hands, & the Circumstances being represented to the other Tenants, it was agreed that something shou'd be taken off the Glebe, & laid on their respective Tithes; In consequence of this, the Tithes were again let for four Years & Mr. Toovey's for five, by a verbal Agreement in the following manner.

3. Mackney Tithes again let for four years from Michs. 1781, as in the opposite Page, only Mrs. Hobbs being dead, her Tithes are let to A. J. Birch. [as were also the Tithes from Mrs. Sayer's from Michaelmas 1786. [& the rest have been continu'd to the several Tenants at the same Rents.]

+John Willson who married the Daughter of M. Allnutt's succeeded as Tenant or occupier of his Estates at Mackney & Brightwell at Michs. 1792. [See p.47.]

4. The Tithes of Harwell I have let on a Lease for ten Years (if I continue Rector so long) for £52.10. to Mr. Lockton the Owner of the Estate under the Bp. of Winchester; he paying all Taxes but the Land-tax; – the Lease commences from Michaelmas 1780. Mr. Lockton is a Clergyman, & now lives at Clanville in the Parish of Weyhill near Andover: He remits the Rent by a London Draft very regularly between Michaelmas & Christmas. NB.I have taken care to specify in the Lease that the Tithes of this Estate shall be assessed to the Land-tax at no more than the Rent which is paid to the Rector of Brightwell; a Point this, which perhaps ought to be always attended to, lest any future Landlord might throw a greater Proportion of the Land-tax on the Tithes than on the Estate, as the whole is let to one Tenant. See P.41.

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In 1785 Mr. Lockton order'd his Tenant to pay the Harwell Rent, & has done so since. See farther on.

⁺This has been somewhat lessen'd, on acct. of other Estates being advanc'd in Rent.

1. The Tithes of Slade-end	£ .. s .. d
to Messrs. Bolton & Dobson at	82 .. 0 .. 0

2. The Tithes of Brightwell-farm	
to Mr. Wm. Toovey at	120 .. 0 .. 0

3. The Tithes of Mackney
to the Tenants severally, viz.

	£ .. s .. d	
Mr. Richd. Willson's	at 59 .. 0 .. 0	
+Mr. Keame's now Allnatt's	at 44 .. 0 .. 0	
Mr. Middleton's now Parsons	at 29 .. 0 .. 0	
Mrs. Sayer's	at 6 .. 18 .. 0	
Mr. Richd. Cox's	at 6 .. 18 .. 0	
Mr. Ed. Inns now Mrs. Hobbs's	at 1 .. 16 .. 0	Total
Mrs. Birch's	at <u>0 .. 2 .. 0</u>	147 .. 14 .. 0

4. The Tithes of Harwell as before at	52 .. 10 .. 0
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The Glebe & Tithe of Brightwell-field together with the Home-stall were taken off 13£s, & assess'd at	130 .. 0 .. 0
Thus the Charge stood for somewhat more than a Year, but the Inhabitants seem'd dissatisfied, & thought it shou'd have been tax'd higher, & at last charg'd it at 150£s per ann.	<u>8 .. 0 .. 0</u>

This I resolv'd to appeal against, & after I had prepar'd every thing for that purpose, at length an Entry was made in the Poor Book at a legal Vestry sign'd by the Parish Officers & Inhabitants on the 1st. of Jany. 1779, that I should be charg'd at no more than 138£s, because

540 .. 4 .. 0 <In
pencil>

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upon a re-examination it was thought to be worth no more. And thus the Total of the Living amounts now to £540.4 per annum: My Charge for the Land-tax from Lady-day 1779 stands at £52..13+ for Glebe & Tithes at Brightwell, viz. at the rate of about 2s/2d in the Pound, now the Tax is at 4s. – & at £6..16 as before for Harwell; in all £59..9. The House &c. is assess'd to the House-tax in 1779 at the rate of 12£s per ann. & the Inhabitants valu'd it at the same rate, that the Surveyor does, in the Poor-book; but because the Glebe was too high rented, & part of it agreed to be taken off & transferr'd to the Tithes; & because it is neccessary that every considerable

⁺NB. The Door that is now on the North-side of said Barn was first made about the year 1779; there was no Door or Doorway before that time. My Consent was not ask'd for that purpose; & I am inclined to think it was not necessary; as the Ditch on this side it has been usually clean'd out by the Farm, & probably belongs to it; most Barns having commonly a Ditch for a Drain.

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⁺1799. They have now been refused for some years, as they seem'd to rise into a sort of Claim, & the Indulgence was abused.

⁺See Page 50:

Estate must have a House & other like Conveniences annex'd to it, & cannot be let without them, unless an Inhabitant chooses to take it, on these & other Accts. it was presum'd the Glebe & Tithes of Brightwell wou'd be charg'd high enough at the last rent, if the House was also included in that Charge.

—An Attempt was afterwards made in 1781 by Mr. Toovey to raise it again to £150; but I refus'd to consent, & the Church-wardens refus'd to sign the Rate; till the Overcharge was taken off; which was done accordingly. I believe this last Attempt would not have been made, had not a Dispute arisen between Mr. Toovey & myself concerning a Bit of Ground at the Entrance of the Church-yard; on which the Limes are planted: This Mr. Toovey claim'd as belonging to Brightwell-farm, & I believe meant to have taken down several of the Lime-trees, in order to have a Cart way on the North-side of his Barn. ⁺I cou'd not consent to this, because I thought the Ground belong'd to the Rector, & the Trees were planted by Mr. Morgan (as appears from the general Attestation of all the old People in the Parish) & have been lopp'd by the Rectors ever since; but for a more full Acct of this Matter see the Papers relating to it.

f.25

The Coppice belonging to Town's-end farm was all cut & tith'd in the Spring of 1783: The upper-part was cut first, & tith'd by my Men as it lay; the lower part was cut & faggotted, & I allow'd something, a trifle, for the faggotting: It is customary on these occasions to give the Workmen a Bottle of Ale, & the like I have commonly done to the Mowers of Mr. Norcutt's or Town's-end Common at Hay-time; & sometimes some Ale to the Hay-makers, if they make my Hay before it is tith'd; which they have now done for some Years; & I consider it as a Compensation for my not tithing their green Meat, or the Vetches &c in the field cut green for the Cattle, but these Presents of Beer are all discretionary. ⁺

Town's-end Coppice was once before cut since I was Rector, the lower part about three years ago, & the upper a year or two before that: I have sometimes agreed to take a certain part of the Wood all together for the tithe, but the general rule has been to take the tenth as it lies. I find the Wood of this Coppice very convenient & useful for a variety of purposes.

[—And if the Tithe of Fell-mead Coppice on Brightwell-farm was in my hands, I would not let it. ⁺ A Mistake or Misrepresentation was the Cause of its being let together with the Tithes of the Farm; but it wou'd be convenient to the Rector to keep it in his own hands, & may prevent Disputes; as it adjoins to Wood-lands in Wittenham-Parish, for which there is a Modus, or at least no Tithes taken; [but a Composition paid in Money.]

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⁺ To prevent mistakes, as the name of Wm. Toovey is often mention'd in these Papers, it may be proper to observe that Wm. Toovey the Grandfather began to occupy Brightwell-farm about the year 1727; On his retiring from business his Son, named in opposite Page, succeeded to it, who was also of the same Name; & about the year 1782 he resigned the Farm to his son Wm. Toovey, the Grandson of the first Occupier, who has since purchased it.

Brightwell-farm & the Parish of Whitenham Abbots with the rest of the Oxenden Estates in this Neighbourhood were sold to Wm. Hallett Esq. in the Spring of 1787. When Mr. H. took possession of the Farm, he call'd on me to claim his Title to the disputed Bit of Ground at the entrance of the Ch:yard, which I allow'd, as the Law had determined it to belong to Sr. H. Oxenden; Mr. H. propos'd that I should pay a small Rent-charge for it to Brightwell-farm, which I refus'd, as I did not chose to make the Living on any acct. tributary to the Farm; as possibly the Origin of the Acknowledgment might hereafter be forgotten, & the Rent still retain'd & possibly increas'd; He then assur'd me he would never cut down the Trees, & would direct his Tenant to lop them in what manner was most agreeable to me. The Rector had usually paid 4d. a year for this Bit of Ground (as was presum'd) to the Reeve; but this paymt. ceas'd in the year 1786. [About 3 or 4 Years after this, Brightwell-farm was sold by Mr.Hallett to Mr.Wm.Toovey the present Occupier.]

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Sir H. Oxenden at the Instigation of his Tenant Mr. Wm. Toovey senr.⁺ claim'd a Bit of Ground planted with Lime-trees at the entrance of the Ch-yard, as a *part of B—I-farm*, & on which his Father *gave leave* to Mr. Morgan the then Rector to plant the Trees about 45 years before the Claim was made, as was averred; His Father was not the Lessee of the Farm at that time, but was said to act for Mrs. Dunch his Wife's Mother the then Lessee. This Claim was first made in the year 1781, & I resisted it on the ground of the Rector's having possess'd the Ground in common with the Ch: yard for more than 40 yrs, having constantly lopp'd the Trees, & having paid a Quit rent to the Lord for it, which Quit rent was paid to the Reeves, & therefore made the Tenure of a different Nature from the Farm, which was an Estate leas'd out for Lives, whereas all the Quit-rents that are paid to the Reeves are for Estates of Copyhold of Inheritance. I contended therefore that I was the immediate Tenant of the Lord, and that the Estate in question was not a part of B—I farm but a part of the Waste. As Sir H. O. wou'd listen to no Terms of Accommodation, the matter was brought to a Tryal at Abingdon at the Assizes in the Summer of 1784 before Mr. Justice Nares, when a Verdict was given in his favour. The Cause was an Ejectment one, and by the direction of the Judge he was enabled to support it; tho' the Statute says, you must prove a good Title within twenty Years. My Counsel were dissatisfied, & Mr. Burton call'd on my Attorney Mr. Morrell, & propos'd attempting to set aside the Verdict; & as it was obtain'd by misdirection of the Judge, it would be set aside without Costs. Application was accordingly made on the 4th. day of the next Term to the Court of King's Bench, & after the Court had repeatedly urg'd an Accommodation, to which the Plaintiff Sir H.O. would not consent; the Verdict was set aside in Hilary Term 1786, a new Tryal allow'd, the rejected Evidence also allow'd, & I was excus'd from paying the Costs. —The matter was brought to a 2nd. Hearing at Abingdon in the Lent Assizes of that Year before Mr. Baron Perryn, who seem'd to have made up his mind as soon as the Plaintiff's Evidence was heard, & paying but little Attention to what follow'd, gave a strong Charge to the Jury to find for the Plaintiff: a Verdict was

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⁺Ten years before this, on my Entry on the Living in 1774 I went with the Parishioners processioning around the greater part of the Parish.

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accordingly given in favour of Sir H. Oxenden, & here the Matter terminated. – In both Tryals Dr. Buller a former Rector appeared as one of my Witnesses, & asserted that he us'd the Ground as his own, lopp'd the Trees, & from the best Judgment he cou'd form paid the Quit rent for it; but the Evidence for the Quit rent, tho' deem'd sufficient by the Court of King's Bench to set aside the Verdict, was not thought of sufficient Authority at either of the Tryals: Indeed in the last Tryal as I was inform'd the Judge did say in summing up the Evidence that he believ'd a Quit rent had been paid for this Ground, (though he *<refus'd to – del.>* did not allow the Evidence when it was alledg'd), and afterward ask'd, who ought to pay it, but the Person that had the Ground? The Evidence for the Quit rent was certainly very strong...*<a further phrase del. and unreadable.>* [This Ground was enclos'd by Mr. Toovey with a fence of Paling, & join'd to his Yard in 1794.]

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On the 20th of May 1784⁺ I went round my Parish with many of the Inhabitants both Men & Boys processioning. We began at the South-west corner of Mackney Lays near the Gore Common, & proceeded from thence to the Turnpike-road, some passing on the North Morton side, & others on our side of the Ditch. We turn'd up from the Turnpike-road on both sides of Morton-ditch to Wittenham furze; where we left the Parish of Nth Morton, & soon after that of Long Wittenham (having made a Cross or new dug the old one in the furze) & pursu'd our Boundaries along Little Wittenham, till we enter'd on Brightwell-farm; & from thence, still bordering on the same Parish, to the Western end of the Fell-mead Coppice, & then strait down to the river Thames. We turn'd from hence eastward along the Thames, taking in the Rod Eytes, to the borders of Satwell Parish, & made a Cross in the Ditch that parts Brightwell and Satwell-farms, as near as we cou'd to the Thames. From thence turning Southward on each side of the Ditch, we came up to the road that leads from Wittenham to Shillingford-bridge. We then left our Course & turn'd eastward in order to take in the Kitchen-mead. Of this meadow we went round as much as belong'd to our Parish, which is all the upper or southern Part, till within a short distance of the Thames. There is a small Oak tree in the western Hedge, whereon we made our Cross, as being near the Boundary; & there is only one small Land belonging to late Sr. Wm. Blackstone's Estate on the South of this Tree, which is not in our Parish. NB. A Line drawn from the boundary near this Tree across the Mead wou'd go thro' the Rod-Eytes, but no part of those Eytes is suppos'd to belong to the Parish of Brightwell.

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From this Mead we return'd to the Place we left on the Confines of Brightwell-farm, & pursu'd our Course southward on the borders of Brightwell & Satwell Parishes, till we came to the high turnpike-road: There is a Tree standing on the north side of this Road, which is nearly the Boundary of the two Parishes: I was rather inclin'd to think that the Tree stood in our Parish, but Mr Hazel & many of our Company thought it

⁺But in the Estimation of the Persons who went round the Parish in 1804, this Tree was given to Brightwell Parish. I did not attend in this part of the Procession that year.

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⁺Mr. Wm. Hazel at this time was the Occupier of Sotwell-farm.

was planted on the borders of both Parishes, & it was at last agreed on as a Boundary-Tree.⁺ From hence we follow'd the Borders down Butts-lane & into the Street, making a Cross on a Knowle at the upper end of Brightwell-street.

After a little Refreshment at the red Lion, we pass'd down Mackney-lane, & follow'd the Division of our Parish from Satwell, which is well known and mark'd by Ditches, till we came to the Mill-stream, & here another Cross was made. From this Place to the Place from whence we set out in the morning the Boundary for the greatest part of the way is the Mill-stream, & afterward a large Ditch that empties itself into it. This being so well-mark'd we did not think it necessary to turn along it; but all now return'd to dinner.

About four o'clock I call'd on my Neighbours at the red Lion, where they din'd at the joint expence of the Parish & myself, & we set out again to mark the boundaries of Slade-end. We began at the South-west end of Mr. Wm. Dobson's or Mr Huck's Barn, & turn'd northward along the Lane into the high-way, considering the middle of the Cart-way as the Division of the Parishes. We follow'd this Road to a Lane called Gillock's Lane, which we pass'd along, & took our direction thro' a House now inhabited by Richd. Wetherall; on both sides of

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which that is West & East we made a Cross; from thence in a strait Line we came down Inn's Lane into Slade-end Green, & here we made another Cross, nearly in a Line with the North-Hedge, which was said to be planted in Brightwell Parish; And the same Observation was made when I walked the Bounds ten years ago. From hence turning north into the High-road, we turn'd again Eastward along that road till near the end of the Bridge under Mr. Wells's Wall: From thence turning again North-east near the edge of the Pond we came up the east-side of Mr. Hazel's⁺ Mead into the Turnpike- road; which we follow'd to the East till we came to the end of a Land on the west-side of a Meer-bank, & in the western furrow of this Land we walk'd up to the North-east end of it, & then turning to the East came to a Boundary of a Ditch & Trees with a common Path under it, which we pursu'd to the N-East, & then went round (under Clark's Garden &c.) the N-East part of the field. Coming at length down a Meer-bank East of Lands called the Hungrells, we came unto the Hedge of Mr. Leaver's or Hucks's Picked-piece, just over against an Elm-tree in the opposite Hedge of the said Piece. From hence turning under the said first Hedge we came to the Turnpike, & then proceeding directly Southward under the Hedge at the Western Extremity of Brook-piece we came down to the Mill-Stream. This half-stream is our Boundary which we follow'd on our Bank to a Mead called the Yeovils, & after having advanc'd about two thirds of this Mead, we came to a kind of low land or fill'd up Ditch: Turning up from the Brook along this low Place we came into Slade-end Moor.

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From thence pursuing our Course on the west-side up the Common, we turn'd at the bottom of Mr. Wells's Piece, & taking in the Orchards on the South-side of Slade-end Crofts, we came at length to the Chequers, & then pursuing our Course northward alongside Mr Hucks's Land, we came to his Barn from whence we set out. NB. The Exence of the Dinner & Morning Refreshment amounting in the whole to about £1.7- was paid one half by the Rector, & the other by Mr. Dobson the Church-warden. And the Exence was divided in like manner ten years before. It having been divided, as I was told, on a former Occasion in Mr Morgan's time, the last time of processioning before my Incumbency, & 24 years preceeding it. [Several crosses were made in other parts beside those which I have noted.]

In the year 1794, I went round the Parish processioning, with Messrs. Toovey & John Willson the Church-wardens, & some other of the Inhabitants, both Men & Boys. The Exence of the Dinner &c amounted to about 16s. of which I paid eight.

In the year 1804, on the 10th of May, we had another procession round the Parish, with Mr Toovey one of the Ch:wardens & other Inhabitants. Three young Men went the whole Circuit of the Parish, except the Kitchen mead, with a measuring Chain, & the whole Circuit according to their Measuremt. is very near 13½ miles. The Expences for Cakes & Ale &c amounted to about £1- 7- of which I paid 13/6.

Another Processioning took place with the Inhabitants my Son Thos., & I occasionally joined it, on the 19th of May 1814, which was finished on the 23d. -This happened the next year after the completion of the Inclosure.

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An Act of Parliament pass'd in the Year 1786, for procuring Returns upon Oath of all charitable Donations for the Poor of the several Parishes in England, which Act was order'd to be read in Churches, & was read in mine accordingly. Answers were also required to be made to the two following Queries-

1st. What charitable Donations have been given by Deed or Will for the benefit of poor Persons within your Parish - by whom - when - in what manner - & for what particular Purpose - to the best of your knowledge, Information & Belief?

2d. Were the said respective Donations in Land or Money - in whom are they now vested - & what is the annual Produce thereof respectively, to the best of your knowledge, Information & Belief?

NB. Another Letter was sent to the Minister & Ch:wardens of B—I by Order of Parliament requiring that any Defects in the former returns shou'd be corrected, which stated that the Names of the present Trustees of Dr Godwin's Charity shou'd be , & on the 21st. of Sept. 1787, I fill'd up the Vacant Column with the names of Wm. Toovey – Thos. Toovey, Robt. Wintle Thos. Wintle the Son – Chas. Taylor – Joel Cox – John Willson – James Butcher Wm. Saunders, & added under the column of Observations the folowing – NB The Estate was transferr'd by former Trustees to these nine Persons (with consent of the Rector) to be by them transferr'd hereafter, when the number is reduc'd, to other Inhabitants by Deed & form of Law, according to the Tenour of the original Deed. TW.

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NB. To this Sunday School I pay one Guinea a year for the support of it, & the rest of the Expençe is paid out of the Church-wardens Acct. The Mistress has usually 1s/6 a-week, & a small Allowance for fire, & the Ch:wardens are to furnish an occasional Supply of little Books; but this I have often done myself, as the Expençe is inconsiderable. The number of Children that has attended the School has varied much; sometimes I have found 40 & upwards, & sometimes scarce 20. I usually visit it every Sunday.

[⁺⁺. This Custom has continued without interruption till the time I now write which is in the latter part of the Harvest of 1796.]

The following Answers signed by the Rector & Ch-wardens on the 15th. of Sept. 1786 were return'd from this Parish of Brightwell & deliver'd in to the Justices at Streatley on the 18th. of the same Month.

Mrs. Elizabeth Isham gave – Aprl. 25th. 1639 – By deed – for 4 poor Widows of Brightwell – an Annuity from Land in Sandford in Oxfordshire – In the Heirs of Dr. Thos. Godwyn then Rector & others mention'd in the Deed now vested – annual Produce £1-

Dr. Thos Godwyn Rector gave – as early as 1642, which was the year of his Death – probably by Deed – for the use of the poor of Brightwell – subject to the payment of a Quit rent of 1s/3d. with 4d. Acquittal, & Expences for receiving about 1s/2 – An Estate call'd Bayne-hill Close in the Parish of Bray – now vested in the hands of 9 Trustees Inhabitants of or near the sd. Parish – Annl. Prod: £2. 17s. 3d.

Dr. Michael Woodward Rector – 1679 – by Will – for apprenticing poor Children of Brightwell – gave an Annuity from Land in Mackney – The Estate is in the hands of the Warden & Fells: of New College Oxford, whose Tenant pays the Annuity to the Rector & Ch:wardens or according to their Appointment – Annual Produce £5-

Mr. John Leaver gave – Augst. 1st. 1712 – by Will – for the poor of Brightwell on Xtnas day, subject to Land-tax which is usually about 4s/8 – An Annuity from Lands &c in Mackney or Sotwell – In the hands of the Ch:wardens & Overseers of the Poor of Brightwell – Annual Produce £1..15..4 -

Mrs. Frances Riggins – July 4th. 1726 -By will – for bread & schooling for the poor of Slade-end – In Money – first lodg'd in the hands of late Seymr. Richmond, then of his Daughter, & since her Decease now in the hands of her Husband J Gabbit Esqr. – gave 100£ – annual Produce £4 – is directed to be laid out in the Purchase of an Estate – [Genl. Gabbit died in 1794. See P. 47.]

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A Sunday's School was set up in the Parish of Brightwell in the beginning of June 1785, & is supported by the Rector & Inhabitants; Old Mrs. Leaver had first the care of it, but it was afterwards transferr'd to her Daughter Mrs. Cooper.

Mem: In the Harvest of 1787. Farmer Inns objected to the tithing his Clover a second time in Brightwell-field; Thos. Butcher the Tithing-man hereupon ask'd my advice, & I order'd him to tithe it, & I took up his Tithe & some of Farmer Allnatt's 2nd. crop that same year; it having always been customary, as far as I cou'd find, to tithe 2nd crops either in the field or Meadows as well as the first.⁺⁺

⁺NB The West-side of this Barn was thatched in the latter end of the year 1800 or the beginning of 1801: & I found about or nearly half the Straw, & Mr. Wm. Toovey the rest. I paid the Thatcher Robt. Turner.

⁺ Farmer John Bosher has a small part of one of his Grounds planted with Rods or Oziers, for which he has commonly paid me 5 shillings in lieu of tithes when the Rods have been cut & sold; at other times I have taken nothing. In 1798 I took the Tithe of these Rods in kind. [See P. 56.]

+ See P. 44.

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There are two Rod Eytes in Mackney lane, rented by one John Smith of Wallingford, which pay me 3s. a year for Tithes. There are also some Rods near the brook in Sladend field, for which I have some times receiv'd a Tithe-rent, but can seldom get it paid. The former Eytes belong to the family of late Mr. Thos. Fludger; the latter did belong to Mr. Charles Toovey of Reading, but I have been inform'd were lately sold to Mr. Edwd. Wells of Wallingford in 1793. [Mr. Wells has since acknowledged this, & is to pay me for the Tithes;

And when the Sale was transferr'd, & Mr. Toovey had quite relinquished the property, I applied to him Mr. T. by his Brother Mr. John Toovey for the arrears of Tithes, & agreed to take a Guinea for the whole, which was paid me. [The Eytes in Mackney-lane are now neglected in 1800, & produce little or nothing, so that I have no Tithe from them. [They were planted with potatoes in 1801, & of course titheable.]

+William of Wykeham Bp. of Winchester was Lord High Chancellor of England; & so I think also was William of Wainfleet.

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Oct 30th. I thatch'd on this & the two following Days the North-west Corner of the upper Barn adjoining to the Stable; Mr. Toovey who has the use of the Barn found the Straw, all except about half a Turn which I *gave* for that purpose; the work was done by Jno. Saunders at three shillings a square, with small Beer for him & his Man & a Quart of Ale once in each day; I was at no other Expende.

NB. The next time this part, or most other parts of the Barns & stables may want thatching, it would probably be most adviseable to strip off the old Thatch intirely, as it is not usual to lay more than two Coats of Thatch upon each other without stripping, lest the Rafters should be rotted.⁺⁺ <Note ⁺ refers.>

I have let the Tithe-hay of Messrs Inns', Allnutt's & Dearlove's Commons in Brightwell Grounds to each at 4s. an Acre, that is for Mr. Inns' of 13 reputed Acres at £2..12- Mr. Allnutt's two Commons⁺ of 17 Acres, £3..0, & Mr. Dearlove's of an Acre & half at 6s.- The Taxes are all paid by me in the general Assessment of the Glebe & Tithes of Brightwell-field in my hands.

⁺In 1792 One of Mr Allnutt's Commons was occupied by Mr. Richd. Parsons, who took the Tithe of me at the same rate, and paid for it this Year £1-14-⁺ The other Common is now transferr'd in 1793 to Mr. John Willson, who occupies the whole of the Estates in Brightwell & Mackney, lately used by Mr. Allnutt. [My Bargain with Mr. Inns ceased at Michaelmas 1795. See P 56. [I take <word illegible> Tithe of J. Dearlove's Common in 1800 & 1801 &c.]

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Harwell Estate. When Mr. Lockton's Lease expir'd, which was at Michaelmas 1790, the Tenant Mr. Timothy Tyrrell apply'd to me (with a verbal Message of consent from his Landlord) for the Loan of the Tithes, & I agreed to let them to the said Mr. Tyrrell at the rate of £55 per year, he paying all Taxes as before, except the Land-tax, which is still continued at £6.16. & which is paid by me, or rather allow'd in the Rent: For the Tenant pays it, & brings me the Receipt, which I take as a part of his Rent.

Mr. Lockton once told me that beside the tithe of 20 Acres <[Lands] *inserted above*> of Wheat paid by this Farm to the *Impropriator* of Harwell, either he or his Tenant has usually paid about half a Guinea a year to the *Vicar*: Tho' this has been considered as a Voluntary Gratuity, rather than as a matter of right.

In some old Writings I have been inform'd there is mention made of Sotwell St James, Sotwell St Leonard's, & Bishop's Sotwell, which I take to be Sladend. Sotwell St James, or the Rectory now called Sotwell, is united to St Leonard's in Wallingford; The Patronage of which Living is in the Gift of the Lord Chancellor; & formerly the Bps of Winchester⁺ were several of them Lord Chancellors, so that the Patron of St

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⁺The Yard Lands at Mackney are freehold or Copyhold; the former contain about 20 Acres each or rather more in general; the latter, which are held under the Bishop, about 25 or 26. But each, whether large or small, has the same number of Commons. The Copyhold is held by Copy of Court-roll, & consider'd as Copyhold of Inheritance with a Finecortain.

⁺⁺ The yard-lands in Sladend contain about 22 Acres each, & each yard is now valued at about 16£ a year: But this is an old Rent or Valuation, & tho' now it holds in general thro' that field in 1795, yet I consider that the Land is worth a Pound an Acre with the meadow ground & home &c thrown in. The Acres are rather smaller than those of Mackney or Brightwell, but the main of the Land is good. The Lands between the high roads are rather light, & sometimes burnt up. See P 51.

⁺I suspect it is nearer 500, especially including Sheep-walks, Coppices, Roads & Hedge-rows: But I have no certain knowledge of this: In 1799 I had reason to think there were 480 in cultivation; & I think the whole is full 500, or more. [See P. 65.]

Leonard's & of Brightwell might have been the same Person. When I first came to this Living the Tithes of Harwell were let at about 40£s or Guineas a year; the Tithes of Sotwell, which were join'd to St. Leonard's, were also let at the same rent, till Mr Scoolt the present Incumbent took possession of the Living; and from these Circumstances I am led to suspect, that the Tithes of Sotwell were taken from Brightwell & annex'd to St Leonard's, & the Tithes of the Bp. of Winchester's Estate at Harwell given to the Rector of Brightwell in their stead.

[This estate at Harwell was sold to Mr Hopkins in 1799 by Mr Locton.]

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It was antiently a Custom in this Parish to settle the Rates for the Poor &c according to the Yard Land (terra virgata) and from the best Information I can get, the number of Yard-lands is as follows nearly -

	Yd. Lands
Brightwell-farm	20
Mackney ⁺	24
Slade end ⁺⁺	20
Brightwell-field about	15
The Parsonage Glebe	3
The whole Tithe	8

The number of Acres which the several Yard Lands contain is various, some having 25 or 26 field Acres, others scarce [or about] 20. On Brightwell-farm I suspect the Estimation is made from Statute Acres, & if the farm contains 450⁺ Acres, as was once intimated to me by Mr. Toovey, the proportion here is 22½ Acres to a Yard Land.

NB. The Clerk's Income being but small, he applied to me for a payment of 6d. the Yard-Land, which he receives from the Inhabitants in general, & I consented to this, after some remonstrance, & finding that the Inhabitants were unwilling to make any considerable Advance to his Income, & have now paid it for three or four Years, & mean to continue the Payment. 1793.

According to a Survey of the County, given in to a newly established Board of Agriculture, by a Mr. Pearce in 1794, this parish is said to contain 2029 Acres. I suspect this Survey must include Roads & Hedge-rows.

<In pencil> Mr. Dodd estimates, under culture 1894: 2: 2
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[†]Instead of £1.10 Per ann: for the Close & privy Tithes, I charged Mr. Willson one Guinea for the privy tithes only.

Soon after Michaelmas 1796 this Estate of Mr. J. Willson's was advertised to be sold. It was purchased by Mr. R Dalzell in 1803, who that year began to occupy it by entering on the Fallows &c. [Mr. Dalzell also occupies the Common belonging to Mrs. Fludger, lately occupied by R. Parsons, & pays me tithe for it £1-14; as also for his own Common adjoining the like Sum. [Mrs. Fludger's is now let to Mr. H. Fludger, who paid me Tithes for it to Ms 1813.]

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NB By an Order of the Lord Chancellor obtained by the private application of Mr. Steel a Master in Chancery, this Money was recover'd, & the Sum of £164 & upwards order'd to be paid to me as Rector of Brightwell; which Sum I commissioned Mr. Hedges of Wallingford's Agent Wainwright & Smith to receive in March 1814, & mean to apply it after the Expences are paid for the benefit of the poor of Slade-end according to Mrs. Riggins's Will.

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All the poor Children of the Parish usually visit the Rector & some of the principle Inhabitants in the morning of Shrove Tuesday, & I have commonly given them a penny each; but being unwilling to make this a customary Claim, I have this year (1793) given to each one half-peny & some large Apples; and as Claims are so soon establish'd, and with such difficulty broken thro', it may be adviseable always for the Rector to be on his guard against them. (The Number of Children this year (including those of Satwell, who usually come on this occasion) was 152.) [So in two following Years.]

Ever since I have taken up the tithes of Brightwell-field Farmer Keame or his Successor & Brother in law Farmer Allnutt paid me £1..10 a year for the tithe of an Orchard or Close at the South west corner of that part of the home-field called Bowden & for small Tithes; but this year, 1793, Mr John Willson the present Tenant of the Estate, not applying for the Tithe of the Orchard, I took it up in kind; which I rather did, as the Payment I find has been of long standing, & might possibly have been the occasion of a Contest⁺.

NB. In this year I have had two funerals brought in Hearses from near London, and as they were in rather a superior Stile, & the persons possess'd of a considerable Substance, I charged something more for breaking open the Ground; & I do not think that one Guinea would be too great a Charge in such case from what I can learn from the practice of my neighbouring Brethren.

[NB. I charge nothing to my Parishioners for setting up Grave-stones, tho' I find many of my neighbouring Brethren make a Charge in the like case; but of Strangers I have usually taken 3s/6 for one Stone set up in the Ch:yard, & 6/8 for a pair.]

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It was with much difficulty after the death of General Gabbit that I got the Interest of £4 paid me; nor did I receive it till near Lady-day, & at much trouble & some expence. Mr Croasdale one of the General's Executors at length order'd it to be paid me; & I apply'd it in bread & schooling as usual: After Dame Sandal was incapable of teaching, Eliz: Buckle undertook to teach four Children of Sladend, & has continued to do it for forty shillings a year ever since. I pay her half-yearly.

Eliz: Buckle declined this business at Lady day 1796; & I appointed Sarah Cooper to succeed her in it.

The Interest ceased to be paid at Xtnas 1797; & tho' I applied to Mr Blackstone & Mr Croasdale repeatedly for it, I cou'd not obtain it. The like Applications were made in 1798, but without effect; & I fear the Money will be lost to the Poor intirely.

The exact Sum order'd to be paid amounted to—	164. 15. 6
From which deduct for Expences according	
to the Bill delivered by Mr. Hedges	18. 7. 6
And the remainder to be layed out in the 3	
per cent. rcd: by Mr. Hedges	146. 8. 0

I had some difficulty to have this Sum exempted from Legacy Duty, but by the humane & kind Interference of Master Steel, tho' £8 was paid for the Duty, yet it was returned to Mr. Hedges's Agents.

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*Mr. John Wells, I was informed, was admitted as the Possessor, or Tenant under the Lord, of his Father's Estates in Sladend at the last Court 1796.

⁺My Advance of Tithes was made, not with a view to this extraordinary Rise in the Price of Grain, but to what I conceived to be the average Price nearly, for some years back.

In 1799 & the following year, when the Crop was very failing, & there was a real Scarcity, Wheat sold from 30£s to near 45£s per Load, & other Grain was advanced proportionally. A very large Importation, & the prospect of a fine Harvest reduced the Prices very much in July 1800, but about the middle of the next Month they rose again considerably. Beans were sold in June at £20 per Load, and old Beans for more, See P. 63.

Soon after Mr. John Willson became the Occupier of Mr. Allnutt's Estates, he had Notice from the widow of Mr. James Fludger to relinquish her Estate; which she took into her own hands or let it to a Person who lived with her of the name of Absolon: In consequence of this Division I let Mr. Willson the tithes of the remaining Estates at £33 a year, & Mr. Absolon the tithes of the other, which is two Yard lands, at £14: by which means I obtained an advance of £3 a-year.

Thos Butcher the Clerk continued to be my Tithing-man till about the year 1794; & from that time as well as in that year I tithed the Corn by my own Servants or some of my family, T. Butcher having not found it convenient to resume the Employment. 1796. In the year 1797 Thos. Edenborough, with one of his Sons as an Assistant, became my Tithing-man.

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In the month of July 1795 I gave notice to Mr. Wm. Toovey, & to Mr. Jno. Willson the Ch:wardens of the preceeding year, that my Agreement for Tithes with the sd. Mr. Toovey, & the respective Occupiers of Land in Mackney wou'd expire at the Michaelmas following; and that I shou'd expect an Advance of Rent for the Tithes if they wou'd rent them again.

I had given like notice to some of the Inhabitants of Sladend some time before; and Mr. John Wells* coming as a new Tenant to occupy his Father's lands at Sladend, I told him I shou'd expect an Advance of his Tithes this year, as the Father had intimated, that he shou'd cease to be my Tenant, soon after Michaelmas 1794. On the 17th. of Augst. in this year I met Mr. John Wells near his House at Sladend; when he agreed to take my Tithes in the usual manner but with an advance of rent, which added to his former Payment would make up the whole sixty pounds a-year.

NB. Henry Weston junr. who occupied his Father's Estate, about one Yard-land, in Slad-end, has absconded, & upon Enquiry after the Payment of my Tithes for this year; the Father told me in the presence of my eldest Son that he wou'd be answerable for them; This Conversation happen'd on the 18th. of Augst. 1795.

It shou'd also be remember'd that the Price of all sorts of Grain was in this year greatly advanced:⁺ It had been rising considerably for some years; but in this year Wheat was sold at Wallingford for seven or eight & thirty Pounds a Load, & at other neighbouring Towns as I was inform'd for somewhat more. Such a Scarcity has been rarely known in England. Beans were sold at Wallingford by Mr. Toovey at £14..10 per Load.

Henry Weston senr. paid the Tithes due at Michs. 1795; & having sold his Estate to Mr. John Wells; the latter agreed to to rent the Tithes of the said Estate together with his others some time in the next Spring.

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⁺NB. I agreed with Mr. Toovey that I wou'd take up the Tithes of the Fell-mead Coppice on his Farm, when it shall be cut in future; & I promised to let him have the use of my upper Barn, but rather to lend it to him, than to have it considered as a part of our Bargain. [The Fell-mead Copse was cut in 1805, & I sold my Tithe for four Guineas to a Man of Dorchester Oxon, who bought the rest.]

[×]A large Orchard & $\frac{1}{4}$ of a yard land in the field were transferr'd to the Tenant of Mackney-Court farm from Michs. 1797; & is occupied by Mr Dalzell now in 1800, together with the Court-farm, & another called Sherwoods. For the divided Tithe see the Paper of Agreement. [In 1801. Mr. Dalzell enter'd likewise on Hewett's farm in Mackney, later Henderson's – So that Richd. Willson will have no land in Mackney after Michaelmas in this year. See P. 76, 77.]

⁺⁺Mr. Scoolt's Bargain is now occupied by Mrs. H. Fludger, or at least she is answerable for the Tithe.

⁺There are some other *privy* Tithes at Mackney & Sladend, which the Rector may take occasionally, or remit at his discretion.

When the Rod-Eyots in Mackney-lane are cut, they shou'd pay tithe. See P. 76. [Destroy'd 1802.]

*now Mr. Charles Alnatt of Wallingford in 1800, who pays 10/6. [See P. 76.]

[×][×]Edward Turner of Mackney who keeps a large flock of Sheep is to pay me (by Agreement with Farmer Parsons) one Guinea a year for *privy* Tithes [See P. 56]. Mr. Wells by a private Agreement is to pay me 14s. for the Tithe of the rod Eytes &c in the Milney's, & Farmer Boshier 7s. for the tithe of two odd Acres in Sladend field. See P. 68 & 77.

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In Consequence of the Notice which I gave the Ch-wardens in July 1795 that our former Agreement for the Tithes wd. expire at Michs. and that I shou'd expect an Advance of Rent; in the months of Novr. & Decr. I gave them my Terms, which were acceded to in the Spring following, & signed by the respective Occupiers. An Acct. of which is as follows-

	£	s
Mr. William Toovey for Brightwell farm Tithes ⁺	150.	0. 0
*Mr. Richd. Willson for tythes at Mackney	63.	0. 0
Mr. John Willson for D ^o	42.	0. 0
Mr. Richard Parsons for D ^o	34.	0. 0
Mr. Richard Absolon for D ^o	34.	0. 0
Mr. Anthony Birch ⁺ for D ^o	10.	12. 0
Mr. John Wells for Tythes at Sladend	65.	12. 0
Mr. Charles Taylor for D ^o	29.	4. 0
Mr. Samuel Woodbridge for D ^o	4.	2. 0
Mr. John Boshier for D ^o	11.	10. 0
⁺⁺ Revd. Mr. Scoolt desired me to write his Name for D ^o	3.	15. 0
Mr. Wm. Hazel (not signed) but to pay for D ^o	3.	3. 0
Beside the above, Mrs. H. Fludger is to pay for D ^o	0.	5. 0
⁺ Mr. Henry Weston <[Young] <i>substituted</i> > for Orchards &c at D ^o	0.	5. 0
*Mr. John Boshier for two Acres, not included in the other, but which he wished to be private Agreemt.	0.	7. 0
And Mr. John Wells for Tithe of the Eytes &c in the Milneys.	0.	14. 0
Mr. Timothy Tyrrell also is to pay for the Tithes of his Estate at Harwell due to Rector of Brightwell	63.	0. 0
[but see P. 73] <Totalled in pencil>	515.	9. 0

[See new Agreement P. 77.]

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At Michs. 1799 Mr. Robt. Dalzell occupied his Estate of Mackney-court farm himself, together with another farm belonging to Mrs. Fludger called Sherwoods. The Land-tax of the Court farm was somewhat raised, but the Poor-rates have remained at the old Rent: It is all at too low a Charge in the present Assessments. Mr. Dalzell wished & attempted to reduce his Land-tax in 1800 to its State before he let the Farm, but I resisted it: It is now too low.

⁺The Land-tax from Lady-day 1796 – was for the whole Glebe & Tithes at Brightwell £59..17..6 a-year. But from the advance of the Rent of other Estates it was reduced in 1798 to £57..17..7.

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Mackney-Court Estate was sold to Mr. Robt. Dalzell an Attorney in Wallingford about the latter end of the year 1795 or the beginning of 1796; & he raised the Rent to the present Tenant very considerably; I suspect near fifty Pounds a-year. Indeed I have reason to think most of the old rented Estates in the Parish are greatly undervalued in the Poor's Book & other Assessments. I have endeavour'd to ascertain their value as nearly as I could, & have made my charges for the respective Tithes accordingly; but at the same time have engaged the Farmers under their hands not to attempt a Rise of my Glebe & Tithes which I occupy in Brightwell-field, unless there be a fair Valuation of the Estates in the Parish, when I shall submit in such case to what is allotted for me by such valuation.

The first Payment of the Tithes according to the advanced Rent becomes due at Michaelmas 1796; And my Land-tax was raised⁺ accordingly from the Lady-day preceding. The tenants have likewise been charged according to the Advance in the Poor's-book & for other Taxes; all of which they are to pay for their respective Tithes, except the Land-tax.

There is no Alteration, as far as I can find, made in the Taxes at Harwell, & probably none likely to be; as the Estates in general are charged according to a very old Assessment thro'out that Parish. The Tenant there is to pay all Taxes, except the Land-tax.

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In the Spring of the year 1796, when the Tower of our Church was begun to be repaired, on removing the North-west Buttress, the Supporters were not sufficient to sustain the Weight, and that Corner fell down, just after the Men had left off work; This happened I think on the Wednesday in Easter week; A few hours after, the Bells all fell, & brought down another large Portion of the Tower with them: Upon which it was found necessary to take down the Remainder, which was done accordingly, the Materials were all cleared & layed up around the Ch:yard, & the Rubbish carried away by one of the Ch:wardens on his Land. – The foundation of the Tower is good, & little will be wanted to be done on the East-side or toward the Church: An Estimate has been made of the Expençe of rebuilding the other three sides, of putting up the Bells in their due places, & restoring the whole nearly as it was before, which I am told from good authority will amount to about 330£s. As the Rector is to support the Chancel, I conceive nothing can be *demanded* of him toward rebuilding the Tower, the Chancel being a full tenth part of the whole Fabrick: What comes from him must be a voluntary Donation, especially as many of the Inhabitants or Occupiers of Estates are wealthy, and yet discover an Inclination to burden the Rector far beyond his share, I mean beyond a tenth of the Estimate. – My Intention was, if the Inhabitants would agree to make a Church-rate, to add a tenth to it by way of voluntary Donation, and as

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*I enter'd into another Agreement for privy Tithes with Farmer Inns for four years, or to Michs. 1802, at two Guineas a-year. See the Papers.

⁺This has been paid since, in 1797.

⁺Richd. Willson paid two Guineas for his privy Tithes in 1802, & is to continue to do so annually.

⁺⁺And Mr. R. Dalzell paid £1..11..6. In 1804.

1798 – now James Leaver pays 18s. by agreement for 4 years from Michs. last.

Farmr. John Boshier pays for his privy Tithes of Brightwell only, one Guinea a-year. This Matter was settled & agreed on early in 1801, & the sd. Sum paid for several preceding years.

Edwd. Turner of Mackney pays only 10/6 a year for his Tithe of Cattle, he keeping scarce any Sheep in 1800: [And indeed as he is poor & has a family I have taken nothing for these two last years – 1802. [But see P. 80.]

often as they shou'd have occasion to make a new Rate for this same purpose, to do the like.

[The Tower was begun to be rebuilt in the month of May 1797, & at the latter end of the year I made the Ch:wardens a Present of £10. Nothing more has been done since that year, & I write in July 1799.]

In the Spring of 1802 -the Tower was finished: And I made a second Present of 10£s to the Church-wardens. But the Floors are not layed, nor the Bells put up.

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The privy Tithes of Brightwell Hamlet would amount to much more than I make of them, if I could get at nearly their value; at present I receive but small Compensation for them; and if I can find a proper Tenant, I shall probably let them to one Man. If the Clerk would undertake the business, I should much approve of him, as he is a civil, honest, & prudent Man. I did agree with Farmer Inns for his privy Tithes some years since for £1..8 a year; but that Agreement ended at Michs. 1795, and it was much below the value. The Tithe of Apples only in 1796, would have been very considerable.¹

Elijah Saunders pays only 8s. a year for his privy- Tithes, which are worth much more. He planted an Acre with Potatoes in the Crofts in -95, for which I expected 8s. as a compensation for Tithe, which he refuses to pay⁺; in -96 he planted the same Acre with Potatoes, & I desired the Tithe to be set out, & order'd the Clerk to take it up, & keep an Acct. & promised to give it him for his trouble; and the Tithe proved to be worth twelve shillings at the low rate of 2s. per bushel.

⁺Richard Willson pays me one Guinea a year for his privy Tithes at Brightwell, & his Son John has hitherto paid the same⁺⁺.

Old William Leaver pays only half a Guinea for the Tithe of his Close & Orchard, but I have told his Son that this Payment will be accepted only during the Life of his Father; his Tithes used to be taken up.

Joseph Deadman used to pay me half a Guinea for the Tithe of his Close, which was formerly taken up; but I told him soon after Michs. -95 that this Payment was too small; however I agreed to remit him the whole of his privy Tithes if he would sell my Corn for me; which he does as often as I want him, & buys most of my Wheat himself.

There are some other small Sums paid by Agreement for privy tithes, which I forbear to notice; as thinking almost all of them below the real value. I will just add that Thos. Clark & Samuel Saunders pay ten shillings each [now 10/6] for their Orchards: And

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<Amended in pencil to read, died in the year 1615. v Register.>

⁺Dr. Godwyn is said in the Parish Register to be Rector in 1629.

⁺ In the old Register just below the Entry of the Admission of Humphry Newbery are these two Lines, signed on the left side Hen. Wootton 1655.

O Liber; occasus hominum qui dicis et ortus,
Funera dic Domini non nisi sera tui.

*<O Book, who speakest of the rise and fall of men,
Speak only of the burial of your Lord. [?Charles I]>*

* The said Dr. Buller was made Dean of Exeter, then Dean of Canterbury, & lastly Bishop of Exeter, and died in Decr. 1796.

in the Spring of the year 1800 Joseph Deadman agreed to pay me for his Tithes fifteen shillings per ann: [In 1813. John Horsley Son in law to J. D. having obtained his Orchard pd. the same Sum for the tithes.]

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A List of Rectors of the Parish of Brightwell, extracted chiefly from the Parish Registers.

A.D. 1597. Mr. Thomas Byrde appears to have been Rector, & probably for several years before this, even from 1564, – who died probably about the year 1615.

1642 Thomas Godwyn D.D. died, who probably succeeded Mr. Byrde.⁺

Edward Hyde D.D. succeeded Dr. Godwyn.

During the Usurpation, Mr. John Say, and Humphry Newbery⁺ appear to have been Rectors; the latter was admitted Oct 17th 1655. [See the curious Entry.]

About 1661. Michael Woodward D.D. was Rector, who died in 1675. He was Warden of New College, & lies buried in the Ante-chapel there.

Seth Ward, from a monument in the Cathedral at Salisbury, appears to have been Rector of Brightwell, who died in 1690. [I know not whether he was R. at the time of his death.]

1691. Joshua Stanley died Rector, before the month of June.

1691. June 14th. Edward Bernard D.D. was Rector.

1696. Feby. 15th. Leopold William Finch D.D. became Rector.

1702. Novr. 22. Francis Bernard B.D. succeeded; then

1715 Anthony Alsop B.D.

1726 June John Morgan M.A.

1760 July William Buller M.A. [⁺afterwd. D.D.]

1766 May 17. Benjamin Ridding M.A.

1774 March 27th. Thomas Wintle B.D. was inducted, having been instituted on the 25th.

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<In pencil – not in Mr. Wintle's writing.> Slade End and Sotwell Chapel about the middle of 1796 – “partly in this, partly in the parish of Sotwell” –

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[⁺NB. My Man Thos. Swadling mowed this Mere in 1800. & I made & took up the Hay. Also Richd. Cox mowed a part of it in 1801, the rest was taken away clandestinely, & I took up the Hay that Cox mowed.]

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Mr Edward Wells of Wallingford while he occupied the Estates at Sladend now his Son's, inclosed a considerable part of the Crofts there, & planted it with Quicksets: In the upper Inclosure the Son has lately planted Apple trees, the Soil being laid down in Grass, the lower Inclosure was sown with Grass & intended for a Meadow, but not answering, it was again plowed up, & is now in tillage in 1797. The Inhabitants did not object to these Inclosures, but before, the whole was Common-field.

John Wells, Son of the said Edward, converted a Cottage (partly in this & partly in the Parish of Sotwell) into a Conventicle, & open'd it for Divine Service about the middle of the year 1796.

In 1799, the said Mr. Wells inclosed three Acres in Sladend-field, & annexed the Piece after laying it down in Grass to his Homestead. He also inclosed a little bit of Ground North of this for a Garden.

In the year 1797 the Mere on the west side of the Glebe-lands at Abwell was claimed by Thos. Clark, the Owner of the large Acre at Cuckowpin, west of the said Mere, and the Grass of it was sold by him to John Lawrence, while I was absent for a week or two from home. On my return I heard of it & made Inquiry about it; and I find that there *was* a part of the said Mere or at least adjoining to it which did belong to the above Acre; but which was plowed up & layed to the said Acre, & which was full a yard of land; & this was done in the memory of Elijah Saunders, who assured me of the fact, & whose father rented the Glebe & Tithes of Brightwell-field. The Mere that is now left intirely belongs to the Glebe, as the hedge at the top & the large mere-stone on the west side of it at the bottom abundantly testify; the said Thos. Clark has several times asked my leave to mow it, to which I consented, & he himself has signed the last Terrier which was deliver'd in

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by me to the Bishop of Sarum, & in which it is particularly mention'd that this Mere belongs to the Glebe.⁺

In 1798 The Land-tax by Act of Parliament was made perpetual, & subject to Redemption. Some few Estates in this Parish were redeem'd, & among the rest an Estate at Mackney, & a little Estate at Brightwell belonging to me; so that I paid no Land-tax for them after the charge at Lady-day 1799. I wish'd to have redeem'd the Land tax of the Living by selling the Tithes at Harwell, but cou'd not obtain the Consent of the Patron for that purpose.

In 1799 the Spring & Summer were cold & wet, the Crop of Barley was not all sowed till late in June, & of course the Increase was very indifferent; the Harvest also was

[⁺Great Alterations were made this year & the following, in the Wages & Allowance from the Book, to the Poor; and the Poor rates were in the year ending at Easter 1801 full eight shillings in the Pound in this Parish; whereas before they seldom exceeded three shillings. [The price of the Gallon Loaf of Seconds is now in Feby. 1805 -2s-1d.]

late, & the Wheat was not all got in till the 26th. of Sept., & the Wheat-Ears tho' often large & long were not full; the Crop of Beans is good, but scarce any other is so. The Price of Wheat is very high now in October, [& much higher in the following Spring. The Scarcity is in general very great.⁺]

In the Spring of 1798 Edwd. Inns cut a small part of his Coppice at Haddon, & carried away the Wood without setting out any portion for Tithes; in the winter of 1799 he began to cut more of it, & was proceeding to carry it off. When I heard of this I sent him word that he must set out the Tithe & give me notice of it; but he left only a few bushes or but little more; & carried away the rest; upon my remonstrance he seemed inclined to listen to no Terms for some time, but rather to dispute & wrangle, till at last he promised to leave the determination of the business to Mr. Wm. Toovey of Brightwell-farm: Mr. Toovey was fixed on to undertake it; but when the Upshot came Farmer Inns refused to submit to his Determination. On which I threatned him with a Summons from a Magistrate, & at length he allow'd Mr. Toovey to allot a part of the Copse to be cut sufficient to compensate for my Tithes, which I cut & brought home in April 1800. [— A small part of this Copse was cut in the Spring of 1801, of which I took the Tithe in kind & brought it home. [The like happened in 1802.]

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After the Act had passed for the Redemption of the Land-Tax, Mr. Toovey wished to purchase under those Acts the perpetuity of Brightwell-farm of the Bp. of Winchester, [the Lease of] which he before had purchased of Mr Hallett for three lives. In consequence of this the Estate was measured, & the Timber &c valued. & the Purchase was compleated about Lady day 1800. His Land-tax also of the Farm was redeem'd about the same time. The Estate was measured under the direction of Mr. Davis of Lewknor. As the Bp. of W. has so much property in this Parish & the Patronage of the Living, it is pity he consented to alienate this Estate from the See & from the Church.

I think about the year 1800, or 1801, Mr. Robt. Dalzell enclosed three or four Acres of the North- furlong in Mackney-field, and threw them into a Close adjoining his Homestead, & thus turned the antient Way into a more westerly Direction for Cattle &c, & leading the foot way thro' his Rick-yard. These ways continue the same now in 1803.

The Turnpike Road near the western Extremity of this Parish was diverted in a new direction thro' a Ground belonging to Mr. Wells's Estate, & over a part of North Moreton field, in order to avoid some unpleasant Angles, & to lay it in a strait Line. The old Road was given to Mr Wells for his Compensation, and the Tithe of it belongs to the Rector of B—I, as far as <i>it</i> lies in his Parish. A.D. 1803.

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[⁺This Acct. was made & return'd to the Bp. of Salisbury; & an Acct. was also taken of the inhabited Houses & Inhabitants of the Parish & their Occupations whether in Agriculture, Trade or otherwise, by the Overseer &c of the Parish on the 10th, of March 1801, to be returned to the Magistrates of the County at their Quarter or Petty Sessions. See again P. 87.]

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Of the two Acres mention'd at the bottom of p.50. Mr Chas. Allnutt of Wallingford became the Occupier in 1799- & they are let to him for 10s/6d. a year. And Mrs. H. Fludger of that occupied by Mr.Scoolt; for which she paid the Tithes viz £3..15 due at Michaelmas 1800. But see p.77.

<The Secretary of State's Inquiry is written consecutively on both sides of the paper.>

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It may be proper to observe that by an Agreement between the Occupiers of several Estates in Brightwell-field, there was an occasional Interchange of Lands, in order to lay a larger Portion of Land together to each Occupier: This happen'd in various parts of the field & without my privity or consent. I wish it does not occasion disputes hereafter between the Owners of the Estates; and as I am somewhat apprehensive that it may enable the Farmers to raise more Crops as fodder for their Sheep, there is reason to suspect that it may be injurious to the Tithing. I think the alteration first took place about the year 1796, when the Farmers agreed among themselves to plant large crops of Clover &c.

In the highway that lies open thro' Brightwell-field several small Arches were made over the water-courses; which in the year 1799 mostly fell in: As they were made at the joint expence of the Occupiers of the Estates, they will probably at the like charges be repaired. The fair rule is to make a rate for such repairs by the Acre. [I assisted in repairing the most western Arch at Garbroad in 1780.]

In Augst. 1800 I was desir'd by Mr. Banner of Dudcote to fill up a printed Copy of an Abstract of Baptisms, Burials & Marriages in this Parish from Jany. 1st. 1788 to Decr. 31st. 1799; which I did; & found the Total of Baptisms to be 198, of which 104 were males & 94 females; the Total of Burials 120, of which 59 were males & 61 females; and the Total of Marriages to be 44. These were the total Amounts during the whole Term, but I filled up & specified the males & females & the total of both Baptisms & Burials in each Year. See the Parish Registers. [Another acct.⁺ was order'd by Government to be made in the Spring of 1801, of all the Baptisms & Burials distinguishing males & females in the years 1700, 1710, 1720, 1730, 1740, 1750, 1760, 1770, 1780, & from thence every year to the end of 1800, & of the Marriages in each year from 1754.]

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About the latter end of October 1800 a message was sd. to be sent from the Duke of Portland one of the Secretaries of State to the several Bishops of this Kingdom, directing them to transmit to the Clergy of their respective Dioceses a Set of Queries and to request their Answers to them. The Queries are transcribed underneath, together with the Answers return'd by the Clergy of the three Parishes in Wallingford and myself, about the 9th. of November following.

Wallingford.

Queries

Answers

1. What has been the Produce
of the late Crop in your District

The Clergy of this District do not
consider themselves competent to

& County, so far as you have means of Information comparatively with former Crops? Or if you can state it, what is the estimated Number of Bushels per acre, distinguishing the Wheat, Barley, Oats, & Potatoes, & also stating the comparative average Crops of Hay, Beans, & Turnips?

2. What is the price in your Market-town of Wheat, Barley, Oats, Potatoes, Hay, & Beans, and Mutton & Beef in the month of October 1800, comparatively

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with the same Period in 1799, and 1798?

give a satisfactory Answer to this Enquiry; yet having consulted Neighbours engaged in, Agriculture, from the best Judgement they can form, they conceive the late Crops to bear such Proportion to the Crops as are stated underneath, viz. the Wheat at about 7/10ths. the Barley at nearly 3/4ths. the Beans about 1/3rd, the Hay about 3/4ths. The first Crop of Turnips has generally failed, the second for the most part succeeded; There are not many Oats sown in this part of the County, but the late Crop is reckon'd good.

We have from the best Information we could get, stated the Prices, of the several Articles in the months of October in each year, and believe them to be

nearly as under on the average.

s.

Wheat	in 1798	57 per Quarter
	in 99	91

in 1800 140

Barley	in 98	26
	in 99	30
	in 1800	60 but much
		Uncertainty in
		this Article.

Oats	in 98	25-6
	in 99	27
	in 1800	45

Beans	in 98	24
	in 99	35-6

in 1800 64

Hay	in 98	abt. 4£s per Ton
	in 99	5..5
	in 1800	6

Potatoes	in 98	abt. 6s per Sack of
	in 99	8 3 bush:
	in 1800	12

Mutton & }	in 98	5½d per pound
Beef }	in 99	6
	in 1800	7 & ½ more for best mutton
		Novr. 7. 1800.

3. Has the produce of the late Harvest has begun to be consumed? Is there any reason to believe there is any considerable Quantity of old Wheat in store?

No doubt but the Produce of the last Harvest has been begun upon, and we believe there is very little old Wheat in this our Neighbourhood.

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4. How much foreign Wheat or Flour has been brought into your part of the Country? Is there much use made of Rice, Barley, or Oats, as Substitutes?

We have heard of but little foreign Wheat brought into this part of the Country for Consumption. Some of the Inhabitants we believe often use Rice, but very little of that or any other Substitute in the Bread.

The above Queries were printed, and the Answers were returned in writing nearly in the words above stated, except that at the first Answer I do not remember whether any thing was said concerning the Potatoes or not. The whole was return'd to the Bp. of Salisbury about the 9th. or 10th. of November.

In the month of December 1800, I receiv'd a Letter from the Bp. of Salisbury, inclosing a Proclamation from the King. The Design of the Letter was to inform me that the Proclamation had been sent to his Lordship by the Duke of Portland, to be circulated thro' his Diocese to the several Clergy thereof, in order to be read in their respective Churches; The Proclamation was to recommend Economy in the use of

Corn to all Persons during the present Scarcity; and that those who cou'd have other food beside Bread shou'd confine themselves & their families each Person to a moderate use of Bread, so as not to exceed a Quartern-loaf a-week. I read the Proclamation & the Letter in my Church on the 14th. of Decr. & made some Observations upon it, such as I thought most suitable to the Occasion,

On the 5th. of Augst. 1801 Dr. Douglas the then Bp. of Sarum *confirmed* at Wallingford, as he had done in two of his former Circuits of Visitation, & the next day *visited* at Abingdon. Several Queries were desired to be answer'd relating to Residence, the Duty of the Church, the State of the Parsonage-house, the returns of the Register annually, what Dilapidations had been receiv'd by the present Incumbent &c, to all which I made a return, & deliver'd it in to the Bp's Secretary at Wallingford. The Queries were aranged under three heads.

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[The Charge for Loaves & Cakes on Maundy Thursday 1802 was according to the Bill of J. Deadman as under -

	£ .. s .. d
2 bush: 3 pecks of flour	1 .. 7 .. 6
3 li. of Sugar	0 .. 2 .. 0
3 li. of Butter	0 .. 2 .. 9
3 li. of Currants	0 .. 2 .. 3
Spices	0 .. 0 .. 4
Salt 3d. – Barm <yeast> 6d.	0 .. 0 .. 9
for Baking	<u>0 .. 2 .. 0</u>
	1 .. 17 .. 7

There were about two family Cheeses at 6d. per li. cut in pieces: And each Man had a Pint, & each Woman half a pint of Ale. Thos. Butcher the Clerk assisted as usual in the distribution; for which he had his Dinner, & a little Present in Money. I suppose the whole Charge is nearly double to what it was in old times: And last year it was much more.

Charge of J.D. in 1806	£ .. s .. d
-2 Bush: 3 pecks of Flour	1 .. 14 .. 10
3 li. of Butter	0 .. 2 .. 10½
3 li. of Sugar	0 .. 2 .. 3
3 li. of Currants	0 .. 2 .. 6
Spices	0 .. 0 .. 4
Salt 5d. – Barm 6d.	0 .. 0 .. 11
Baking	<u>0 .. 2 .. 0</u>
	2 .. 5 .. 8½

The two Cheeses cost 7½d. per li.]

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March 27th. 1801 - This day I let the Tithes of Harwell for four years (if I am Incumbent so long) to Mr. Francis Hopkins for seventy five Pounds a-year, he paying all Taxes except Land-tax: the Tithes to be due at Michaelmas, & paid before Xtnas. Mr Hopkins told me, that there are 20 *Lands* of Wheat taken up by the Impropiator of Harwell, not 20 Acres. My Terrier says 20 Acres, called Sheep-acres, are exempted from paying tithe to the Rector of Brightwell out of the Estate at Harwell; & I am inclined to *suspect* that by an Exchange or Compromise formerly these 20 Acres were changed into 20 Lands of Wheat. [However I am informed that the Measure of the Lands in Harwell is pretty large, so that the difference may not be very great between Lands & Acres, i.e. what are called field Acres (as I suppose) & Statute Acres.]

In the Spring of 1802 an Act passed for the Enclosure of Harwell, my right of Tithes to remain as before; & I was of course exempted from any Expençe for the passing of the Act &c.

When the Allotment of the several Estates was taking place about June 1803, I found that it was meant to allot to Mr. Robt. Hopkins's Estate held under the Bp. of Winchester, a much larger proportion of Meadow-land than before by which means my Tithes would have been much reduc'd in their value: I remonstrated on this acct. to the Commissioners, and they were convinced of the Mistake and the Injury that I shou'd sustain, & promised to make an Alteration; which was made to my Satisfaction as to the Arable. No Notice is taken of my particular Tithes in the Act; & I wish'd therefore to have them mentioned in the Award of the Commissioners, and often apply'd to them for that purpose; but the Answer was that it was noticed sufficiently in general terms in the Act. I confess I was not satisfied with this Answer, but know not where to obtain Redress. The final Award was sd. to be closed about Michs. 1804. See among the Papers an Acct. of the number of Acres belonging to the Bp's Estates.

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<In pencil in Mr Wintle's hand>

390

284

30

4

76

200

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1024

NB One thousand Acres, according to the computatn. of
Acres in the Parish in the Acct. of the Bd. of Agriculture (See P. 43) not accounted
for-

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1. His own. [Decr. 30th. 1809. Mr. Toovey has agreed to pay for his Tithes nearly
£200; & for Mrs. Well's £100.]

2. Her own, or rather her Father-in-law's Mr. E Wells of Wallingford.

3. NB. ⁺Mr. Dalzell now occupies the Court-farm, Sherwood's or Fludger's-farm, &
another farm lately belonging to Mr. Hewett of Cholsey; the first & last are his own
property; the second he rents from Mrs. Fludger.

4. One half or thereabouts his own; the other he rents of me.

5. Mrs Jane Field's. [⁺⁺Mr. Parker's in 1803, by purchase from Eldridge Field, who
occupies it himself.]

f.75

In the month of Sept. 1801 I receiv'd a Letter from the Bp. of Sarum desiring me at the request of Lord Pelham one of the Secretaries of State, to give in to the said Secretary an Acct. of the number of Acres of Wheat, Barley, Oats, Beans, Pease, Potatoes and Turnips grown in this Parish this Year, together with some general remarks as stated in the printed Paper enclosed –

And my statement was as follows–

Wheat about 390 Acres – Barley about 284 – Oats about 30 – Potatoes about 4 – Pease about 76 – Beans about 200 – Turnips about 40.

And under the head General Remarks, was added–

These Acres are layed down partly in statute-measure, & partly in what are called field-acres. I have endeavoured as nearly as I could to reduce the latter to Statute-measure, and have given them all in, as such, in this Computation. I do not consider myself as answerable for the exact Precision of this Acct. – but I believe it to be as nearly correct, as from my own Observation & the best Information I could obtain I have been able to make it.

Brightwell
Oct. 8th. 1801.

Tho Wintle, Rector –

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Fresh Notice having been given in Augst. 1801, that my former Agreement for Tithes must cease, I came to a new one with my Parishioners & Tenants in March 1802: And they signed their Names & respective Sums for their Tithes opposite, in a Paper which I had provided, specifying also some other Conditions. The Sums are as under –

£. s. d

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|--|-----|-------|
| 1. Mr. William Toovey for Brightwell-farm 180. | 0. | 0 |
| 2. Do for his Sister Mrs. Wells Widow | 90. | 0. 0 |
| 3. ⁺ Mr. Robt. Dalzell | 90. | 0. 0 |
| 4. Mr. Richard Parsons | 42. | 0. 0 |
| 5. ⁺ Mr. Anthony Birch | 10. | 12. 6 |

6. Mrs. Fludger's, or perhaps his own: [Now Mr. Henry Fludger's, her Son; 1809.]

7. One yard Land his own where he dwells; the rest rented of New College.

8. Mrs. H. Fludger's.

9. D^o.

10. Mr Hucks's <& so Mr. Chas. Allnatt's below- *erased*>

11. His Father's; Mr Willm. Hazel.

Mr. Fran: Hopkins rents of his Cousin Mr Robt. Hopkins; [now Mr Henry Hopkins' or his Son's in 1807. [1808. Mr. R. Hopkins the Son pays now 100 Guineas.]

Mr. Chas. Allnatt (I believe) of Mr. Hucks.

⁼In 1804/5 I raised Mr. Allnatt's Tithe to 15s.

⁺Mr. Young has one Orchard & Mr. Birch another, & each pays now 2s/6, 1803. [in 1807 Mr. John Cox paid the Tithe for Mr. Birch's Orchard, having taken to the occupation.]

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<From this point it is no longer necessary to print the pages to correspond with the folios of the Note Book as Mr Wintle writes his entries consecutively on both sides of the paper.>

6. Mr. Richard Absolon	42. 0. 0
7. Mr. John Willson	52. 10. 0
8. Mr. Charles Tayler	39. 0. 0
9. Mr. John Cox	8. 10. 0
10. Mr. John Bosher for his Mother	15. 0. 0
11. Mr. James Hazel	<u>3. 13. 6</u>

<in pencil> 573. 5. 0

Beside the above Sums according to the Signatures the following Payments are to be made viz.

Mr. Francis Hopkins for Tithes at Harwell-	75. 0. 0
Mr. Charles Allnatt for two Acres at Sladend	0. 10. 6
Mr. Young+ for his Orchards	<u>0. 5. 0</u>
<i><in pencil></i>	649. 1. 6
Deduct Harwell's	<u>75</u>
	574. 1. 6
plus Brightwell field	

The Tithes of the Hamlet of Brightwell are still taken in kind, except in some few Instances where I have either in part or in the whole agreed with some of the Occupiers; of which see Acct before.

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In Novr. 1804 Mr. Dalzell, having succeeded by purchase to the Estate late Allnatt's in Brightwell-field, began to employ some Men in draining several parts of the sd. Estate & in opening & cleansing the Ditches; In the course of the Winter many parts of the field were under-drained by him & some of the other Occupiers, & my piece in Abwell was much improved by opening the Channel for the Water from the Drain to run freely off. The Price we paid for draining was 9d per Pole, beside finding the Stones Wood &c to fill in with.

In Novr 1805 – I drained by the same hands viz Chas Harvey & Son, the short Lands at Combe-piece, having made an Under drain for the long Lands in the preceding Spring. I also open'd a Drain from the Cuckowpin-Acre to the furlong below, & after the Drain was carried over Clarke's Acre & thro' the Mere-bank, I continued it over five or six of the Lands on the West side of Abwell-piece; The Price paid for the whole was at the same rate as last year's.

In 1807- I made some other Drains on the west-piece at Abwell by the same Men; & in 1810 early Post-furlong piece was drained by them.

f.80

Edward Turner of Mackney refused to pay any Tithes or any Composition for them, on the score that his Cows were kept in Mackney Common; & that the Tithes of the Common were rented by his Master Mr. Dalzell: On which acct. I summoned him to appear before some Magistrates at Abingdon in 1804; & they adjudg'd that he ought to pay at least what I demanded, viz. 10/6 p ann: as the Cows usually calved before the Commons were open, & he had Pigs & other privy Tithes: Not to say that the Commons were let in such manner, that each Tenant was only to enjoy his own Tithes, & without exempting any other Person. But Mr. Dalzell seem'd to think that Turner was right & to vindicate his Cause; & on my remonstrating with him more than once, & shewing him our Agreement, he at length told me he wou'd relinquish his Tithes, & agreed to do so at Michaelmas 1805. After this Period I asked him if he continued in the same mind; & after I had waited for his Answer more than three months, & perceiv'd him not inclined to accede to my Terms; I offer'd his Tithes at Mackney, his privy Tithes at Brightwell, together with Turner's tithes, & the Tithes of two Commons in Brightwell Grounds, to Mr. Richd. Parsons of Mackney; And whereas Mr. Dalzell paid for all these Tithes (except Turner's) the Sum of £94.19.6 in the whole, I advanced them to £100; & Farmer Parsons took them of me at that Sum in January 1806. Mr. Dalzell seemed much disappointed when he found the Tithes were let, & spoke to me on the Subject; but I referr'd him to Farmer Parsons; & I understand that the Farmer has agreed to let him have them on the Terms he engaged for with me. Feby. 17th 1806.

I have agreed with most of the Farmers at Mackney, that if they let any Common to another Person, who shall keep thereon a Milch-Cow they shall each respectively engage that I shall be paid 5s for the Tithe of such Milch-Cow.

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In Novr. 1807 - I was desired, in a Letter from Dr. Onslow the Archdeacon of Berks, to send an Acct. to the Bp. of Salisbury, then Dr. Fisher, of the number of Schools in my Parish; and my Acct. express'd that there are only two Schools in this Parish; one a Day-School, the other a Sunday-School; neither of which has any sort of Endowment, & both are kept by the same Mistress, who instructs the Children under her care in reading, & in the Church Catechism.

In the month of April 1808 I receiv'd a Letter from the same Bp. of Salisbury with a List of printed Queries in Number 17, to which I was desired to return Answers in the Margin. The Queries were such as are usually proposed to the Clergy previous to a Bishop's primary Visitation; and I returned an Answer to each of them under a Cover

to the Bishop in Seymour-Street London. Among other Points I stated that the Number of Families in my Parish was about 106; that the Dissenters were chiefly Methodists or Baptists; but that I cou'd not ascertain their Number; & that they had a Meeting-house partly in my Parish served by a Teacher from Wallingford; that there is one family of Roman Catholics, consisting of eleven Persons, but no Chapel for them: that the number of Communicants at Easter is between thirty & forty; that I resided & did my own Duty twice every Lord's day, & administer'd the Sacramt. six times in the year: that I catechiz'd the Children in Lent, & expounded the Catechism to them at my own House: that all in general is well as to the Church Chancel &c except the Bells which are order'd to be new cast & hung in the new Tower; that a Register is kept, & Copies deliver'd in at the Visitation. This is the Substance of the chief Queries & my Answers; and which I return'd signed with my Name in the same month of April to his Lordship, Dr Fisher. *TW.*

Another Set of Queries of a like sort was sent to me in the name of the Bishop in March 1814; to which I return'd like Answers & return'd it to No 27. Parliamt. St. London.

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On Tuesday in the Easter week at our annual Vestry in 1808 – after I had nominated my Ch:warden and the Inhabitants chose theirs, according to the usual Custom, the Parish Accts. for the preceding Year were examin'd and allow'd; and after every thing else relating to the Parochial Concerns was settled, Mr. Mears from the foundry in White-chapel met the Parish Officers, Inhabitants, & myself, & made Proposals for new casting and hanging the Bells; when it was agreed with him that there shou'd be a new Peal of six Bells instead of five, together with a Saint Bell, and he shou'd provide Frames of Oak & every other proper Article; and take care that the Bells be well hung in our Tower; the Expences attending the whole were nearly given in by him, and the Estimate was not to be exceeded by more than five or ten Pounds. The Parish engaging to send the old Bells down to London, & Mr. Mears to fetch them from the Wharf, & send up the new Bells to Wallingford. At the same time an Order was made in the Book & signed that the Ch:wardens do make so many rates of 1s in the Pound each at suitable times as may be sufficient to discharge the whole Expences, after I had made them a Present of £s20, which I promised to do; & did accordingly, as may be seen in the Ch.wardens' book.]

A new Window was made at the North East corner of the Church & Chancel at the Expence of the Parish, in the Winter of 1807/8 I think about Xtmas, & the Stones that was taken out of the Wall were piled up at the bottom of the Tower.

NB. The six Bells & the Saint-Bell were all hung up in our Tower in the months of August & early in Sept. 1808.

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Sept. 22. 1808. Having been absent from home for a few week I found at my return the Grass dug up on the East-side of the Church-yard, in order to open a Walk of a considerable width under the Barn & Stables of Brightwell farm to the Door at the South east corner that leads tow'd. the House; which Walk was to be gravelled. Upon asking my Consent to finish it, I desir'd that it might go on no farther, as it wou'd be making a public Road thro' the Church-yard, & make it much more common than it ought to be, not to mention the loss of the Grass; and there is a farther reason why it shd. not be consented to, as it might tend to set up a Claim for all the Ground between the Walk & the Buildings; and as long Usage might give the Owner of the Farm a right to the Walk, so he might consider that as the boundary of his Property, & of course might in future claim the intermediate Ground.

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1810. Early in the Spring of this year I was desir'd to meet the Inhabitants of Brightwell & Sotwell Parishes to consider of the Propriety of applying to Parliament in the then approaching Sessions for an Inclosure. I did meet them at Mr. Hedges's House in Wallingford; but refus'd to consent to the measure from the shortage of the time & the want of due notice: On which acct. the Business was then lay'd aside.

In the Month of May following I called on the Bp. of Winchester the Patron of the Living, & mention'd to his Lordship the application that was made to me & the consequent rejection for a time at least, & desired to know his Sentiments on the business. He intimated that he was rather inclin'd to favour Inclosures, as he believ'd them beneficial to the Parties concerned in them, & to the Incumbent of the Living. I asked then whether, if an Inclosure took place, he wou'd recommend to me to take the Tithes as before, or to commute for Land: To which he answer'd that as Tithes had been the usual method, he would recommend its Continuance: And as to the Union of the two Parishes, he hinted that such Junctions were not uncommon. Still if I preferr'd a Commutation for Land, he said it must not be in a less proportion than 1/5th for the Arable & 1/9th for the Meadow & Pasture. He also signified that if the Inclosure went on, I might write to him, & he would satisfy me in any farther Particulars that I might wish; & observed that as I was only a Tenant for life, a Clause must be inserted in the Act, that as Rector, I shou'd be exempted from any Expencc occasion'd by the Act, general Fencing &c.

About the 12th of June Messrs. Toovey & Dalzell met me, & asked my Opinion on the propos'd Inclosure & upon my explaining to them the Conference I had with the Bishop, a Day was fixed & notice given for the Inhabitants to meet in Vestry & declare their general Sentiments on the Subject. A Vestry was held accordingly, but nothing was done; & indeed there appear'd to be as many adverse to the Inclosure as to favour it.

Some time after this I met by accident, Messrs. Toovey Dalzell & Hazel senr. at Mr. Hedges's, & found the Business of the Inclosure going on: I was then asked my Sentiments about the Glebe, when I observ'd that as the Glebe lay most of it in large detached Portions, & that as I had only three Acres dispers'd in the field, so I only wish'd that those three Acres might be joined to one of my larger Pieces if the Inclosure shou'd go on, which I by no means wished, & that I must be exonerated from any share in the Expences: To which they then acceded.

In the month of Sept'r. following Notices were fixed on the Church-door, either to apply for a Bill to inclose the two Parishes jointly, or the Parish of Brightwell separately, i.e. for the uninclosed Parts only; & I found a Petition was signed sometime after by many of the Possessors of Lands in this Parish only to request leave to bring in a Bill to Parliament for this purpose.

In 1811 about the latter end of Jany the Petition was presented & leave obtained: And the Bill was brought in sometime in March. Before which time I had given Notice of an

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Intention to exchange my 5 Acres at Post-furlong & my four Acres of Glebe in Priest-mead; for which I desired to have Land in the field near the Home: And the Bishop of Wr. was made acquainted with this Proposal, & with some others that I also conceiv'd might be advantageous to the Rector; I also determin'd to continue the Tithes as usual. The Bill passed thro' both Houses & became an Act some time in the month of May; & Mr John Davis the Commissioner gave notice of his first meeting to be holden at the Lamb in Wallingford on the 1st. of July 1811. NB. The Parish of Sotwell did not accede to the measure; & therefore the Inclosure was for Brightwell only. Mr Davis came in the beginning of July, & took a view of the Fields, & came again about the 21st. of Augst. to form a general Plan of Allotment, mark out and stop Road-ways & to receive the claims of the Proprietors &c. At these & some subsequent Visits the Ways were marked out, & my whole Allotment for the three detached Acres, the four Acres in Priest-mead, & the nominal 5 Acres at Post-furlong, measuring 3 Acres 1 Rood & 6 Perches, was fixed in a field adjoining to my Garden; & considering the Doubts that were entertained concerning my right to feed in Priest-mead after Lammas, was judged by the Commissioner, & I conceive justly, to be a fair Compensation. The whole field to Dewe's Piece could not be obtained, & the remainder of about 1 Acre & near a half was assigned to Farmer Inns. The upper foot-path over this piece to the high road was disallowed by order of the Commissioner; & the lower one to the bottom of Dewe's Close was left out in his demarcation of the Parish ways, & of course it is understood that both are to be stopped.

1812 January. A Doubt has arisen, or at least been pretended, whether the whole of Sladend Common is in Brightwell-Parish, & it is said to be founded on this plea, that

the Inhabitants of Sotwell have many of them a right of Common there: This Matter is to be heard & argued before the Commissioner about the middle of next month. (The After-feed of Priest's mead was consider'd & argued in like manner, & finally left to the determination of the Commissioner.) I sowed a Plot next to my Home-stead with Hay-seeds in last Spring, & have well manured it, & hope it will succeed, & serve as a useful Meadow in lieu of the portion in Priest's mead. The whole Piece beyond where the above Hay-seeds were sown to Dearlove's Close, except about $1\frac{1}{2}$ Acre at the top of the North-west side is allotted as a part of the Glebe in lieu of the four Acres in Priest mead, five Acres by estimation at Post-furlong (by measure much less than $3\frac{1}{2}$ Acres) & the three Acres scatter'd about Brightwell-field: And I think the Glebe not injur'd by the exchange, especially as the new Allotment is so near home.

On the 20th. Feby. 1812, Mr. Davis met many of the Inhabitants of Brightwell & Sotwell Parishes in Sladend Common, & adjourn'd from thence to

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the Lamb Inn Wallingford: Here he order'd the Depositions to be taken of Thos. Butcher, Wm. Leaver the Father & Wm. Leaver his Son; & from their united Evidence was convinced that as far as the Argumemnt might hold from processioning, it was proved that the Common called Sladend Common must wholly be situated in Brightwell Parish, as Mr Morgan the Rector & the Inhabitants had gone up on the west side of the Common in their perambulation 62 years ago; & the same had been their Course, having usually sent Persons to leap the Ditch from the Yeovils N.W. corner at each of the four Processions during my Incumbency: The Inhabitants of Sotwell assembled at the Lamb in the Evening, but producing no Evidence, Mr. Davis determin'd the Common to be wholly in Brightwell Parish.

In the month of May the Division of the Common was marked out according to each Man's share; & the Tithes of each Allotment destin'd by Mr. Davis, in his valuation of the Slade-end Tithes, to me.

12 Sept. There are still some Doubts whether consistently with the Act of Parliament I can have the 3 dispers'd Acres of Glebe in Brightwell-field allow'd in the piece near Dewe's Close; at length it was determin'd by Mr. Davis, that they shd. be added on the west side to the piece of Glebe at Abwell. It was proposed that these three Acres with about three Acres & a half (at least) more at Combe piece N.W. shd. be exchanged (with the consent of the Patron & Diocesan to be first obtained) for about three Acres & a Rood in Dewe's furlong allotted to Farmer Inns; but as the Glebe is but small, & the Land at Cuckowpint very good, & that at Combe-piece not bad, I could not consent to such Exchange.

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1811. An Act was passed early in this year for a farther Inquiry into the population of Great Britain (see P. 66.) and an Acct. was order'd to be taken on the 27th. of May for 10 years; and such Acct. was taken, & the Number of Inhabitants was 473 in the whole, or 18 less than in the former Estimate, in this Parish of Brightwell. The Males & Females were separately recounted, and the Occupations of the Families noted. I also made Inquiry into the number of Baptisms, Burials & Marriages in my Parish in the ten years from Jany. 1801 to 1810 inclusively & return'd an Answer of Acct. of the same to the Bishop of Sarum Dr. Fisher. The Baptisms were in all 145, viz. Males 69, Females 76, – the Burials 70 – of each Sex 35; – the Marriages 31. It was also observed that the annual average Number of Non-Entries of Baptisms was about 1 – for in the ten years there had been eleven children born in the Parish, & not enter'd in the Register, viz. one Roman Catholic, three Dissenters, & 7 Baptists.

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In this year I have expended a considerable Sum of Money on the Glebe & Homestead. I planted Quick-sets on the north-side of the new Meadow – which was laid down last year & planted with Grass-seeds. I laid down a new Oak floor in the Wheat Barn, repair'd the whole Barns &c from North to South & the Pigeon-house, raised a new Building over the fatting Hog Sty &c, erected new Gates & Posts at the entrance into the Yard; set up new Posts & a Chain on the west & north sides of the Home, repaired the Fences, had the whole Tiling looked over & put in compleat repair about the House &c, new thatched some of the Mud-walls & pointed the brick or stone Walls; and had the whole Premises examined & restored where any thing appear'd to be defective. Sept. 1812.

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Sept. 1812. An Act was passed in the last Session of Parliamt. for the better regulation of Entries of Baptisms, Burials &c, and I had notice sent me from the King's Printers that the new Registers wou'd be sent before the end of Decr. next, & desiring to know where they might be directed. Three new Register Books were sent & receiv'd, in which the Entries were to commence from the first of January 1813; & a Copy of the Act was prefixed to the Register of Baptisms. But there appear to me to be therein so many Mistakes or Defects, that a speedy Revisal at least will be wanted; and indeed if the whole was annulled or cancelled, & due care taken that the old Forms of Registring were kept & duly observ'd by the Incumbent or officiating Minister of each Parish, the designed End would be fully answer'd; expecially if the time of Births was to be specified as well as of Baptisms. Jany. 1813.

1813. Aprl. 29th. I sent an Acct. to the Registrar at Salisbury that there are in my custody 1. an old Parchmt. Regr. of Baptisms &c, commencing in 1564, &

terminating in the year 1690. 2. One Parchmt. Regr. of Christenings Burials & Weddings commencing 1691, & continued for Baptisms & Burials till 1812, but for Weddings only to 1754. A Chasm discoverable in this of Baptisms from part of 1705 till Sept. 1711, except some Instances in 1708 or -09. 3. A Register of Marriages from 1754 to 1812. The new Act requires an Acct. of this nature to be sent in before June 1st 1813. <by the Ch:wardens. *del.*>

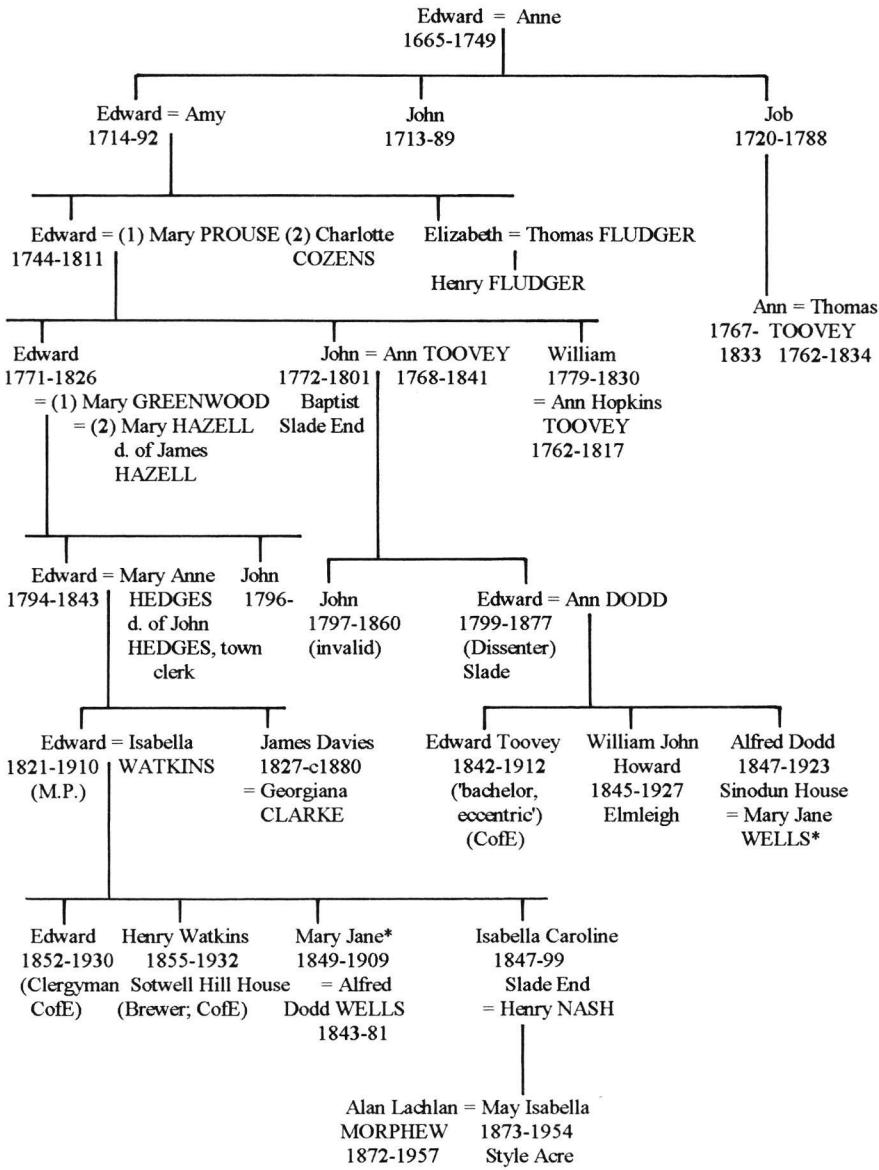
A Copy of the several Registers of Baptisms Marriages & Burials is order'd to be deliver'd duly attested annually to the Church-wardens, & by them sent duly directed to the Registrar of the Diocese between the latter end of Feby. & the first of June in each subsequent Year. See the Act.

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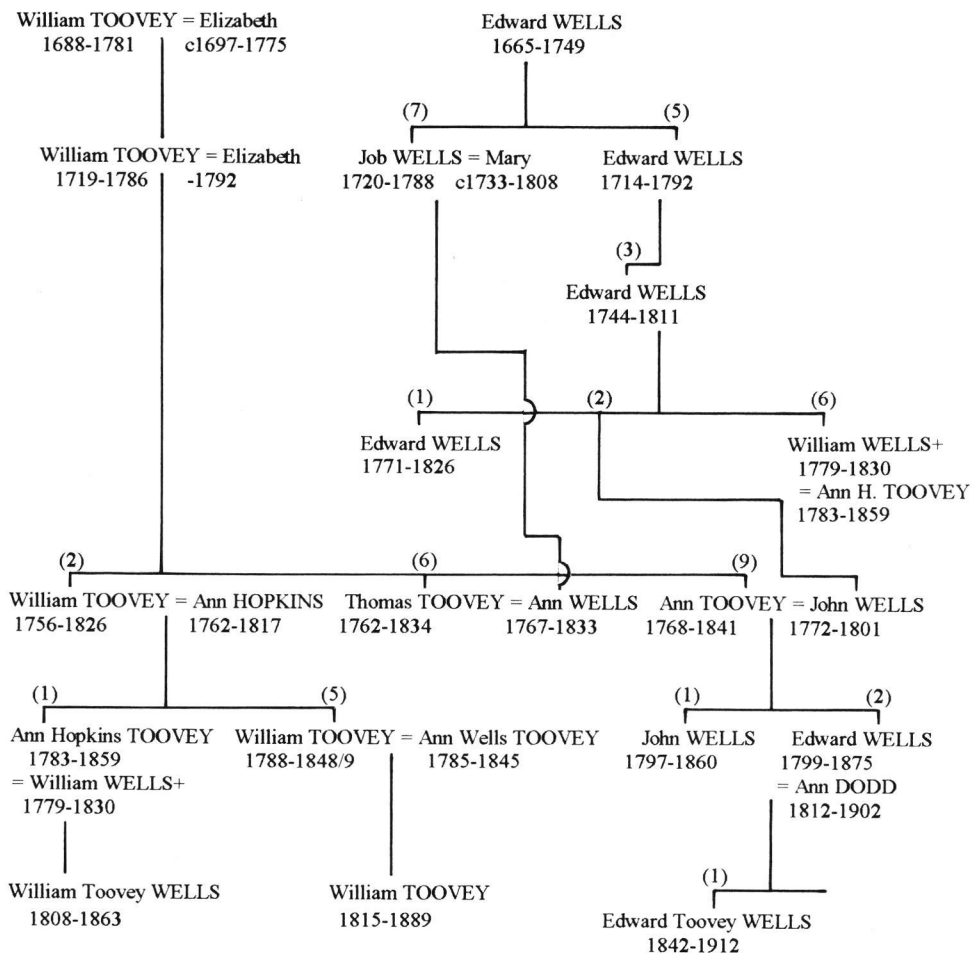
1813 February. A melancholy Accident happen'd in this Parish at the latter end of last month. Elizabeth Barr, a widow & a lunatic, was found hanging by the neck & dead by her Mother Sarah Mountague an elderly Widow of the age of 86. Some Efforts were made to recover Animation, but in vain; & the poor Mother was so struck with the Scene that she expired in about five days after.

In the beginning of 1814 Mr Wm. Wells of North Morton relinquished *all his Tithes* in this Parish & threw them on my hands. In the preceding year he had enter'd on the occupation of an Estate at Mackney purchased by his brother Edwd. of John Willson. He took the Tithes himself of that Estate according to Mr. Willson's Agreement for the year ending at Michs. 1813: But refused to continue them any longer, because I would not let him have the Tithe of the *mown* Clover in Brightwell-field, which I have taken up of every Farmer in that field since the year 1778 – He urged that Mr. Davis had included it in his valuation of the privy Tithes of that field; to which I answer'd that Mr. Davis had no authority from me to value the mown Clover, nor did I ever mean to let it.

THE WELLS FAMILY



THE WELLS-TOOVEY CONNECTION



<ADDITION TO THE TERRIER, 1783.>

<The terrier of 1793 is not printed, as it is effectively reproduced in Mr Wintle's Book, ff. 3-5.>

Three Articles to be added to the Terrier of 1783, agreeably to the Directions by Order
of the Bishop.

12. There is a Custom in the Parish of Brightwell in the County of Berks for the Rector to distribute at his Expence a large number of Loaves of bread & some Cheese, Cakes, & Beer to such House-keepers male & female belonging to the said Parish as chose to apply, on Maundy-Thursday, that is, on the Thursday in Passion-week; the usual Number of Persons that apply is about 160; the Quantity of Flour & other Ingredients us'd for this purpose is already specify'd in the Parish register, and the Distribution is constantly observ'd; but there is a Period pointed out in the said Register, when it was omitted.

13. In the Church there are five Bells, a large Chandelier hanging down in the middle of it, the necessary Books and Surplice for the Service, Linen for the Communion table; & a Bier for the dead Corpses; there is also one silver Cup with a cover for the Wine; & on the Cup this Inscription. "The Communion-cup of the Parish of Brightwell gathered and made by the payns of John Goodday, William Perrey & James Leirpin June 12, 1600." The Church is all repair'd at the Expence of the Parishioners, & the Chancel only at the expence of the Rector.

14. The Clerk, who performs the Offices both of Clerk & Sexton, is appointed by the Rector; & has for his Wages certain Dues at Easter, that is to say, the Sum of six-pence for every Yard-land thro' out the Parish, & the Number of Yard-lands chargeable is 77.

The rest of the Clerk's Dues are as follow, – Every year –
From the Inhabitants of the Parish of Brightwell not paying to the Yard-land Cess as above four pence per House.

For washing the Linen – four shillings.

For scouring the Branch or Chandelier – two shillings.

For supplying bread at the Communion – one shilling.

The Parish allows the Clerk for bell-ropes – ten shillings. Moreover His Fees for a Wedding by Banns are two shillings – and by Licence something more – but no certain fix'd Sum.

His Fee at the funeral of a grown Person is two shillings and

– – – – – of a child one shilling & six pence.

But these fees at funerals are occasionally increas'd according to the Quantity of work done in digging the Grave, & tolling the Bell, & the like Circumstances, & for burying in the Church.

Sign'd

July 19th 1783 – Tho Wintle, Rector
 Wm Toovey } Church-
 Wm Dobson } wardens

<THE SALE OF BRIGHTWELL FARM, 1800>

<In 1800 Brightwell Farm (see Figure, p. OO) was valued for the Bishop of Winchester. The valuation was dated 23 January, 1800, and is summarised below. (Hampshire Record Office, 11M59/E2/154965-6).>

				annual values		
	a.	r.	p.	£.	s.	d.
The Meadows	71	0	8	136	4	4
The Farm on the Hill	440	0	27	384	3	6
In Brightwell Crofts	3	0	12	11	0	0 ¹
<i>Total</i>	514	1	7	531	7	10
Timber (capital value)				717	5	11

¹ A fishery and eyots were included in the £11.

<For the calculation of the sale price it was noted that William Toovey held the land under a lease for three lives, and that Henry Oxenden was 43, William Toovey, 43, and Robert Lovegrove jnr, 14. The Bishop was to remain Lord of the Manor, and his Steward was to have access to the Court House.>

The annual value		531.	7.	10
Reserved rent	23. 13. 4 at 25 years'			
	purchase	<u>591.</u>	<u>13.</u>	<u>4</u>
	507. 14. 6 at 7½ years'			
	purchase	<u>3770.</u>	<u>8.</u>	<u>9</u>
		4362.	2.	1
With the timber added		717.	5.	11
		5079.	8.	0

<THE ENCLOSURE OF BRIGHTWELL>

<NOTE. The following is a summary of the enclosure award referred to in Mr Wintle's Book. The award is to be found in the Berkshire Record Office with its map. The figures below refer respectively to acres, roods and perches. There are 40 perches to the rood, and four roods to the acre, which measures 0.40468 of a hectare.>

The Bishop of Winchester as Lord of the Manor of Brightwell.

1. Near Wittenham Furze, Brightwell, 0. 0. 24.
2. In East Meadow, Mackney, 1. 2. 0.
3. In Slade End Common, 2. 1. 26.

Robert Dalzell as Lord of the Manor of Mackney.

In the Dollet in Long Meadow, Mackney, 2. 1. 30.

The Reverend Thomas Wintle and his successors as Rector.

1. Plot called Abwell Piece estimated 17½ a. but measured as 15. 1. 7.
2. Plot called Coomb Piece estimated 19 a. but measured as 12. 0. 2.
3. Plot called Haddon Piece estimated 13 a. but measured as 8. 0. 8.
4. Adjoining Abwell Piece, 2. 2. 27.
5. In Sparrow Acre Furlong, 7. 2. 2.

The Bishop of Winchester for the use of his Reeve.

In old enclosure of Meadow of Wm Wells (late Tomkins's), 1. 0. 30, exchanged for William Wells 6.

Thomas Charles Baker.

1. In Slade End Common, 2. 0. 7.
2. In Slade End Common, 0. 1. 30, exchanged for J. & E. Wells 29.

Sarah Boshier <who signed with a mark>.

1. In Slade End Field, 0. 1. 16.
2. In Slade End Field, 0. 0. 2, exchanged for J & E Wells 36.

Churchwardens of St Peter's Wallingford.

In Hamlet of Slade End, 0. 1. 0.

Churchwardens of Sotwell for the benefit of the Clerk.

In Hamlet of Slade End, 0. 1. 0.

Thomas Clark.

1. In Home Field, Brightwell, 5. 0. 24.
2. Called Long Close, old enclosure, Brightwell.

Robert Dalzell Esquire.

2. In Mackney, 147, 0. 2.
3. Part of West Field, Brightwell, 9. 3. 20.
4. In West Field, Brightwell, 10. 3. 32.
5. In West Field, 7. 2. 10.
6. In Mackney, 1. 0. 30.
7. In Brightwell West Field, 4. 0. 0.
8. A close in Mackney, meadow, old enclosure, 1. 2. 24, exchanged for H. Fludger 8.

Sarah Sophia Fludger.

1. In Slade End Crofts, 8. 1. 24.
2. In Slade End Fields & the Cow Common, 58. 1. 28.
3. Part of the E side of Drove Lane, Slade End, 0. 0. 19.
4. In Slade End Field, 40. 3. 6.
5. In Slade End Field, 10. 3. 35.
6. In Slade End Cow Common, 0. 2. 3.
7. In Slade End Cow Common, 0. 1. 5, exchanged for J. & E. Wells 27.

Henry Fludger.

1. In Mackney Field, 41. 3. 30.
2. In Mackney Field and Cow Common, Mackney, 45. 1. 20.
3. In Mackney Field, 11. 2. 10.
4. In Mackney Field and Cow Common, 30. 1. 2.
5. In Mackney Field and Common, 26. 2. 10.
6. Part of Mackney Cow Common, 1. 2. 0.
7. Part of Mackney Cow Common, 2. 0. 32.
8. A close of meadow in Mackney, old enclosure, exchanged for Robert Dalzell 8.

William Hazel.

1. In Slade End Field, 3. 3. 35.
2. In Slade End Common, 5. 0. 8.
3. In Slade End Field, 3. 0. 37.
4. In Slade End Common, 6. 1. 16.
5. In Slade End Common, 1. 1. 18.
6. In Slade End Common, 2. 0. 19, exchanged for J. & E. Wells 25.

James Hazel.

1. In Slade End Common, 0. 2. 18.
2. In Slade End Common, 0. 0. 4.

William Hine.

1. In Slade End Common, 0. 1. 15.
2. In Slade End Common, 0. 0. 2, exchanged for J. & E. Wells 30.

Robert Hucks Esquire.

1. In Slade End Crofts, 2. 3. 32.
2. In the Hungerhills in Slade End Field, 28. 0. 39.
3. In the Hungerhills in Slade End Hamlet, 0. 2. 20.
4. In the Hungerhills in Slade End Hamlet, 0. 2. 20.
5. In Slade End Field, 0. 0. 7, exchanged for J. & E. Wells 37.

Edward Inns.

1. In Middle Furlong, Brightwell, 2. 1. 8.
2. In Brightwell Home Field, 1. 3. 36,
3. Old enclosure called Great Titlands, 2. 1. 10.
4. Old enclosure called Little Titlands, 1. 0. 20.
5. In Brightwell Home Field, 6. 2. 8.
6. In Middle Furlong, 3. 0. 30 in compensation for his 20 Buts of land in Hadden called Forsaken Land.
7. In Sparrow Acre Furlong, Brightwell, 3. 1. 16.
8. In Home Field, Brightwell, 3. 2. 10.
9. In Home Field, Brightwell, 13. 1. 6.
- 10 In Middle Furlong, Brightwell, 13. 0. 20.
- 11 In Middle Furlong, Brightwell, 1. 3. 18, exchanged for Thomas Clark 2.
- 12 In Hadden, Brightwell, 4. 1. 6, exchanged for Charles Morell 8.
- 13 In Middle Furlong, 1. 1. 11, exchanged for Charles Morell <No number>.

John Lovegrove

1. In Slade End Common, 0. 1. 15.
2. In Slade End Common, 0. 0. 2, exchanged for J. & E. Wells 31.

Charles Morrell.

1. In Beggars Path Thornlands and Middle Furlong, Brightwell, 9. 0. 15.
2. In Hadden Butts, 7. 2. 24.
3. In Hadden, 8. 3. 37.
4. In Garbroad Furlong, Brightwell, 5. 3. 4.
5. In Dews Close Furlong, Brightwell, 5. 0. 16.
6. In Stream Furlong, Brightwell, 8. 0. 12.
7. In Garbroad and Beggars Path, Brightwell, 3. 2. 1.
8. Old enclosure of Edward Inns, Stream Furlong Close, 5. 0. 27.

James Parker.

In Mackney Field and Common, 25. 0. 32.

Richard Parsons.

1. In Mackney Field and the Stert Meadow, Mackney, 26. 2. 12.
2. In Mackney Field and the Stert Meadow, Mackney, 25. 2. 4.

William Rutt.

1. In Slade End Common, 0. 2. 30.
2. In Slade End Common, 0. 0. 5, exchanged for J. & E. Wells 32.

Charles Taylor.

1. In Slade End Field in Abingdon Way Furlong, 1. 1. 24.
2. In Slade End Common, 4. 2. 24.
3. In Slade End called the Evils, 2. 1. 27, exchanged for J. & E. Wells 24.

John Tomkins.

1. In Slade End Common, 1. 2. 0.
2. In Slade End Common, 0. 0. 9, exchanged for J. & E. Wells 33.

Trustees for John and Edward Wells (ie William Toovey Edward Wells and Thomas Toovey.)

1. In Common Fields of Slade End, 35. 1. 13.
2. In Slade End Field, 1. 2. 16.
3. In Slade End Field, 7. 2. 6.
4. In Slade End Field, 0. 1. 16.
5. In Slade End Field, 6. 2. 19.
6. In Slade End Field, 6. 2. 4.
7. In Slade End Field, 25. 0. 18.
8. In Slade End Field, 10. 0. 8.
9. In Slade End near homestead of trustees, 4. 3. 2.
- 10 In Slade End Field, 0. 2. 35.
- 11 In Slade End Field, 10. 1. 8.
- 12 In Slade End Field, 1. 3. 29.
- 13 Old enclosure of William Hazel, Slade End, 0. 2. 11.
- 14 In Slade End Field, 0. 1. 33.
- 15 In Kitchen Meadow, Slade End, 9. 2. 12.
- 16 Part of the E side of Drove Lane, Slade End, 0. 0. 33.
- 17 Part of the E side of Drove Lane, Slade End, 0. 0. 14.
- 18 In Slade End Field, 0. 3. 35.
- 19 In Slade End Field, 12. 1. 1.
- 20 In Slade End Field, 0. 3. 38.
- 21 In Slade End Field, 0. 1. 31.
- 22 In Slade End Field, 16. 2. 20.
- 23 Part of Slade End Field and Common, 24. 1. 24.
- 24 Part of Slade End Millanys Evils and Cow Common, 24. 2. 4.
- 25 Two parcels or pieces of meadow in Kitchen Meadow, Sotwell, belonging to

William Hazel, one called the Hook, 0. 3. 18.

26 Hazel's common rights of one cow in Sotwell part of Kitchen Meadow.

27 Sarah Fludger's common of 14 cows in Kitchen Meadow.

28 Charles Taylor's 3 pieces in Kitchen Meadow, Sotwell, 1. 2. 23.

29 Thomas Charles Baker's land in Kitchen Meadow, Sotwell, 0. 1. 5.

30-38 An exchange of common of pasture in Kitchen Meadow Sotwell for allotments,
viz.

30. 1 cow, William Hine 2.

31. 1 cow, John Lovegrove 2.

32. 2 cows, William Rutt 2.

33. 4 cows, John Tomkins 2.

34. 3 cows, John Willson 2.

35. 1 cow, Richard Willson 2.

36. 1 cow, Sarah Bosher 2.

37. 4 cows, Robert Hucks 5.

38. 1 cow, Richard William Young 2.

The Warden and Scholars of New College Oxford.

In Mackney, 113. 1. 7.

Edward Wells.

1. In Brightwell Lower Croft, 4. 0. 28.

2. Plot called Millway Pieces, 12. 0. 8.

3. In Thorn Lands Cuckoo Pen and Middle Furlong, 13. 2. 16.

4. In Cuckoo Pen and Middle Furlong, 13. 0. 6.

5. In Brightwell Upper Croft, 3. 3. 28.

6. In Mackney Field, 21. 3. 5.

7. In East Meadow, Mackney, 1. 3. 37.

William Wells.

1. In Priest Mead, Brightwell, 7. 1. 14.

2. In Thorn Lands, Brightwell, 1. 2. 28.

3. In Thorn Lands, Brightwell, 0. 3. 8, in compensation for one Long Butt of Land in Haddon.

4. In Thorn Lands, Brightwell, 4. 2. 10.

5. In Middle Furlong, Brightwell, 6. 0. 10.

6. In Priest Mead, 0. 3. 10, exchanged for Bishop of Winchester's Reeve land.

The Rev Thomas Wintle <who had commonable land and rights of common in Mackney>.

1. Parts of East Furlong the Stert the Small Meadow and East Meadow, 53. 3. 10.

2. In Post Furlong, Brightwell, 9. 1. 26.

3. In Post Furlong, 2. 2. 20.

John Willson.

1. In Slade End Common, 1. 3. 9.
2. In Slade End Common, 0. 0. 12, exchanged for J. & E. Wells 34.

Richard Willson.

1. In Slade End Common, 0. 1. 7.
2. In Slade End Common, 0. 0. 1, exchanged for J. & E. Wells 35.

Richard William Young.

1. In Slade End Field, 0. 1. 16.
2. In Slade End Field, 0. 0. 2, exchanged for J. & E. Wells 38.

<THE TITHE IN 1812>

<A docket (Berks Record Office) superscribed>

<Parish & Tithe Rental del.>

Assessment at the time of the Inclosure.

Parish Total – £2555 : 0 : 9

Tithes Total – 753 : 11 : 3
3308 : 12 : 0

<with other pencil calculations of the tithe rated at 1/- in the pound etc. Inside there is a calculation of totals in pencil which has not been reproduced.>

The Lands and tithes of Brightwell, Berks,
as assessed at the Inclosure

Brightwell Division

		Land			Grt Tithes			Small Tithes		
		£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Mr Dodd's award										
148: 5 : 11	William Toovey	532	3	0	152	8	9	26	1	9
Allnut	William Wells his own	48	6	9	7	11	0	1	9	3
Do.	Edwd. Wells	72	12	0	18	8	3	3	16	0
	Robt. Dalzell	83	16	3	19	0	3	3	10	6
Sharp	Edwd. Inns	141	14	0	30	8	9	6	5	3
	Charles Morrell	92	2	6	20	2	0	4	17	6
	Thomas Clark	11	12	0	3	2	0	0	13	6
Lawrence	Mrs Fludger	11	14	0	0	12	0	0	6	0
	Tomkins Dearlove	12	12	6	2	15	0	0	7	6
Sharp	Edward Inns his own	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
	Total	1016	2	6	256	9	0	47	14	9

Mackney Division

Robt. Dalzell	248	4	3	60	5	3	9	1	3
New College	158	1	6	40	2	3	7	17	3
Henry Fludger	248	4	6	57	5	9	11	9	9
George Parsons	79	16	3	18	0	0	3	1	6
Rev'd. Mr. Wintle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Allnutt

Wm. Wells,									
John Willson's	38	9	6	11	11	0	1	15	9
James Packer	43	9	9	10	4	9	1	18	3
The Bishop	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	818	7	9	200	13	9	34	6	0

Slade End Division

Edw Wells

Ann Wells,									
with malthouse	381	4	6	98	18	0	14	8	0
Sarah Sophia Fludger	225	13	9	61	3	3	8	9	6
Sarah Bosher, Huck's	63	2	0	19	7	0	-	-	-
Sarah Bosher, own	0	11	3	0	3	3	-	-	-
Richd. Wm. Younge	0	11	3	0	3	3	-	-	-
Wm. Hazell	25	16	3	4	2	6	2	1	3
Charles Taylor	10	9	0	1	13	0	0	8	0
Clerks of Sotwell	0	9	9	0	2	9	-	-	-
of St Peters	0	9	9	0	2	9	-	-	-
John Willson	1	19	0	-	-	-	0	5	9
Thomas Baker	3	5	6	-	-	-	0	9	6
John Tomkins	2	4	9	-	-	-	0	6	3
Wm. Rutt	1	2	3	-	-	-	0	3	3
Wm. Hine	0	11	3	-	-	-	0	1	6
Charles Atherton Allnot	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	720	10	5	186	10	9	27	17	0

<THE TITHE IN 1831>

<A docket superscribed>

The Revd M. Thompson, Brightwell.
With Mr. Hedges's compts.

Brightwell Tithes, 1831
deducting 15 per Cent
Total £779 : 12 : 5

<Inside>

	after deducting £15 per Cent		
Allnatt John	-	5	6
Clark Thomas	3	8	3
Cox Ann	28	5	3
Castle John	1	5	6
Dalzell Robert	114	15	-
Dearlove John	22	2	-
Fludger Henry	58	14	-
Goody Mrs.		4	6
Hewett Mrs.		4	3
Hazel Mrs.	12	17	8
Hopkins Robert	80	15	-
Horseley John		17	3
Leaver Elizabeth		8	3
Lawrence John	1	12	3
Parsons George (Glebe)	76	10	-
Do. Tithes	36	10	2
Parker James	10	9	-
Sellwood William	153	-	-
Saunders Robert		10	8
Taylor Charles 32		14	6
Turner John	1	0	9
Willson John		6	
Wells Edward His own			
& Mr. Bells	115	16	9
Wells Wm.		10	5
Young Mrs Hannah		2	1
Dearlove John }			
Owen Thomas } late D.	26	17	9
Painter Daniel } Painter			
Sharp G G }			
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	779	12	9

deduct Glebe	6: 10: 0	
Harwell	80: 15: 0	<u>157 5 0</u>
		622 7 9
Mr Dodd		<u>577 12 5</u>
		<u>44 15 4</u>

<THE TITHE RENT CHARGE IN 1898>

Parish of Brightwell

List of the payers of Tithe Rentcharge. 1898

Owners	Commuted Rentcharge	Value 1898
	£ . s . d	£ . s . d
Cozens Robert Esq.	1. 12. 3¼	1. 2. 3
Cozens Geo. & Robt.	7. 5	5. 1
Cozens Mrs. Wellington	93. 4. 7¼	64. 1. 10
Dearlove J. S. L.	82. 16. 10	56. 18. 11
Dodd Francis Esq.	14. 8	10. 0
Dodd Mrs.	2. 16. 0	1. 18. 6
Deacon R. Esq., Trustees of the late	3. 0. 2	2. 1. 3
Fairthorne Edwd Esq	158. 14. 8¼	109. 2. 5
Fuller Chas Esq.	3. 3. 4	2. 3. 7
Greenwood Estate, The Receiver of	3. 3. 6	2. 3. 8
Hewett Thomas	19. 2½	13. 2
Leaver Wm. James	1. 2. 7¼	15. 7
Maule Henry	13. 16. 8	9. 10. 2
New College, Oxford, The Warden & Scholars of	46. 6. 11¼	31. 17. 3
Owen Thomas	7. 12. 8½	5. 5. 0
Pittman Mrs.	10. 10	7. 5
Roberts Wm. E. Esq.	6 3¼	4. 3
Toovey Revd. William, Toovey Miss A. W. I.	214. 2. 3¼	147. 3. 11
Beville, Ramsey }		
Dryden, A. E. }		
Peckett G. S. B. and }	105. 12. 6½	72. 12. 3
King, Henry }		

Wallingford Union	5. 16. 4	4. 0. 0
Wintle Misses	62. 2. 5	42. 14. 1
Wake Revd. Heathcote Allen		
Trustees of the late	43. 18. 4	30. 3. 10
Wells A. D. Esq.	19. 5¼	13. 5
Wells Miss	1. 1. 5¾	14. 9
Wells W. J. H. Esq	3. 9½	2. 7
Wells Edw. Esq	14. 5¼	10. 0
	<u>£855. 0. 0</u>	<u>587. 15. 4</u>

Parish of Sotwell

Allaway Mrs.	14. 10	10. 2
Fairthorne E. Esq.	18. 19. 10	13. 1. 0
Fairthorne Miss A.	2. 3. 2	1. 9. 8
Greenwood Estate, The Receiver of	15. 6	10. 8
Hazel Mrs.	15. 16. 3	10. 17. 4
Leaver Wm. Jas.	1. 10. 9	1. 1. 1
Morphew Edwd. Standon Esq.	6. 9	4. 8
Nash Mrs.	1. 9	1. 2
Painter John T. Exors. of	1. 0	8
Painter Mrs. & others	1. 6. 3	18. 1
Parish Council of Brightwell	1. 8. 5	19. 6
Petherwick Jno. W. Esq.	1. 3	10
Roberts Wm. E. Esq.	1. 14. 4	1. 3. 7
Saunders Frank	18. 3. 5	12. 9. 10
White William	1. 0	8
Wintle Misses	1. 0	8
Wells Edwd. Esq.	22. 13. 5	15. 11. 8
Wells A. D. Esq.	24. 17. 4	17. 2. 0
Wells W. J. H. Esq.	8. 2. 7	5. 11. 9
Wells Hy. Watkins	1. 2. 2	15. 3
	<u>£120. 1. 0</u>	<u>82. 10. 3</u>

J. S. L. Dearlove 1 yr's rent of Glebe Land 39a. 3r. 18p.
to Michs 1898 (Brightwell) £74. 0. 0
Less Abatement £34. 0. 0
£40. 0. 0

<SOTWELL PERAMBULATION>

<A small octavo lined note book with marbled covers. The punctuation and spelling have been reproduced exactly.>

Perambulation
of
The Parish of Sotwell near
Wallingford Berks.

From the Corner of Mr Lawranc's Cottage Opposite the Elm tree that stands between Sotwell & Brightwell farms over the Hill Between the farms to the River at the Corners of Brightwell and Sotwell farm Meadows is 1 Mile 2 furlong 17 poles & 12 Links, the Measure Continued round the River to Shillingford point that is in the Kitchen mead 2 miles & 13 poles From the point, round to 7 yards from the North west Corner of the Willow bed in a Strait line by the Round rodeyet a Cross 5 yards from the south side of a Oak tree in the same mead by Sotwell farm Ditch, Continued, From the Cross by the Oak tree to White post, Bridge path 2 Miles 6 furlongs & 20 poles –

Continued, from White post to the Sevval path by the Corner of the Hedge 3 Miles 2 furlongs–

Continued, from the Corner of the Hedge to the Cross on the top of Sand Elm near 3 Miles 6 furlong & 9 Poles 10 Links. –

This is Half Way Round

Continued from the Cross top Sand Elm near to the North East End of Wooling furlong 3 Miles 7 furlong 17 poles and 4 Links, Continued From the North East Corner of Wooling furlong go down the furrow one land West of Sand Elm Mead to the Middle of the turnpike Road 4 Miles 15 Poles & 13 Links, Continued from the Middle of the turnpike Road to the Middle of the Road Slade End 4 Miles 2 furlongs, –

Continued from the Middle of the Road Slade End to the Cross north East Corner of Chapel lane 4 Miles 2 furlongs 24 poles 16 links –

Continued from the Cross at the Corner of Chapel lane to the Cross on the Post East side of the Chapel-Wall 4 Miles 3 furlongs & 2 poles; Their is another Cross in the Wall the West side of this Chapel. The Parish of Sotwell only Claims that part of the Chapel that the Pulpit stands in; (therefore the Sectarian, stands in Sotwell Parish and preaches to is Heares in Brightwell Parish–)

But to Continue From the Chapel Cross to the Middle of the Road Corner of Chapel Close is 4 Miles 3 furlongs 20 poles & 17 links, – Continued From Middle of the Road Corner Chapel Close to the triangle of Roads by Turners at the Church yard 4 Miles 4 furlongs & 8 poles.

From the triangle Roads to the North Stile Daves Lane 4 Miles & 5 furlongs.

From the North stile Daves lane to the South End of the Lane to the Cross on the top of Daves mear 4 Miles 5 furlongs 11 poles & 9 links.

Continued From top Daves mear to Lovegrove Goddy Croft Gate 5 Miles 16 poles.

Continued From Goddy Croft Gate to the East side of the arch at the Evils Gate 5 Miles 6 furlongs and 5 links – From Evils Gate to the Middle of the Brook South East Corner of the Evils 5– Miles 6 furlongs 28 poles 19 links, – Continued From East Corner Evils to the South West Corner next to Mackney meads 6 Miles 6 Poles & 16 Links –

Continued from the South West Corner of the Evils to the Cross at the south west Corner of the old mead Mackney lane 6 Miles 7 furlongs.

Continued From the Cross South West Corner of the Old mead to the Cross in the middle of the Road Opposite Mrs Jones's Brightwell street 7 Miles 2 furlongs & 20 Links, from the Cross opposite Mrs Jones's to the Cross middle of the Street Opposite Butts Lane 7 Miles 2 furlong & 8 Poles, Continued, From the Cross Opposite Butts Lane in the Middle of the street up Butts Lane to Lawrance's Cottage Opposite the Elm* tree that stands Between Sotwell & Brightwell Farm by the Turnpik Road 7 Miles 4 furlongs 18 poles & 20 Links;

Wm Leaver, Surveyor
2nd June 1830 –

[(* This Elm was blown down 1833. J.L.)]

Advice} It will be a great Plan when Sotwell Parishioners Perambulet there Boundaries, on the South side of the Parish Down by the Brook to take with them a ladder about 12 or 14 feet Long and a Strip of Board 8 or 10 feet Long, that is to lay the ladder a Cross the Ditches and lay the Board up on the rounds of the Ladder for them to Walk over; For the Ditches are too Wide and Deep to Cross without some such Bridge,

Wm Leaver
2nd June 1830.

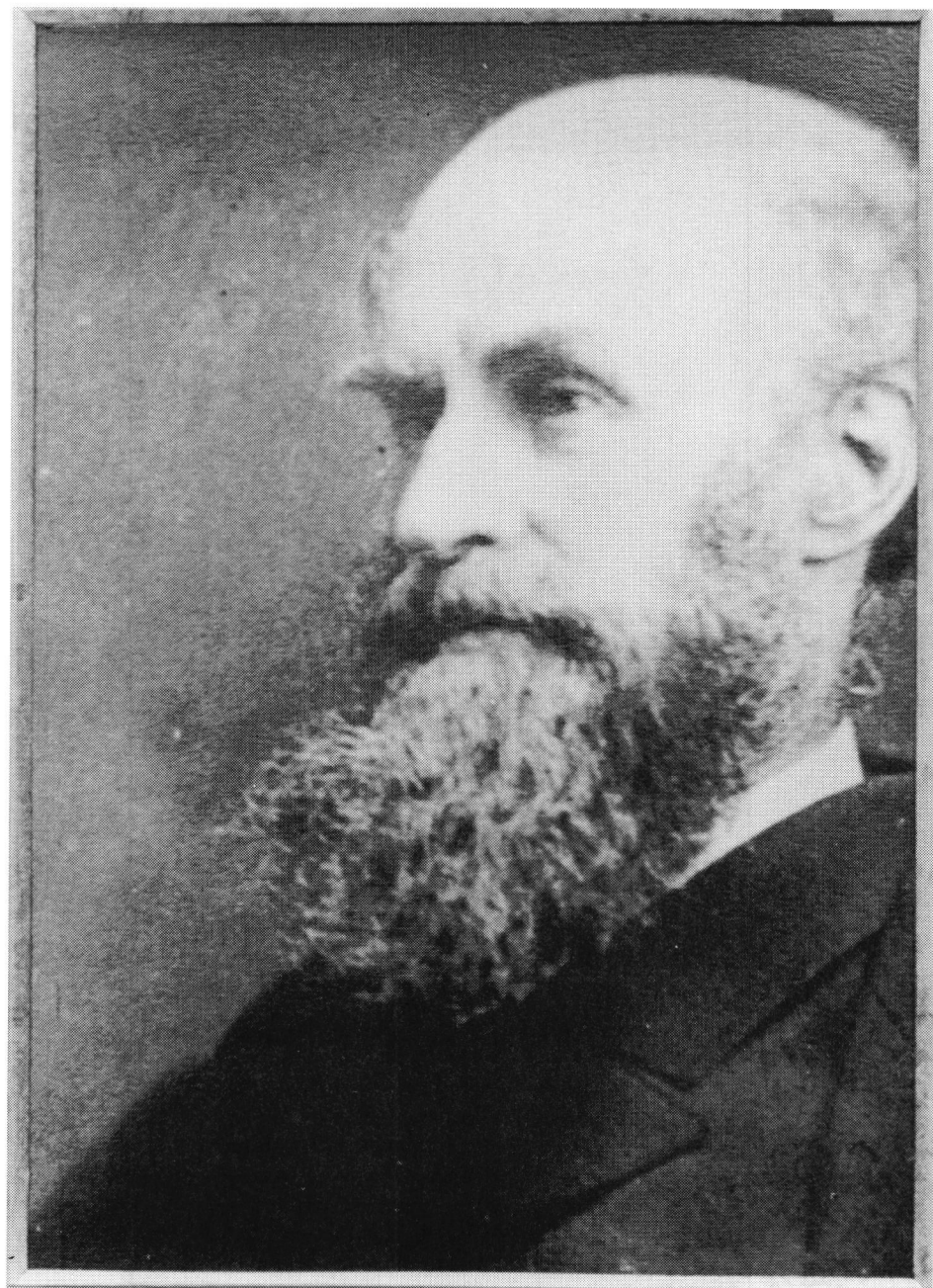


PLATE I

James Haldane Stewart

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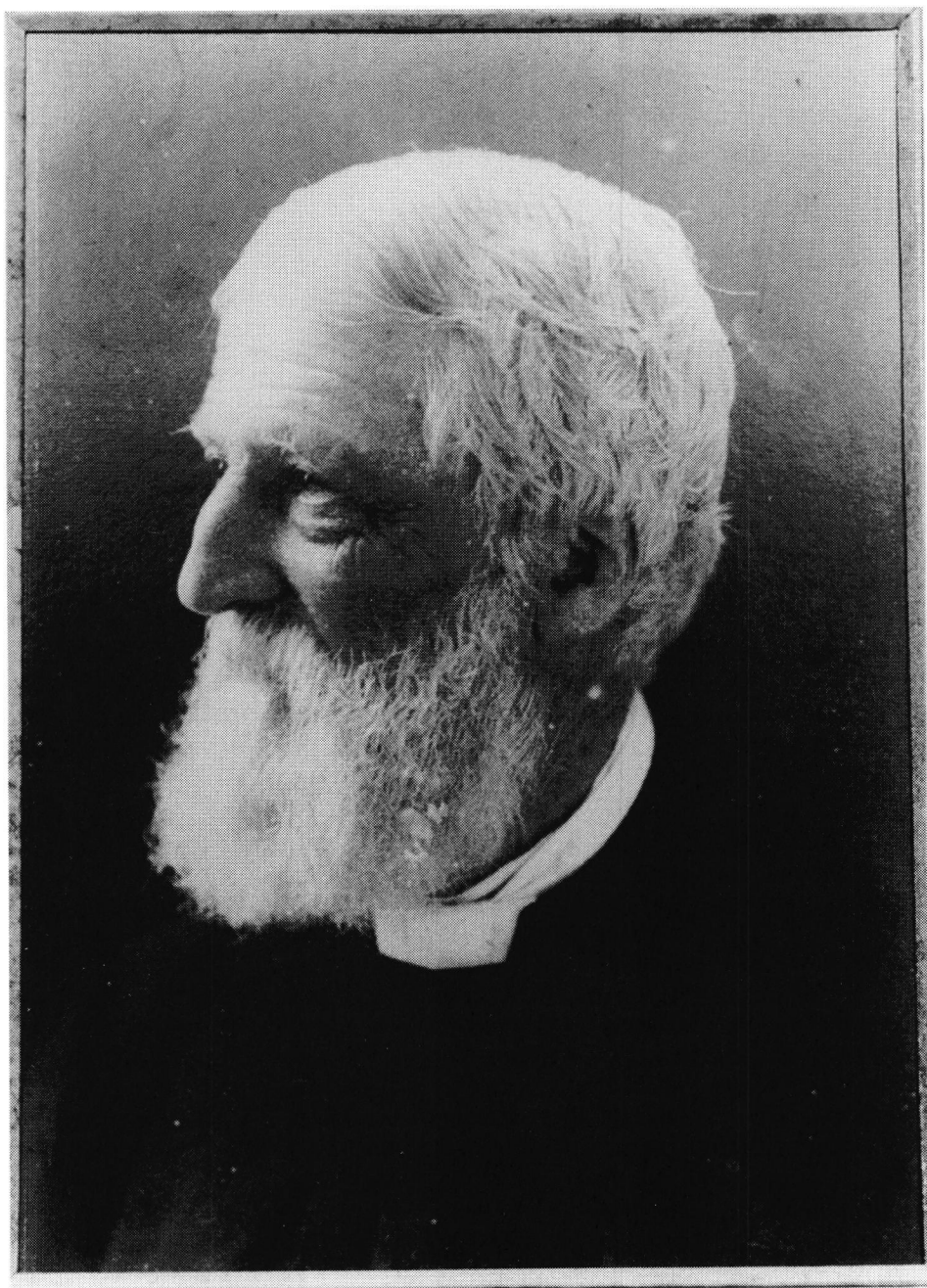


PLATE 2
Francis Cunningham

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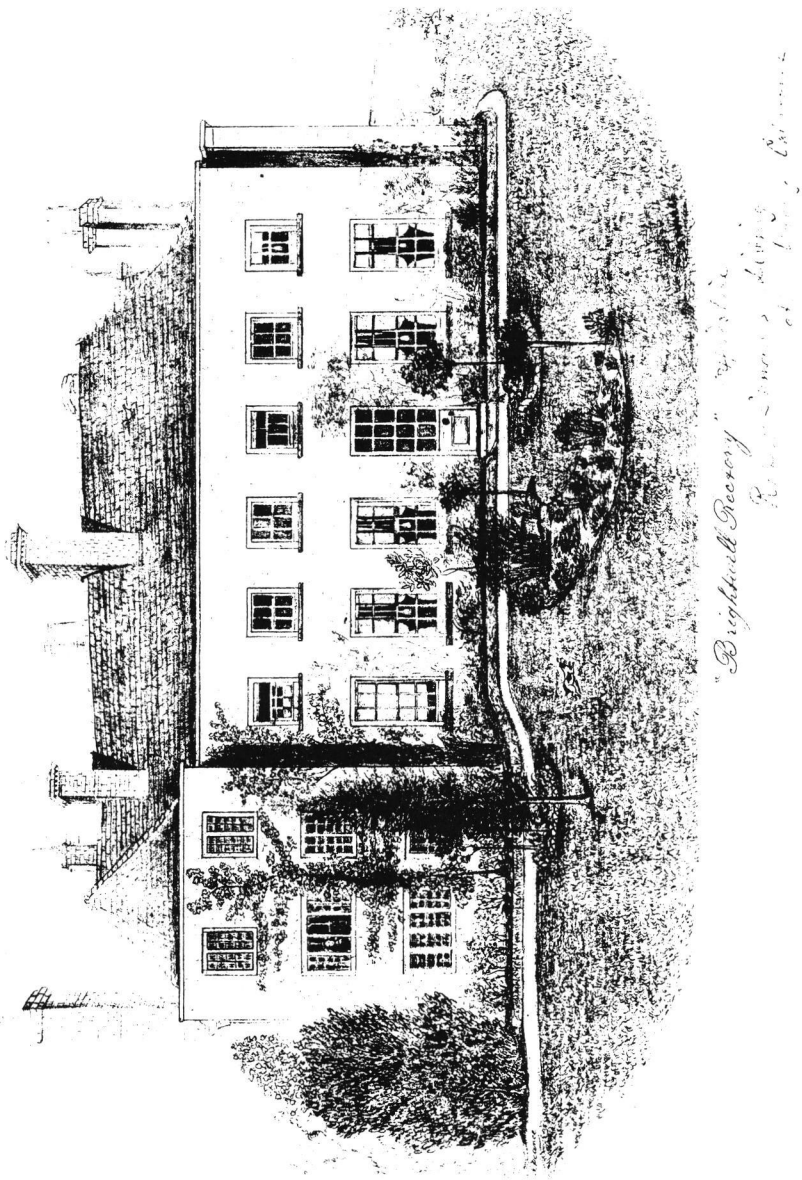


PLATE 3 Brightwell Rectory before rebuilding in 1879
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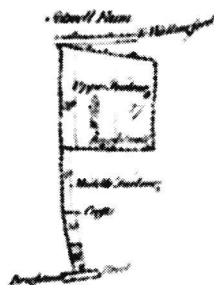
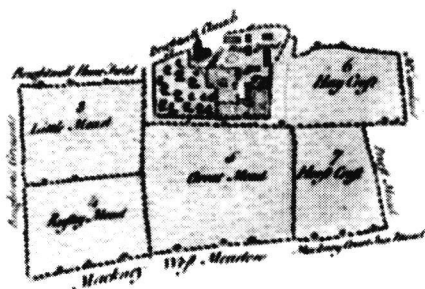
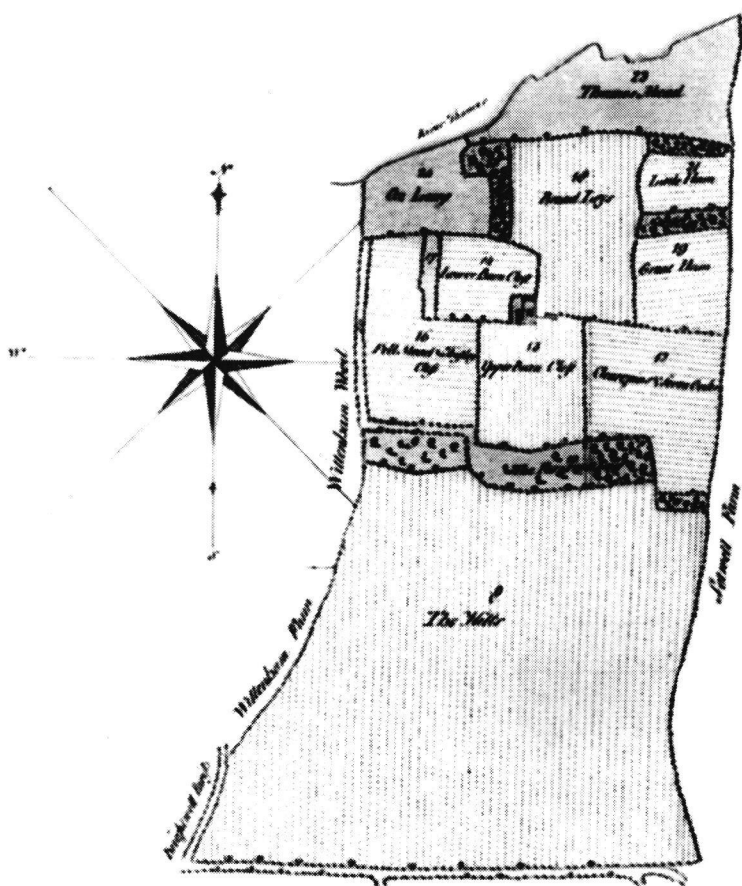


PLATE 4

Brightwell Farm 1800

Hampshire Record Office, 11M59/E2/154965-6

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<THE PARISH DIARY
OF
THE REVD JAMES HALDANE STEWART>

List of Rectors of Brightwell

- 1597 "Mr Thomas Byrde"
 1615 Thomas Godwyn DD – left 6-4-1 – to the poor
 1642 Edward Hyde DD
 * "Mr John Say" & Humphrey Newbery – "during usurpation"
 1661 Michael Woodward DD left 5-0-0 per an for apprentices – He was warden of
 New College
 1675 Seth Ward –
 1691 Joshua Stanley – for 6 months
 1691 Edward Bernard
 1696 Leopold William Finch DD
 1702 Francis Bernard – BD
 1715 Anthony Alsop BD
 1726 John Morgan BA
 1760 William Buller – Dean of Exeter & Canterbury & Bishop of Exeter –
 successively
 1766 Benjamin Ridding – MA –
 1774 Thomas Wintle – left 4-19-6
 1814 William Garnier – MA
 1819 Thomas Garnier LLD Dean of Winchester
 1831 Marmaduke Thompson
 1851 Robert Sumner MA
 1859 Robert Newman Milford MA
 1866 James Haldane Stewart MA
 [1879 Alfred Pott, Archdeacon of Berks – for 3 months
 1879 Francis Macaulay Cunningham M.A.]

*See "Revd Thomas Wintles Book–" page 59

I propose in the following pages to record such parochial facts as it seems desirable should not pass out of memory; also such incidents of my incumbency as may at least interest my successors.

I adopt this resolution

I. Because my predecessor Revd Thomas Wintle has set me the example. His book has proved most useful. Having enjoyed the shade of the oak I plant an acorn.

II. Because having, as incumbent successively of three livings, suffered extremely from the want of records as to the past history of the parishes I am anxious to do a kindness to my successors by sparing them the like labour. “*Haud ignara mali miseris succurrere disco.*” <*Virgil, Aeneid, i, 630. 'Being no stranger to trouble myself I am learning to help others in trouble.'*>

The Rectory of Brightwell appears to have been in the gift of the Bishop Winchester from time immemorial. He is also Lord of The Manor of Brightwell and owner [for life of Bishop Sumner] of a farm— now –1867 – in the occupation of Mr William Tayler.

The parish was till some time after 1831 in the diocese of Salisbury. It subsequently passed into that of Oxford.

The Patronage upon the death of the present Bishop of Winchester will be vested in <*the*> hands of the Bishop of Oxford.

I am the fourth rector appointed by Dr Sumner the present Bishop of Winchester. I was ordained by him 1847 to the curacy of Limpsfield Surrey. 1850. I was presented to the P.C. of Crowhurst, Surrey & to the adjoining curacy of Lingfield, Surrey. 1855 I was presented to the rectory of Millbrook, Hants. Patron Dr C.R. Sumner, & Jan 5 1866, to this living.

The tithes of the living were commuted for £875, in 1840.

The “Revd Thomas Wintle’s book” records what he believed to be the reason why the portion of Harwell Tithes was assigned to this living – vide page 41.

1867. There is no actual legal connection between Brightwell & Sotwell but it seems to be the recognised custom for the parishioners of Sotwell to attend Church & School at Brightwell & for the rector of Brightwell to visit the parishioners of Sotwell in the weekday.

The above named sum of £875 is understood not to include the Rent-charge of Harwell – nor the glebe- lands at Brightwell.

[In 1869 by the resignation of Bishop Sumner the living passed to the Bishop of Oxford and the manor to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.]

The Church – is dedicated to St Agatha. The Brick-tower was built in 1797; for particulars see “Revd Thomas Wintle’s Book,” p. 55.

A vestry, of ancient structure, is stated to have stood upon the north side of the chancel, attached to it & to have been pulled down by or rather in the Incumbency of Revd Marmaduke Thompson. The materials are stated to have been used in the erection of the Schoolroom built in 1841.

The church was repewed & repaired in 1858 chiefly by the exertions of Revd Robert Sumner, 3rd son of The Bishop of Winchester & rector. The Vestry borrowed the sum of [£200.0.0] from Exchequer Loan Commissioners towards the joint expenses of repairing the church & chancel. Mr Sumner bound himself during his incumbency to pay his share [*for chancel*] annually of principal & interest leaving it to the honour of his successors to do the same.

The Revd R. Milford & myself have recognised the obligation. I have promised the church wardens to pay [The last installment of debt was paid at Xmas 1878.]

The Bishops of Winchester & Oxford were present at the re-opening of the church Dec 9th 1858. [Cost of Restoration £910.13.0. For details see Balance Sheet in the Church Chest.]

The Revd Robert Sumner was taken ill the same night and died [December 20th 1858].

He was interred by the Bishop of Oxford 28th Dec 1858, "*Multis flebilis*" aged 37.

The East & North windows of the chancel were erected to his memory, as recorded in the inscriptions beneath them.

The small North window representing St Peter on the water was presented by Revd Thomas Milford.

The two South Chancel windows were presented by [the late Revd Robert Sumner.]

The organ was erected by subscription and opened [in 1860. The Rev: R.N. Milford being rector.]

The stone *<blank>* was placed in *<blank>*

The restoration of the church included the rebuilding of [portion of wall of South Aisle.]

The coal-house in the South-West corner of the churchyard was built in *<blank>*

The churchyard gates were erected in 1865, a portion of the cost being a gift from Revd R. Milford.

The churchyard was in a measure cleared of weeds; the walks were re-gravelled, a new walk made from the North door by the Tower to the South door, shrubs & trees were planted & the churchyard otherwise improved in the years 1866 and 1867.

I mentioned to the vestry that I proposed to solicit subscriptions annually for the purpose of keeping it in order. The gravel was carted free of cost. I gave the gravel & have voluntarily paid for the labour. When once fairly put in order I propose to solicit voluntary subscriptions.

The windows over the tower-door were the gift of Revd Robert Sumner's 3 daughters.

The Rectory House. The west end is believed to have been built in the reign of Henry IVth.

The Revd Thomas Wintle – gives in his book ample details as to the house and offices in his time.

The Rev Marmaduke Thompson, I am informed made the following alterations. The small appartments on the ground floor on north side had gables over them. He removed these, raised the north wall & built the present small rooms on north side of the passage, upstairs.

The Rev Robert Sumner – removed the old farm buildings near the Rectory & built those at Redgate.

Revd Robert Milford – made 2 rooms in the South roof with dormer windows & added the two bow-windows to the dining & drawing rooms.

Revd J. Haldane Stewart – lowered North & South garden walls, removed heavy wooden entrance gates 1866, & placed the “hood-porch” over South-door 1873; it used to be over the school-door, but was removed after purchase in order to make way for clock-tower. 1867, the water from Mr Dearlove's spring was brought into Rectory by iron-pipes & the fountain placed in School Yard; in the chest will be found the legal papers connected with this matter the amount agreed to be paid as quit-rents. Previously the Rectory was supplied with water from a well situated between 2 cess pools a few feet distant; one has been removed and an earth closet (1871) put in its place.

The Chapelry of Sotwell ceased to be attached to St Leonard's Wallingford, & became a Chapelry of Brightwell by an order in Council dated 14 May 1868 in

compliance with the terms of what is commonly called the Pluralities Act: Vict 1 & 2, cap. 106, Sect 26. A copy of the Order in Council is deposited in the Parish Chest.

By the same order the following additional changes were made.

I. The Tithes of Harwell, ie that portion which have from time immemorial been alienated to Brightwell were after 14 May 1868, to be alienated to St Leonard's Wallingford, & those of Sotwell to be alienated to Brightwell instead of St Leonard's Wallingford, & those of Sotwell to be attached to Brightwell instead of St Leonards.

The Rent-Charge of Sotwell is commuted at 120.1.0 & that of Harwell hitherto belonging to Brightwell at £117.10.8.

II. A "territory" situated at the South-eastern extremity of Brightwell and adjoining Wallingford & containing at the time of separation 16 houses properly called "Union Terrace" but popularly known as The Blue Mountains, is to be after 14 May 1868 added to St Leonard's, which (as a whole) it touches at the brook. This territory embraces the following numbers on the Tithe Map 307. 308. 309. 310. 315. 316. The population at that date was confined to the inhabitants of the 16 houses mentioned above.

Brightwell National School

The original building was erected in 1841 by Revd Marmaduke Thompson on a site purchased by him from the parish authorities and conveyed as a copyhold under the Bishop of Winchester, Lord of The Manor, to the Rector, Churchwardens & Overseers, for the site for a National School-room.

The Government granted [50.18.8], 1841, & The Nat Society £30. The main building was 18' x 30' & the classroom 12' x 18'; the wall of the Main-room was 10'.6" to wall-plate; that of the class-room 8'.6".

In 1868 HM Inspectors reported the building as too small & gave notice by Privy Council that the Annual Grant would be withheld if a remedy was not provided. The present building was commenced June 1869; it stands upon the old site enlarged by the gift of a piece of the orchard behind it – my property. The original & additional sites were both previously made "freehold" on application to the Steward of The Manor & The Copyhold Commissioners. The Architect was Mr C Buckeridge of London & Oxford. The Contractor, Mr G Wheeler of Dorchester, Oxon, & the bricklayer under him was Mr R Casey of Clifton Hampden, Oxon. The School-room was opened June 2 1870 by Dr Mackarness Bishop of Oxford, his first visit to this parish and neighbourhood. Morning service was held in the Church at 11.30. The Bishop preached from St Luke xi.i & afterwards presided at a dejeuner in the schoolroom to about 108.

The children of the parishes of Brightwell & Sotwell had tea in the evening on the Rectory lawn. The workmen employed on the building had supper in the room on the following evening. The list of subscribers and the balance sheet will be found overleaf [and in the Church Chest.] No building grant was sought or obtained from The Committee of Privy Council. The large text over the interior arch was the work & gift of Miss Augusta Fairthorne.

The Conveyance &c. were drawn up by Mr Basset, solicitor, Southampton free of a charge stamps excepted. [All business papers concerning conveyance of site &c in Iron chest.]

Brightwell & Sotwell
New National School room

Balance Sheet

Receipts	£ s. d.	Expenditure	£ s. d.
By Subscriptions	913. 7. 4	Mr Wheeler, Builder	
Grant from National		including extras	931. 15. 0
Society for Edtn of Poor	65. 0. 0	Architect's Fees	54. 17. 0
Grant from the Oxford		Windsor Desks & carriage	29. 14. 6
Diocesan Society	15. 0. 0	Mr Thos Eggleton for fencing	
Collected at Btwell Church	9. 1. 9	play ground	<blank>
Sept 12th /69			
Collected at Sotwell Church	2. 5. 8	Inft Gallery &c. &c.	62. 1. 9
Collected at Btwell Church		Cost of levelling	
June 2nd 1870	27. 3. 0	gravelling Playgd &c	10. 3. 0
Proceeds of various	20. 9. 10		
Concerts			
Interest on Subscriptions		Mr Champion for Stove	8. 3. 0
deposited at Savings Bk	13. 1. 3	Curtain for South window	
2. 14. 6			
Balance by Rector	37. 8. 5	Legal Expences conveying	
	<u>£1102. 17. 3</u>	site &c.	3. 8. 6
			<u>£1102. 17. 3</u>

Materials of Old Building Valued at £47. 15. 0. became the property of the Builder.

List of Subscribers to Brightwell & Sotwell National School

The Rector	300. 0. 0	Subscriptions Bt Up.	837. 10. 0
Thank offering for a			
Friend	200. 0. 0	Capt Lutyens	5. 10. 0
Mr Fairthorne	100. 0. 0	Miss Roberts	5. 0. 0
Mr Ed. Wells (Slade End)	40. 0. 0	Rev R. N. Milford	5. 0. 0
Mr Stanley Vickers MP.	31. 10. 0	Mr Toovey	5. 0. 0
Bishop Sumner	30. 0. 0	Mr Torr (Liverpool)	5. 0. 0
Late Miss Leveson Gower	20. 0. 0	Capt Hope RN	5. 0. 0
Misses & Mr R & G Cozens	16. 0. 0.		
Mrs J. H. Stewart	10. 0. 0	Mrs Hope	5. 0. 0
Mrs Roberts Senr	10. 0. 0	Miss Hope	5. 0. 0
Mr Wintle	10. 0. 0	Mr Dalzell	5. 0. 0
Mr Wm Roberts	10. 0. 0	Mr E. Wells (Wallingfd)	5. 0. 0
Mrs Wm Roberts	10. 0. 0	Mr J. K. Hedges	2. 2. 0
Provost & Fels of		Mrs Medicott	2. 0. 0
Queen's College	10. 0. 0		
Warden & Fels of		The Misses Dodd	2. 0. 0
New College	10. 0. 0	Dean of Winchester	2. 0. 0
Mrs C. Leveson Gower	10. 0. 0	Revd J. Langley	2. 0. 0
Mr Dearlove	10. 0. 0	Mr W. Cozens	2. 0. 0
Mr John Hazel	10. 0. 0	Mr Toovey Wells	2. 0. 0
	<u>£837. 10. 0</u>		<u>£902. 2. 0</u>
			Carried over

Bt from Page before	902. 2. 0
Mrs Wells Wells	2. 0. 0
Mr Alfred Wells	1. 1. 0
Mr Marshall	1. 1. 0
Mr Thos Eggleton	1. 1. 0
Miss Fairthorne	1. 0. 0
Mr Dodd (Rush Court)	1. 0. 0
Mr Nash	1. 0. 0
Mrs Wake	1. 0. 0
Capt Stewart	10. 0
Dr Pickett	10. 0
Mr Champion	10. 0
Mr R. Cozens additional	
for gravel	<u>12. 4</u>
	£913. 7. 4

Parochial Alterations — Events &c

1866

- Jan 5th The Revd Haldane Stewart, instituted as rector.
Brightwell Churchyard, improved, shrubs planted etc. Garden walls lowered on North & Southside.
Village Library established.
Garden allotments about 1½ acres cut off from the Glebe-meadow including a small piece of glebe previously cultivated on West side of the meadow.
Water brought to the Rectory & school in iron pipes from Mr Dearloves spring; a case of typhoid fever at the rectory having drawn attention to the fact that the well was situated between & a few feet from two cesspools.
[Papers in Church Chest.]
- Dec 14 Soup kitchen opened.

1867

- July 30. Excursion for Night-Scholars & others to the Crystal Palace.
- April 25,26 Village Concerts – on two successive days.
- June 27 1st Dinner in Schoolroom of members of Brightwell Branch of Central Oxfordshire Benefit Society, established in this village about 3 months previously.

1868

The Chapelry of Sotwell was separated from the parish 14 May of St Leonard's, Wallingford & united to that of Brightwell by an Order in Council.

The mill situated at Wallingford, the dam of which interfered with the outflow of the brook flowing from The foot of the Downs through S & N Moreton & draining a considerable part of the South of Brightwell & Sotwell, was purchased by several land owners. Mr Lutyens owner of a farm at Mackney was the principal mover in the matter.

The surveyor was Mr Saunderson of Pall Mall; the cost about £1200.

The number of acres drained 600.

The estimated improvement 12/- per acre per an.

- July 6 Annual excursion of Night Scholars & others to London, Zoological Gardens

Sotwell-Churchyard was this year put in better order having previously been a wilderness.

Lamps were placed in the Churchyard Brightwell during this winter. "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever" this does not apply to their design.

Stove erected at Sotwell Church.

- 1869
Jan 25 Confirmation at Brightwell Church, by Bishop Wilberforce. 23 males, 17 females from B & S.
- April Matilda Hazel, a widow well-known as the keeper of Slade-End gate emigrated to Wisconsin to join her youngest son. Her eldest son – once a shepherd boy – has become a schoolmaster at Buffalo US.
- April
14 & 15 Village Concert.
- July 19 Excursion of Night-scholars to London & Crystal Palace.
- 1869
Aug 4 First brick of the New School laid by Rector's wife.
Sept New chalice "offered" to Brightwell Church.
During summer & winter the school was held in Rectory Barn, Mr Hobley, Master.
The Manor of Brightwell passed from B of Winchester to Ecclesiastical Commissioners.
- 1870
June 2 The New-Schoolroom was opened by Dr Mackarness, Bishop of Oxford, his first visit to this part of the Diocese.
6 Village Concert. The former rector Rev. R. N. Milford & Mrs Milford assisting.
- July Excursion of Night Scholars to Royal Agricultural Show, Oxford.
- 1871
Ap 11 Mr Hobley 17 years schoolmaster left – much respected. He was presented at Village Concert with an address and purse of £28.
Mr Reely new schoolmaster
No excursion, the Rector being ill.
- 1872
Dec Village Concert.
- Stone causeway in Village St commenced. [A gift from the Rector.]
Hadens Stove erected by subscription in Church.
Clerestory windows renewed & Tower arch filled with boarding.
Confirmation at N. Moreton Church. [9 males, 3 females from Brightwell and Sotwell.]
- 1872
July Excursion, Night Scholars & others to Zoological Gardens.

1873

Door-way to Sotwell-Church improved & pathway made up to it.

Causeway in Village St continued.

3 houses for sale of beer were this year closed. In two cases this parochial benefit was conferred by the exertions of Mr Fairthorne who purchased and closed the houses.

July

Excursions, Night Scholars to Crystal Palace. The half of the cost of these Annual excursions as a rule, after deducting payments by excursionists has been met by Mr Fairthorne.

A sky-light placed in School class-room. Ugly but needful.

Clock-Tower to School commenced.

1874

New-clock in Clock-Tower struck 12 – at noon first time in presence of school-children & others on Rectory Lawn.

The Architect was Mr Buckeridge for original designs. He died before completion. Mr Pearson succeeded. The builder was Mr Albert Dodd, Caversham, Oxon. The Clock-makers Messrs Thwaite and Reed, Clerkenwell.

Cost of Clock	72.	10.	0
Tower about	<u>330.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>
	£402.	0.	0

<Altered to> Clock 72. 0. 0, Tower 321. 4. 4; Total 393. 4. 4.

Mr Fairthorne gave £300. 0. 0 & suggested the improvement.

“The Swan” a public-house situated in Sotwell at corner of Mackney Lane pulled down without tears of mine & two cottages commenced on the site. Both by Mr Fairthorne.

July 13

Excursion of Night-Scholars & others to Westminster Abbey, St Pauls and Zoological Gardens.

Causeway in village Street continued.

Mr Fairthorne having purchased a portion of “the Crofts” Sotwell set off about 2 acres in Garden Allotments for labourers.

1875

An exchange of Sotwell Glebe was completed early in this year. The old Glebe, given to Sotwell under “The Award” of Common lands in 18<blank> was situated near Slade End Gate & contained in area 0a. 3r. 20p. Mr Edward Wells expressed a wish to possess it in exchange for a piece situated near “The Bell Inn” on 71.b. (see Tithe Apportionment Map). The Enclosure Commissioners sanctioned Exchange. The Deed of

Exchange is placed in Church Chest. Mr Edward Wells has a duplicate copy. In the Deed the area of New Glebe is stated to be 0a. 3r. 12p, while the actual measurement of the ground as marked out by stones contains . 0a. 3r. 14p. more or less. The discrepancy arose from a blunder of the surveyor. The matter was referred to the Commissioners. They ordered the stones to be fixed so as to include 0a. 3r. 14p which is understood to be the actual area of the new Glebe.

The causeway in Village Street continued.

The Sotwell New Glebe let out in allotments to labourers. In 1865 there were no allotments in either parish except possibly on Mr Wells Estate at Slade End; at this date almost every labourer in Brightwell & Sotwell has an allotment of 10 or 15 poles. The Schoolmaster collects the rents.

Mar 6 A confirmation for Sotwell, Brightwell and North Moreton & South Moreton at Brightwell Church, by Dr Mackarness, Bishop of Oxford. 7 females, 5 males from B & S.

April. The new Master's House completed and inhabited – Conveyance in Chest. The Architect, Mr Stevenson of Nottingham, The Builder Mr A. Dodd of Caversham. The site given by the rector. Total cost £596. 5s.

11d. – the Balance Sheet in Church Chest.

Episcopal Visitation at Reading 22 April, at which the Bishop recommended the clergy to keep parochial records.

With this spring closed one of the most trying winters for many years – chest complaints were prevalent to a most unusual extent.

New road made this year by Mr Fairthorne from Mackney Lane to Sotwell Street uniting the two parishes at those points thus avoiding the wet and narrow Wellsprings Lane. Opened for traffic <blank>

March 6th. Confirmation in Brightwell Church by Dr Mackarness, Bp of Oxford; 5 males, 8 females.

1875 July 12th. Excursion to Crystal Palace superintended by Mr Reely as Rector ill and unable to go.

October. James Hurn the Parish Clerk died aged 63 after being many years Clerk. Succeeded by Charles Wilkins, Sotwell Parish Clerk.

November. Mrs Herring died at the advanced age of 90, the widow of a former Parish Clerk. She was so well known in the Parish as an indefatigable nurse of the sick and helper of the needy that a subscription was raised and a Tombstone erected in her memory at a cost of £5.

1876 Jan 7. Village concert.

May. New Matting for Church and carpet for communion steps and door mat.

July 20. Excursion of night scholars Choir etc to Portsmouth.

Village causeway continued.

1877 March 5th. Ailanthus Glandulosus planted just outside the Rectory Garden Gate. A seat put up round it for the use of the Village. Cost £14. This tree died and another was planted in the winter.

March 1st. Bank established for children over 7; payments received at Rectory. Tuesdays at 12, and Saturdays 7-8 p.m. When any depositor had deposits amounting to 10/- it is to be transferred to their name at P.O.S Bank Wallingford.

April 4th. Village Concert.

This year the pipes from Mr Dearlove's spring to the Rectory were all relaid, it being found that the former ones were of too small a bore and became continually stopped up. Laying the larger pipes cost £49. 14. 2. At the same time the School Fountain was erected. Architect Sidney R. Stevenson Esq of Nottingham. Builder, Mr S. W. Dodd of Caversham. Cost £51. 15. 5. Subscription of Mr Fairthorne £30. The remainder by the Rector.

Nov. 21st. Branch of Church of England Temperance Society established for the Village. Rev H. Tyndale, Rector of Holton and Revd -- Cogswell Rector of South Hinksey attended as deputation.

New Gurney stove placed in the South Aisle of Church, paid for by subscription, the old worn out; cost £40. - . - .

First Ailanthus planted in the middle of Village seat having died another was planted. Pink Chrestnut tree planted opposite the Post Office ready

<Entries in Mr Cunningham's hand>

Nov 1 Slade End turnpike Gate abolished.

A small reading room opened for the use of Villagers, in a small Cottage lent by Mr Fairthorne

BRIGHTWELL CHARITIES — 1871

<The following tables are extracted and summarised from a book of accounts, labelled on the front cover:>

This book contains the balance-sheets of the following – collectively – for 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871.

<In fact the accounts extend to 1879. The year selected is 1871.>

- I Brightwell & Sotwell Clothing Club
- II Brightwell & Sotwell Children's Clothing Club
- III Brightwell Lying in Charity
- IV Brightwell & Sotwell Soup Kitchen
- V Brightwell Ringers Fund
- VI Brightwell Churchyard Fund
- VII Brightwell Organ Fund
- VIII Church Missionary Socy
- IX Propagation of Gospel Soc
- X Collections in Church
- XI Offertory – Brightwell

<The accounts of the Brightwell Coal Fund or Club are in another foolscap account book, together accounts of the ancient charities. What is printed below is a summary.>

<SUBSCRIPTIONS TO BRIGHTWELL CHARITIES ETC>

<Amounts are recorded in shillings.>

	I	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII Coal
Mrs Allaway					1		
Mr G. Allaway					1		
Mrs Allnatt		2/6					20

	I	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Coal
Bishop of Winchester								21
Mrs Castle					2/6		4	
Mrs Chambers		2/6			2	2/6		
Mrs Cooke					1			
Miss(es) Cozens	20	5	20			20	10	
Mr Cozens			20					
Mrs Cozens		5						
Mr G. Cozens	10							
Mr R. Cozens				5		6		20
Mr W. Cozens				5	6	5		20
Mrs W. Cozens	5							
Mr Dalzell	21				3			21
Mr Dearlove			20	7	6	10		21
Mrs Dearlove	5	5				4		
Mr L. Dearlove								20
Miss(es) Dodd	21	5		2/6	2/6	7/6		10
Mr Eggleton			10/6		2/6			
Mrs Eggleton					1			
Mr Fairthorne	20		20	10	10	20	21	100
Mrs Fairthorne	20	10					20	
Miss A. Fairthorne	21							
Messrs Field								
& Hawkins	20							
Richard Gregory							4	
Rev J. Haldane Stewart			20			30	21	100
Mrs Haldane Stewart	20					10	10/6	
Mr Wm Hazel				5	5			
Mrs Wm. Hazel		5						10
John Hazel Esq								20
Mrs Jn Hazel	20					7/6	4	
Mrs Langley	10							
Miss M. Leverson Gower				5				
New College (The Bursar)							20	
Mrs Parsons						2/6	4	
Kate Parson's box							2	
Mr R.E. Powell	20							
Mrs R.E. Powell	10	2/6						
Mr Roberts				5	2/6		21	
Mrs Roberts	21	10	20		10	20	20	20
Miss Roberts							10	
Mr W. Roberts	21					10		60
Mrs W. Roberts	21	10/6					21	
Mr Sweetman					1			

	I	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Coal
Mr Tayler					5			
Mrs Tayler	5							
Mr Toovey	20	20	20					100
Mrs Wake	20							
Mr Weedon								20
Mr Wells	21		20	5		10		
Mrs Wells	21	21						
Mr E. Wells					5			80
Mr E. Toovey Wells	20					5		50
Mrs Wells Wells	5							
Robert Wintle Esq								20
Collection in Church			64/7			41/8		
Collection in Sotwell			24/3					
Deficit by Rector	213/7			20/6	67			
Bl due to Treasurer	39/6			33/2				
		7.1.0		3.5.0		9.19.2		47.9.0
Total	31.11.7		20.19.5½		7.5.0.		8.12.6	

<THE ACCOUNTS OF THE CLUBS>

I Brightwell & Sotwell Clothing Club

Subscriptions	31. 11.7	Field & Hawkins	105. 17. 1
Payments by 137 Members on		Pettitt	18. 12. 2
4160 occasions	91. 9. 2	Printing Cards &c	<u>5. 0</u>
Interest	<u>1. 13. 6</u>		
Total	124. 14. 3		124. 14. 3

II Brightwell & Sotwell Children's Clothing Club

Payments by 103 Members	22.11.3	Field & Hawkins	22. 4. 4
Interest	10.9	Pettitt	3. 17. 8
The Rector	<u>3.11.6</u>	Printing	<u>11. 6</u>
Total	26.13.6		26. 13. 6

III Brightwell & Sotwell Lying-in-Charity

Money disbursed to 18 mothers, mostly at 6/-	5. 0. 6
Mrs Yates collecting	2. 6
Materials for repairing clothes	13. 6½
Washing	9
Balance due to Treasurer from 1870	<u>18. 2½</u>
Total	7. 1. 0

Recipients.

Mrs G. Wetherall	Mrs Thomas Hammond
Mrs Derbridge	Mrs Freeman
Mrs R. Saunders	Mrs Ody
Mrs Brooker	Mrs R. Hurn
Mrs Joseph Lay	Mrs H. Wilkins
Mrs Abraham Eggleton	Mrs Birchall
Mrs James Saunders	Mrs Goddard
Mrs Brewerton	Mrs Parks
Mrs W. Hammond	Mrs — (Card lost)

IV Brightwell & Sotwell Soup Kitchen

In addition to the subscriptions	Butcher	12. 2. 8
Balance in hand	Grocer	4.15. 3½
	Potatoes	3. 4
	Cook & assistant	16. 0
Payments by Purchasers	Vegetables	1. 1. 0
Discount, Grocer &c	Fuel	10. 0
Balance to 72-73		
Total		20.19. 5½

Open 8 times	Potatoes. 2 Sacks
Sold 453 Gallons	Carrots. 1½ Cwt
Beef 448 lbs	Rice 210 lbs
	Peas
	Barley 112 lbs

<A piece of paper among th e Parish Archives describes the operation.>

Widow Cooper always makes the Soup. She came Thursday Afternoon to prepare the Vegetables, Coppers &c, and began to boil the Soup at 5 O'clock on Friday Morning – Soup given out at 12.15 – *essential* that it should begin to boil at 5.

We made about 50 Gallons every week in our 2 Coppers in the Scullery & the Soup was brought into the Kitchen in Pails put into a large Crock and served out there.

Vegetables mostly came from our Garden. Potatoes we bought by the Sack & some Carrots generally from Parishioners – Peas – Barley, Rice &c from Butler, Grocer Brightwell.

Each person was allowed to buy 1 Pint for each Member of their family; if they were entitled by the size of their family to more than 4 Pints they then had it for $\frac{1}{4}$ <a> Pint

– ie a person buying 1 Pint paid $\frac{1}{2}$

2 Pints – 1

3 – $1\frac{1}{2}$

4 – 2

5 – $2\frac{1}{4}$

6 – $2\frac{1}{2}$ &c per pers.

One person living alone was allowed 2 Pints – All that was over was sold to *previous purchasers* of their *full quantity* (beware of one or two, quite the exception happily, who would buy 2 Pints instead of 5 – their allowance, & then wait for what was over) – *None* on any Consideration *given away* and no credit allowed.

We knew exactly the number of children each person had – Mr Reeley could give you a list – & if we had any doubt we appealed to bystanders – “have they really 8 Children?” and there was sure to be someone by who knew.

Everyone was allowed to buy except Master Tradespeople – & if they had Children at School we allowed the Children at School whatever the Number attending School might be, to buy it.

The Cook had all her meals at the Rectory on Friday. Tea & I believe Supper on Thursday – She was paid 1/6d & 2d in lieu of Beer, & had the Bones – On Friday we had a boy and a girl to stir (*Constant stirring necessary to prevent burning*) who had breakfast & 4d – James Eggleton brought the Soup out of the Coppers into the Kitchen – The rice should be put in bags & suspended, as it cakes and burns —

V Brightwell Ringers Fund

<The Rector gave in addition a supper on Xmas Eve. The money was distributed to six ringers, 10/- each, and 5/- to the supernumerary.>

Ringers

Thomas Lay

Joseph Saunders Jnr

Abraham Eggleton

William Hearman, “Supernumerary”

Joseph Saunders Snr

James Eggleton

John Looker

VI Brightwell Churchyard Fund

Labour 4. 6. 9

Shrubs &c. 2. 2. 0

Sundries 4. 9

2 Seats 11. 6

Total 7. 5. 0

VII Brightwell Organ Fund

Paid Collector	1. 0
Mr Hobley	4. 19. 1
Mr Reeley	4. 19. 1
Total	9. 19. 2

VIII and IX CMS and SPG

<All the subscriptions (in the summary list above) were given to the CMS, the Evangelical Society. A 'moiety' (half) a collection in Church (£1.15s) and of the Rectory Box (13/1) and of Mr Hobley's Box (3/9)) went to SPG, as well as 10/- from the Rector. The total was rounded up to £3.2. Another special collection of 2/6 was given to the CMS, and a number of boxes and baskets:>

Miss Mary Dodd's Missionary Basket	27. 10. 0
Miss Dodd's box	18. 6
Grand Total	<u>39. 19. 4½</u>

Paid to Revd John Langley the above

X Collections in Church

Feb 12th	Paris distress	16. 8. 1
12	Peasant farmers' Seed fund	10. 8. 1
Ap 30th	Oxford diocesan School Society	1. 7. 5
Aug 27th	School Sermon	7. 1. 6
Sept 24th	Harvest Thanksgiving, Berks Hospital	5. 1. 8
Oct 29th	Organ Fund	2. 1. 8
Dec 17th	Ch Missions CMS	1. 19. 6
	SPG	1. 15. 0
		3. 12. 6
Dec 25th	Soup Kitchen	<u>3. 4. 7</u>
		49. 5. 6

XI Offertory — Brightwell

Jan 9th	Sacramental Alms	10. 4½
Feb 5th	Do Do	9. 10
Mar 5th	Do Do	15. 9
Apr 2nd	Do Do	5. 3
9th Easter Day	Do	16. 9
May 7th	Sacramental Alms	8. 3
28th Whit Sunday	Do	12. 7
June 4th Trinity Sunday	Do	7. 5
July 2nd	Sacramental Alms	15. 5½

Augst 6th	Do	Do	16. 11
Sept 3rd	Do	Do	1. 0. 0
Oct 1st	Do	Do	18. 10
Nov 5th	Do	Do	16. 1
Dec 3rd	Do	Do	15. 5
Xmas Day	Alms & Collection		
	at door for Soup Kitchen		<u>3. 4. 7</u>
			12. 13. 6

Offertory — Sotwell

Jan 15th	Sacramental Alms	5. 6
Mar 19th	Do Do	6. 2
May 21st	Do Do	5. 7
July 24th	Do Do	4. 2
Sept 24th	Do Do	6. 0
Nov 19th	Do Do	<u>4. 6</u>
		1. 11. 11

Coal Fund

<The contributions were made in December. In addition to the subscribers listed above, subscriptions were collected from the Poor.>

Recd from Edward Wells Esq. subscriptions by Poor	4.10. 0
Miss Ann Cozens	– 1.16. 0
Edwd Fairthorne	– 9.18. 0
Mr Weedon's Bill for Coal	56. 3. 6
Pd Jas Hurn for two days work	5. 0
Balance due to Treasurer	1.13. 2

<Sotwell Chapel, St James', still raised a voluntary Church Rate at this date, and continued to do so until 1882 when 'the Churchwardens reported that no Rate would be required for the ensuing year.'>

1871

A Church Rate (allowed April 11th. 1871) made by W. Roberts & G. Allaway Churchwardens for the Parish of Sotwell at one halfpenny in the Pound.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
1. Allnatt Mrs	16	9	8		8	½
2. Castle Jane	8	8	.		4	½

3. Hazell Mrs Refused	8 . .	4
4. Eggleton Thos	12 . .	6
5. Gregory Wm Refused Paid by Mr Hazel	5 12 .	3
6. Lay John	256 2 3	10 8
7. Stewart Rev J H	94 5 8	3 11
8. Marshall Miss Refused	12 . .	6
9. Powell Rich Ebr Refused	330 0 8	13 9
10. Wells Edwd Toovey	200 0 0	8 4
11. Parsons Mrs	8 15 4	4½
12. Queen's College	86 9 3	3 7½
13. Roberts Wm	32 . .	1 4
14. Mr Jopp	10 1 8	5
15. Reynolds John	19 6	0½
16. Taylor Wm Refused	77 17 4	3 3
17. Wells Edwd	43 2 4	1 9½
18. Wells Edwd Toovey	240 11 5	10 0½
19. Willson George Refused	51 11 10	2 2
20. Allaway George	5 16 0	3
	<u>£1500 7 11</u>	<u>3 2 7½</u>

Brought forward –

Balance in hand from last year's A/c

9 1
3 11 8½

<THE PARISH DIARY
OF
THE REVD FRANCIS MACAULAY CUNNINGHAM>

1879

Early in Jany of this year, the Rev J. H. Stewart, Rector, died suddenly at an Hotel in Paris. He had gone abroad for his health, & died in a week after leaving home, to the deep regret of his parishioners. His ministry here was marked by many public works to the benefit of the people as recorded in former pages.

In the spring of this year, Archdeacon Pott was presented to the Benefice by Bishop Mackarness. This was the first appointment ever made to Brightwell by a Bishop of Oxford. Soon after his Institution his eldest son was killed by being thrown out of a dog cart – & the Archdeacon cd not make up his mind to leave Clifton Hampden Vicarage, & resigned this benefice [a few weeks after his institution.]

July 3. 1879. Francis Macaulay Cunningham, then Rector of Witney, Oxon, & Rural Dean was Instituted to the Benefice by Bishop Mackarness, Patron.

Much discussion arose as to what was the best to do with the Rectory House. It was in a thoroughly dilapidated condition throughout. Archdeacon Pott had determined to build a new Rectory in the Orchard. I wish to give my reasons for coming to a different conclusion, & to give some account of the restoration & repairs.

The main reasons for repairing & adding to the Old House instead of building a new one, were – (1) the existence of a beautiful supply of water in the scullery – it being ascertained that there was not force enough to carry it to the orchard – & (2) the great difference in expence. The calculation for the New House was £3,500 – to which must be added the cost of making new gardens, roads, drains, and fences, – together with either repairing (for letting) or pulling down the old house & laying out the grounds afresh. Acting on the advice of all the parishrs & my friends & in entire accord with my own judgement, I determined to make a thoroughly good house of the old building. £2,050 was borrowed from Queen Ann's Bounty, & I spent about £400 [on the house alone.]

In the main part of the house, 3 storeys were made into 2 as the Drawing Rm & Bedrooms &c were all so low that I cd touch the ceilings. There was an entirely new

roof – Large Bays were added (at my expence) to the Dining Rm, Drawg Rm & bed rooms over. A large addition was made to the house on the North front, by which we secured a Hall, a staircase, and great increase of accomodation in the Study, the room over study, & the North Rm. There had been up to this time, a steep winding staircase, very inconvenient & low, in the place where there is now a recess in the Hall.

Every room in the house had a new floor, & ceiling, except dining Rm. Most of the inner walls were found to be only “wattle & mud”. They were all replaced with brick – lath and plaster upstairs.

In the Garden & coach road, all the paths & approaches were dug out, & a good foundation of old bricks & stones was made. The coach road, especially, was dug out nearly 2 feet all over, & filled in with bricks &c. The lower lawn was raised by wheeling out the rubbish from the coach road. The gardens up to this time had been much shut in by walls & bushes & rarely got a gleam of sunshine. These improvements were all at my expense.

An accurate list will be found among my papers of the grates &c which were included in the estimate – & which, therefore, belong to the house.

Oct. 12. F.M. Cunningham came into residence at Brightwell, living at Brightwell House which happened, fortunately, to be vacant, until the works at the Rectory were finished.

Oct. 25. F.M.C. inducted by Rev Sir J. L. Hoskyns Bt, Rural Dean & Rector of Aston Tyrrold.

1880

Jan. 8. The village Concert - a great Success.

Feb. 10. Shrove Tuesday. Found a curious custom prevailing here – probably a remnant of the conclusion of Carnival. All the children go what they call “Shroving”. They call at different houses, & the habit is to give them a halfpenny each. They sing some doggrelly rhymes which are as follows.

“Pit pat, pan’s hot, I be come a shroving:
Cast the net before the fish, something’s better than nothing;
A piece of Bread & a piece of Cheese, & a piece of Apple dumpling.
Up with the kettle, down with the pan, give me a penny & I’ll be gone.”

About 140 children came, & got each their halfpenny.

Easter Sunday. Had an early Celebration in Brightwell – for all I know the first there may have been here since the Reformation – 48 Communicants in the course of the day, quite as many as I expected from the neglect into which the Holy Communion has fallen in the parish.

May 8. We took up our abode in the Rectory House. The repairs & additions have been going for upwards of 7 months.

Sunday June 20. Began having early celebration on every third Sunday in the month. I have begun a monthly communion at Sotwell instead of only every second month – having this on 2nd Sunday.

June 22. Our House warming. We asked all the heads of families in the whole parish to tea. Heavy rain drove us to Mr Dearlove's barn, for tea – But happily it cleared off, & all came across to the Rectory Garden. We began with short service & an address in Church, at 5 oc. Then tea &c. I had invited the Witney Band over, & we admitted all the children after tea to the Garden – & the people sat about & danced a little. All felt it a great success.

July 9. 1880. From this day dates my 5 years Certificate against Dilapidations (F.M.C.).

August 5. We took the Choir men & boys to Windsor for their annual excursion.

Oct 19. It will be well to record here the settlement in the parish of Mrs E. Bussell. She came on Oct 19. It had been a subject of anxious thought with me how I could best supplement my own work in the parish – whether by a Curate or a Lay Agent, or a Lady to work among the laity & in the Cottages – I came to the conclusion that, on the whole, the last named wd be the best. I was fortunate enough almost immediately on making enquiries for a lady who wd be suitable, to light on Mrs Bussell. She was living & working at South Stoke – but speedily made up her mind to come here, on receiving a proposal from me to that effect. I helped to do a good deal to the Cottage she occupies – & she was soon at work, to the immense gain of the parish. Her whole time is devoted to the work – & I wish to record here, that if she is here at the time of my ceasing to be Incumbent an arrangement should be made with her as to some assistance in her expenses, [should her services be continued.]

November 2. The new Stewart Memorial opened this day. I had found the Memorial in hand when I came, & was only thankful to throw myself into it, & to aid its erection by a contribution of £25. The Balance sheet compressed is below

Received	£	s.	d	Paid	
Old materials of Cottage	5.	0.	0	Buildings	426. 15. 4
Subscriptions	417.	0.	1	Architect	10. 0. 0

Deficit paid by		Land	26. 0. 0
Mr Fairthorne	<u>58. 1. 11</u>	Other expenses	<u>16. 17. 0</u>
	<u>£480. 2. 0</u>		<u>£480. 2. 0</u>

The whole balance sheet is placed at the end of this book. <No sign of it now, 1997.>

Christmas Day.No sermon after Evening Prayer – but sang Xmas Carols in church – Very much liked.

On this day I removed the Candlesticks which were of little use in lighting the Chancel, & presented two lamps in their place. [N.B. Two other Chancel lamps were given by me in 1882.]

1881

Feb 20. 1881. Up to this date there had not been a single kneeler in any of the Free Seats & very few elsewhere. I had the pleasure this day of presenting 10 dozen kneelers procured from Willis & Jones of Birmingham.

<The final paragraph for this year ('Oct 23...') was written and deleted at this point, suggesting that, at this period, the book was compiled annually.>

Feb 14. 1881. Bishop Mackarness held a Confirmation here for Candidates from Brightwell & North Moreton. We had 33 Candidates from this parish 12 females & 21 males. The Bishop remained for the night.

Easter Sunday 1881. I had 3 celebratns of the Holy Commn at 8 oc, 10 oc, & after Morning Service. Communicants 35, 6, 34 at the 3 services = 75. This more than reversed last years figures which were 47. I gave 4 addresses on the subject of Holy Communion after Evg Service, on the 1st 4 Sundays in Lent.

June 21. Took the choir men & boys to *Weymouth*. We joined the Witney excursion at Didcot. Left home at 6, got back to Didcot at about 12 pm.

Oct. 23. Four lamps more were placed in the church. Two in each aisle. They were the joint gift of Mr Fairthorne & myself.

1882

March 8. To my great regret the Foundation Stone of a Chapel was laid here. I understand that the ground had been agreed for in Mr Stewart's time. But there was a difficulty then about the Title.

Easter Sunday 1882 – 3 celebrations of Holy Communion. Here at 8 & after Morning Service. At Sotwell at 9.30. Communicants 26, 20, 21 respectively = 67.

Easter Tuesday Vestry. The system of quarterly Collections to meet Church Expenses was resolved upon at the Easter Vestry 1881. I was pleased to find that it had been a complete success. There was a good balance in hand. I have given £5 a year to this as my contributn towards the accomodation of my own family.

The introduction of a New Hymn Book. Oct. 8. 1882.

It is due to myself to state the reasons for introducing the Hymn Book now in use. I found here the oldest edition of the S.P.C.K. book – one half being “psalms”, which had long become obsolete. I wished, of course, to introduce Hymns Anct & Modern. Miss Augusta Fairthorne at once circulated Fly leaves setting forth its supposed heresies – & I found that the repugnance to the book was so strong, that the introduction of it wd quite destroy the present friendly feeling in the parish. The objection was confined to the Fairthorne & Roberts & Wells & Dearlove families. as there was no principle involved, I yielded to a request that I wd draw up a book for our own use. I got leave to use what I liked out of *Hymns A & M* and the present book was brought into use – the objectors, very kindly, subscribing almost the whole of the cost.

<Copy of a letter found loose in the Parish Memoranda Book>

Sotwell Hill
Dec. 27. 1882

Dear Mr Cunningham,

I send you the subscriptions I have collected to defray the cost of the hymn books. I think you will agree with me the parish has done well. The future receipts for books sold my subscribers suggest should be invested in the Savings Bank, say once a year and form a fund for a second edition. In winding up this matter let me offer my personal thanks for the great kindness and courtesy you have shown me, in what had all the elements of very trying circumstances, and in respecting the conscientious opinions of your neighbours. I am

Yours very sincerely,
Alfred D. Wells.

Dr	£	s	d	Cr	£	s	d
Bill for printing				Cash received by			
& binding 700				sale of books	3	8	2
books 23	4	9		Sub. by the Rector	5	-	-
				Mr & Mrs Roberts	5	-	-
				and Miss Augusta Fairthorne			
				Mr George Cozens	-	10	-
				Mr Dearlove	-	10	-
				Mr Fairthorne	4	8	4
				A. D. Wells	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>
	23	4	9		23	4	9

Dec 19. The body of Mrs Wells Wells, of Eastbourne, was buried here today. Fee £2. 2. 0 for opening the Vault, and £2. 2. 0 for the burial of a non parishioner.

NB That vault is now full, I believe.

In the Advent of this year I gave a series of *Addresses to Women* on Sunday afternoons 3.0.

Largely attended.

1883

Easter Sunday. Three celebrations. Brll 8.30. Sotw, 9.30. Bll noon. 15, 22, 24 = 61 Communicants.

June 10. 1883. *The last service in the old Church at Sotwell.* Next day, the work of demolition began. It will be best to defer the history of this business till the work is finished. Quis recordet?

Sept: 18. 1883. We had "*a Quiet Day*" for the Clergy of this Deanery. Canon Carter conducted it. The evening before, we had Evensong. I issued a general invitation to the parishioners. Canon Carter preached & told the people what we were about. Several of the Clergy slept at the Rectory. All the rest were here for celebratn at 8.30. Brkft 9.45 – silence & reading "De Imitatione" – Matins & address 11.0 am. Dinner 1.0 silence & reading – Prayers for 9th hour & address at 2.30. Tea & coffee on the Lawn (silence) 4.0. Evensong & address 5.0. Silence till after this address.

It was a lovely day and the garden was available throughout.

March 19th 1884.

Confirmation here. Bp Mackarness was ill – & we had the great benefit of a visit from Bp Wilkinson. He kindly took the service in the Evg. We had a good many candidates 21 of each sex.

N.B. I have recorded the result in a volume which I hope to leave behind me, recording the Transactions of the Communicants' Guild which dates from this Confirmatn.

1884 [Sep 23. 1884]

The new Church at Sotwell was opened.

It had long been my desire to build a new Church in place of the miserable Old structure which had done duty at Sotwell. The walls had bulged in many places, being largely composed of "wattle and mud." Mr Stevenson of Nottingham, nephew of the Fairthorne & Roberts families, was Architect. Happily Mr J. Oldrid Scott, who was instructed by the Diocesan Board to intervene, found that a good oak roof was beneath the plaster ceiling & advised its retention. The Fairthorne & Roberts families defrayed the whole cost of the Chancel, as a monument to Mr Roberts senr – They also put up the West Window – & kindly yielded to my objection to placing Faith, Hope & Charity at the East end – where some representation of Our Lord shd be.

They had so strong an objection to my putting a Piscina in the Chancel, that I was content to have an Oak Shelf. Bishop Mackarness preached at the opening service.

N.B. The stones of the Piscina are all preserved at Mr John Hazel's loft. The space is prepared for it at the South side of the Chancel. The thin coating of local stone conceals but does not fill it.

I now carry the vessels to the Font and wash them there.

F.M. Cunningham.

The opening of the Mission Hall

It is well that I should here record an event which must greatly affect the parish – the opening of the Mission Hall. The somewhat remarkable wave of movement which occurred after the Confirmation of this year, which led to a considerable increase of communicants, seemed to stir up a feeling in the mind of Mrs Roberts & Miss Augusta Fairthorne, her sister, that I was misleading the poor. Up to this time there had been hardly any communicants among the poor. Miss A. Fairthorne got down a so called "Evangelist" named Hyatt. She retained him here for 3 or 4 months. She opened a tent for preaching in a field of Mr Fairthorne's. In the winter she moved to a barn by Mr Fairthorne's House. This she ultimately purchased & erected the Mission Hall in its place. The effect immediately seen – & in my sober judgement, immediately with evil results. The result among the lads was deplorable. Many took to shouting Sankey's Hymns about the village, amidst roars of laughter. Many took to Sabbath breaking – & the whole tone of the lads was thrown back to what it was 3 or 4 years ago.

There was, of course, much revolt of an opposite kind – & the tone of the Church people was, undoubtedly, deepened. As a counter effort I held an instruction Class in the Parish room, once a week during the whole winter. This was always thoroughly well attended.

I am prepared to believe that this breaking out of virulent opposition was inevitable, if the doctrines of the Prayer Book were to be taught – & when the Roberts party saw that the poor were accepting the teaching of the Church, they chose to pronounce me a Papist in disguise.

Lent 1885

During this season I had daily Prayers either at Brightwell or Sotwell – at the latter on Wedy & Fridy at 12. I also continued to hold “After meetings”, which I had found very successful on previous occasions, every Sunday night after Evng Service. Much private work was done, in my own study, with individuals.

On *Good Friday*, I said Morning Prayer & Ante-Communn at 10 – & after saying the Litany, I preached a sort of Mission-sermon, divided into 3 parts by Hymns, at 11.0 – in Evg the same at 7.30.

On *Easter Sunday*, 3 celebns 8.30; Sotwell 9.45; here at noon. Several of last year’s communicants had lapsed, through the evil influence of the Mission Hall. But there were some new ones – Total 110, or 19 less than last year.

Copies of two letters which I wrote to Miss Augusta Fairthorne with reference to the Mission Hall.

Dec 17. 1884.

Dear Miss Augusta,

On my way to Wallingford this aftn I saw some men at work where the Old Barn stood. They told me they were preparing for what they called “A Mission Hall”, & said that you were interested in it. If this is a mistake I must ask you to lay the blame on my informants. If it seems to you rather late in the day for me to name the matter, it must be my excuse, that it was not till today, that I became aware of what it so much concerned me to know. I willingly admit that you may not be erecting this Hall with the express purpose of hindering my work. But I have now had abundant opportunity to ascertain the result of the work which has been going on under your auspices during the last autumn.

It is possible that you may not regret that it has introduced a strong element of Dissent into the parish – &, by consequence, has much hindered my work. But I say,

with a full knowledge of the truth of the words, that it has withdrawn persons, both old and young, from the path which they were trying to walk with God, & has landed them in the terrible position of backsliders. Under these circumstances it wd not be right if I did not, as the appointed Minister of this parish, send you a kindly, but most earnest, remonstrance against the course on which you have entered. I ask you in all earnestness, why you do not carry your efforts into some place where sufficient means of grace are not provided. Why introduce that "schism" from which you pray every Sunday that God wd deliver us, into a parish where an aged Minister is labouring, beyond his strength, to arouse people to earnestness, & where so many are trying to walk with God?

If you *will* continue in this melancholy course, I hope you will register your Hall as a Dissenting Chapel. We shall then know where we stand, & the people will no longer be deceived by the pretence that has been made that the work is not intended to injure the Church. I have felt that it wd be difficult to talk this matter over with you. [Note. She is very deaf.] Besides I wish to put into writing my solemn protest against the attack which is being made by Mr Hyatt upon my work as the appointed Minister of this parish, & on that of my successors. If the Hall is completed I shall copy this letter into the Parish records which are handed down from one Rector to another. Yours faithfully, F.M. Cunningham.

To this I received a reply which called out Letter, No 2 over leaf.

Letter No 2 to Miss Augusta Fairthorne

Dec 19 1884

Dear Miss Augusta. I have no intention of entering into a lengthened correspondence on the subject of your Mission Hall. But as I intend to copy my 2 letters into the Book of Parish records I send a line to express my surprise that you shd decide to set your opinion as to the results of Mr Hyatt's preaching against the deliberately expressed opinion of one who knows intimately the result on the parish, as a whole. I have no hesitation in saying, with a full knowledge of the case, & a deep sense of my responsibility in saying it, that, whatever little good may have been done in inducing some people to hear sermons, who never attended a place of worship, the apparent good has largely been counterbalanced by mischief. You see only the slight apparent good. I see the other side as well.

It is a most serious truth, that, especially among the lads, the effect has been disastrous. Many of them have been led away from those who had gained influence over them, & have lapsed into a state that is very distressing to those who wish them well. I do not speak of those who have never joined our Instruction classes, but of the wilder spirits, who were being, as we hoped, led gently into better ways. I say it, with the most complete knowledge of the truth, that the result of Mr Hyatt's work has been to throw us back four years, so far as the general work among the lads is concerned. Among the adults there has been mischief of other kinds. It is not known to you, but is

only too visible to myself. You look at matters from one very small standpoint. I, as the appointed Minister of the parish take a survey of the whole. I conclude by reminding you that he who pens this deliberate warning as to the course you are following, is "not a Novice" – but one who has had 46 years experience in the Ministry. It is a serious responsibility for me to say what I have said – & I must think, also, a grave responsibility for you to set aside an opinion thus deliberately expressed.

Yours faithfully, F.M. Cunningham

Ascension Day Celebration 8.0 – prayers at Sotwell at 10. Evensong & sermon here 7.30.

Monday June 1. We invited *all the Heads of families* in the parish to tea. We had tea for them in detachments. Then amusements for an hour or two. To Church at 7.30.

Monday June 15. The Infants were moved from the Class Room at the school – & we commenced an *Infants' School at the Stewart Memorial*.

Tues June 30. *The choir excursion this year* was to Oxford by road, in 3 carriages – to Nuneham & back in a Steam Launch.

Sep 17. "*A quiet day*" at Aston. Same arrangements as on the former occasion, here in 1883.

The *Christmas Day services* were early & late celebrn. Services at 11. oc & 6.30. Two or three fiddles & a cello made a capital addition to the music.

1886

For *Good Friday*. See report of 1885. The same, this year.

April 30 *Mrs Bussell left Brightwell*, to my great loss & regret. She has been here for 5 years– during which time she has done valuable & faithful service – her labours have been incessant in visiting, in the Sunday school, & in the night school. This latter she has held in her own house. The remarkable influence she has gained over the young men has been sadly counterbalanced by the spirit fostered at the Mission Hall.

Nov 9. *Burial of a Dissenter at Sotwell* it may be as well to record how I dealt with this case – for future reference.

In order to avoid the people having a dissenting minister for a funeral which I knew wd excite great interest, I let them sing a Hymn in Church – I made a short address – & allowed them to sing another Hymn at the Grave. This quite satisfied the

dissenters, who were present in large numbers – & I hope, if this habit be continued, it may ward off dissenting funerals in the future.

In the spring of this year I had a bad attack of sciatica – which weakened me so much, that – feeling, as I did, sadly crippled by Mrs Bussell's leaving – I felt it needful to get help – &, to my extreme regret I thought it best to have a Curate. The Rev. W. E. Smith, Curate of Putney, came into residence with his wife and children on July 18. [They left the village Sep 21st. 1887.]

1887

In the Lent of this year, I had Evening Service at Sotwell, on Wednesdays – quite a success - 7.30 - The Service was principally, singing & an address.

On Easter Sunday 3 celebns 43, 29, 21 = 93.

April 14 Bp Mackarness here for Confirmation 26 Candidates – 13 of each sex.

The Queen's Jubilee June 21. 1887.

We had service at 3.0. Church crammed. We sang a new patriotic song, & God save the Queen – the prayers for the Queen – & an address. After service, tea for the whole parish in the Rectory Garden. Dancing, singing, & smoking – sports in the orchard. The choir & others sang God save the Queen at the top of the Church tower.

Then we all adjourned to the top of the hill, where was a big bonfire. There were 17 other bonfires in sight.

A new footpath was made down the village street. If this diminished the picturesqueness of the village – which it did – it contributed to the comfort of pedestrians.

In December this year I made a new tank under the rain-water cistern [at the Rectory.] Hitherto, the water has run away, after leaving the scullery. Henceforth, it will fill the new tank before wasting itself – & will, I hope, give a constant supply of water. There has been considerable scarcity all the summer.

1888

During Lent, services as last year, at Sotwell. Easter Sunday – 3 celebratns – 43, 27, 26 = 96 communicants.

In July this year, *I removed the old flat ceiling from the Chancel Roof.* It was extremely unsightly, & had got into very bad repair. Several important timbers in the roof itself had become much decayed. These were replaced with new oak – & the

present work substituted. The Chancel arch was filled in with canvas, while the work was carried on.

1889

Feb <sic>6. The Epiphany. My Jubilee Sunday! I was ordained at Norwich 50 years ago today. Could not find my first sermon – but I remembered the text, & used it today.

Jan 29. At the Diocesan Board meeting, our new Bishop (Stubbs) made his first appearance. Nobody seemed to be impressed, or delighted. If he turns out a good *Diocesan*, I think everyone will be surprised.

April. The new pulpit put up in Sotwell Church. It is the old pulpit of St Mary's, Wallingford, much altered & improved. The panels were all opened, by the removal of solid oak backs – & a new panel added. The old pulpit was given to the Church by Miss Langley, whose father was vicar of St Mary's & Rector of Sotwell. The alterations & new carving was done at my expense.

I note that I have forgotten to record the several Choir Excursions during my incumbency.

1879 The men & boys visited me at Witney.

1880 we went to Windsor;

1881 to Weymouth;

1882 to Hastings;

1883 to London;

1884 to Weymouth;

1885 to Oxford & Nuneham;

1886 to Bournemouth;

1887 to Portsmouth, the day before a great Naval Review;

1888 to Bournemouth;

1889 to the Isle of Wight;

[1890 to Weymouth;

1891 to Worcester & Malvern;

1892 to Brighton;]

1890

Jan 22. 1890. Bishop Stubbs here for Confirmation – He slept here on 21st - 19 F 14 M candidates – 10 from N Moreton.

During Lent of this year, I gave addresses on the Holy Comn every Wednesday Eg at the Parish Rm –; every Friday at Sotwell Church.

Easter Sunday. 3 celebns. 43, 30, 30 = 103 communcts.

I have forgotten to record that in Sep of last year 1889, *I introduced a Church Army officer into the parish.*

I had a married man named Woodward. He held Cottage lectures in some part of the parish every night, except Saturday – & was constantly employed in visiting the poor.

On Good Friday, Easter Sunday & Ascension Day in 1890 I had a Magic Lantern lecture. I had a lantern & slides of my own. My plan was, to give a short narrative of an event, & then introduce a slide – that the people might both see & hear what I was speaking of. We had crowded audiences each time – Hymns were shown upon the sheet, & very heartily sung.

April 21. We had introduced a system of returning money to School children, after so many attendances. Had a public distribution of the money today. Very successful.

June 30. The hideous new Church at New Didcot opened this day. Bishop Randall (of Reading) preached.

July & August (part). The Rev W. Ostle. The Vicarage. St Bartholemew's. S.C was here for 6 weeks, as L T *<locum tenens>* in my absence – A very acceptable arrangement.

Oct 29 Began the winter campaign with Magic Lantern Exhibition in school Rm – “Mothers Last Words” – Rm crammed.

Nov 21 Started the Reading Rm with a new arrangement, with the view of excluding the noisy lads. Those who were present chose 6 of their own number, by papers & pencil given to each. Those 6 were allowed to vote by Ballot, as each name was proposed. Two blackballs excluded. The noisiest lads were all blackballed.

1891

Feb 17. *Began digging a new well*, outside the scullery window. The stream in the Village had been quite dry for some time – & the Fountain & stream into our scullery had both been dry for fully 6 weeks – so far as I can learn for the first time in the memory of anyone in the village. The old House well is under the floor of the larder, & we thought it better not to attempt to deepen it, but to dig a new well, outside.

This was a troublesome business, as the soil was found to be very sandy. But it was successfully accomplished – I hope there will never again be a lack of water. The new one was quite a matter of necessity, the old one had quite failed.

NB. The village stream & the Fountain continued to be dry till after some heavy rain in the late summer. During all this time the lack of water was very serious, throughout the whole country.

The Lenten services were as usual – on G Friday & Easter Sunday evg I had Magic Lantern services in the school room, after Evening service. Easter Day – 3 celebns 42, 31, 29 = 102 Communts.

May 17. Whit Sunday - 3 celebns as usual.

June 2. Gave the Sunday school children an extra Treat. Mr A.D. Wells lent us a waggon – & they went, walking & riding to Wittenham Hill, where they had tea.

Monday Sept. 5. The Bishop of Oxford (Stubbs) came to *consecrate the addition to Sotwell Church Yard* – This is a gift of Mr Fairthorne. The removing of the Hedge which separated it from the former ground, & the preparation & planting of the land was done by subscription. Mr Nash who was Churchwarden, was the main mover in this matter.

It was remarkable that Mrs Fairthorne was taken from us 5 days after the Consecration and was buried on the 14th. Her body was, thus, the first to be placed in the ground which her husband had given.

In Sepr of this year, Free Education became the order of the day. We modified our former plans for the promoting of thrift among parents & children – The plans are detailed in the minutes of the school committee.

Oct 23. The Village Stream began to run this day after having been dry for 8 months. The Fountain also showed signs of life, after many weeks of dryness.

1892

The Lenten & Good Friday services as usual.

On Easter Sunday we ventured to let the Choir sing the anthem in the morning, as well as in the evening. We have had one in the evg for several years. [Communicants = 99.]

June 20. Choir Excursion to Brighton. I failed to get a special train to Reading, from whence the train started. So I sent the men & elder boys in a Van hired from Wallingford.

The younger boys went to Streatley Hill on July 1st.

INHABITANTS
BRIGHTWELL & SOTWELL
1884

(Alphabetical List other end of Book)

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
1. ABSALOM					
Lydia	1818			Dissenter Widow Fond of drink	Parish relief
2. ABSALOM /					
William					69. Ag. lab.
Elizabeth				Very respectable	63.
3. ALLNATT /					
		Yes	Yes	Widow, does not	Sarah. 63
Grandchild			either Church or	grocer	
Henry +	1880	1882		Chapel.	
4. BUTCHER /					
Albert				Married 1886	-
Elizabeth	1867	Yes	Yes	Daughter of Mrs Harris.	
5. AYRES /					
Edmund		Yes	14.2.81	Communicant	32. Ag. lab.
				Steady couple	31.
Eliza		Yes	14.2.81	Daughter of Mrs John Cottrell	
1. Edward	1877	Yes			
2. Emma	1878	Yes			
3. Ellen	Dec 1881	Jan 1882			
4. Kate	19.12.82	Mar? 1883			
5.	28.1.86				
6. AYRES					
Richard	Yes			57. Ag. lab.	
Mary Ann	1829	Yes	Yes		54.

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
1. Philip	1862	Yes	14.2.81		Ag. lab.
2. Elizabeth	1866	Yes	19.3.84	In service	
3. Asenath	1868	Yes		Deficient	
4. Jabez Israel	1870	Yes			
7. AYRES					
Reuben		Yes		Indifferent	29. Ag. lab.
Fanny			4.11.82	Shiftless	28
1. Reuben	1873	Yes		Lame. Deficient in	
2. Richard	19.11.77	Yes		brains.	
3. Norah	16.11.79	Yes			
Elizabeth					
4. Charlotte	28.9.81	1.11.81			
Naomi					
5. Ruth Esther	29.7.84	28.9.84			
8. Mrs BAILEY. Dissenter. Deaf. Fond of drink. / [(next Mrs Parsons)]					
9. BATTEN /					
James	Yes			Fond of drink	55. Basketmaker
Jane		Yes		Unsatisfactory	58.
10. BATTEN					
Joseph			Yes	Fond of drink	60. Ag. lab.
Sarah		Yes		Dissenter. Hard	63. Laundress.
Died 11.3.85				Worker. One son	
Buried 17.3.85				(Joseph) lives at home.	32. Ag. lab.
11. BATTEN					
John		Yes	Yes	Son of Levi Batten	33. Ag. lab.
Emma		Yes	Yes	Daughter of David Talbot.	36.
1. Emma	1.7.75	Yes			
2. Annie	1878	Yes			
3. Lewis	1879	Yes			
4. Charles	1880	26.12.80			
5. George	16.12.81	7.2.82			

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
12. BATTEN					
Levi		Yes	Yes	Several grown up children.	60. Carter.
Harriet		Yes	Yes	One son (Edward) at home.	57.
1. Edward	1866	Yes	19.3.84		Ag. lab.
13. BATTEN /					
Thomas		Yes	No		39. Ag. lab. Shepherd.
Mary Ann		Yes	Yes		29.
1. Thomas	1877	Yes			
2. Emily Mary	1880	Yes			
3. Richard	Oct 82	3.12.82			
Henry					
4. Arthur	13.12.84	11.1.85			
14. BELCHER					
Thomas		Yes	No	Blacksmith	35.
Eliza		Yes		Deaf	43.
1. Florence	1867	Yes	14.2.81	Pupil-teacher C.	
2. Thomas	1874	Yes			
3. Lilian	1876	Yes			
15. BELCHER					
Henry			No	Dissenter	37. Ag. lab. Carter.
Louisa			Yes	Church-woman	37.
1. Edward	1872	Yes			
Henry					
2. William	1874	Yes			
James					
3. Sophia	1878	Yes			
4. George	31.3.81	9.5.81			
Richard					
16. BIRCH /					
George	1838	12.4.84		Steady	47. Ag. lab.
Ann		Yes		Unsatisfactory.	49.
				A daughter in service	

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
1. <i>Alice</i> Died	1861	Yes	Yes	Delicate	
2. William	1866	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant Easter 84	
3. Sarah	1869	Yes	Yes	Communicant Easter 84	
4. Ellen	1873	Yes			
5. Henry	1877	Yes			
17. BROOKER					
Charles		Yes			[31. Ag. lab.]
Helen		Yes	Yes		[32.]
1. Alice Mary	29.11.82	Yes			
2. Ellen Louisa	9.6.84	Yes			
18. BROOKER /					
John		Yes		Shoemaker	50.
Harriet		Yes		Depressed	46.
1. Elizabeth	1867	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant	
2. Florence	1870	Yes			
3. Henry	1874	Yes			
19. BROOKER					
<i>William</i>	<i>1807</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Communicant</i>	<i>73. Ag. lab.</i>
<i>Grandchild</i>					
<i>Frederick</i>		<i>Yes</i>			
20. BROOKER /					
George		Yes			38. Shepherd.
Harriet		Yes	Yes		36.
1. Ellen	5.6.71	Yes			
2. Kate	1.7.73	Yes			
3. Emma	1875	Yes			
4. Joseph	1877	Yes			
5. Henry	1880	Yes			
6. George	July 82	10.9.82			
EDWARD					
7. Rose	28.4.85	Yes			
21. BULL					
William		Yes		Dissenters	68. Ag. lab.
Louisa		Yes	Yes	5 grown-up children.	60.

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
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22. BURCHELL /

Joseph		Yes	Yes	Mrs B's mother (Turner) lives with them: on parish.	56. Ag. lab.
Ruth		Yes	Yes	Communicants.	47.
1. Ernest	1871	Yes		Son in Service.	
2. Albert	1873	Yes		1 or 2 sons at sea	
3. Sarah	1880	Yes		Badly burnt in 1885	

23. BUTCHER /

George	Yes	No		Steady	32. Ag. lab.
Ruth	1851	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant	32.
1. George	1871	Yes		Easter 84	
William					
2. James	1872	Yes			
3. Charles	1873	Yes			
4. Edward	1875	Yes			
5. Laurence	1878	Yes			
6. Martha Ann	1880	Yes			
7. Joseph	27.10.82	26.11.82			
8. Mary	12.7.84	Yes			
9.	4.3.86				

24. BUTCHER /

Ann	20.2.03			Dissenter	82. Parish relief.
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25. BUTLER /

Charles	Yes	19.3.84		Village shop-keeper	35. Grocer.
Elizabeth Mary	Yes	19.3.84		Communicants	34.
1. Beatrice	1876	Yes			
LAURA					
2. Charles	1877	Yes			
3. <i>Theodora</i>	1879	Yes		Died April 1884	
4. Reginald	1880	Yes			
5. Olive	Dec 81	22.1.82			
Gwendoline					
6. Percival	26.9.83	4.11.83			
7. Marguerite	16.5.85	14.6.85			

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
.26. BUTLER					
John		Yes		Baker	44.
Annie		Yes	Yes	2nd wife. 5 step- children. Communicant.	43.
1. Tom	1864	Yes	14.2.81		
2. George	25.12.65	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant	
3. Charlotte	20.2.68	Yes			
4. Elizabeth	1870	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant	
5. Annie	1872	Yes		Subject to rheumatism	
27. CASTELL /					
George		Yes	Yes	Shoemaker	31.
Lucy		Yes	Yes	Communicants	29.
1. Lilian	21.7.80	Yes			
Frances Mary					
2. Anne	28.12.81	26.2.82			
Sophia Catherine					
3. James	7.8.84	21.9.84			
George					
28. CASTELL					
Charles		Yes			68. Ag. lab.
Charlotte		Yes	Yes		64. Laundress.
29. COBB					
Robert		Yes			85. Parish relief.
Jane		Yes	Yes		84. Partly dependent.
30. COLE					
Mr and Mrs Richard Leigh Cole.				Unsatisfactory.	56 retired 55.
31. COLIN /					
Stewart		Yes	Yes	Dissenter:	38. Groom & Gardener.
Louisa		Yes	Yes	[All the family most unsatisfactory] <FMC>	35.
1. Stewart	1869	Yes		Errand boy.	
2. Eli	1873	Yes			

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3. Ethel Louisa	1878	Yes			
4. Mary Kathleen	1880	16.1.81			
32. COOPER					
Henry	1831	Yes			51. Ag. lab.
Martha	1831	Yes	Yes	3 grown up children away.	51. Ag. lab.
1. Arthur	1866	Yes	March 84		Ag. lab.
George	1868	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant.	
Grandchild					
William Henry	1880	5.6.81			
33. COOPER					
Selina		Yes	Yes	Communicant	20. Dom. serv.
Sarah		Yes	Yes	Communicant	25. Dom. serv.
Robert	1865	Yes	No		
Edith	1867	Yes	Yes	(James, married brother) Orphans	
34. COTTRELL					
Joseph	1803			Dissenters. Well	80. Ag. lab.
Elizabeth	29.10.02			cared-for by the Wells family.	80.
35. COTTRELL					
Thomas		Yes	Yes		66. Shepherd.
Mary Ann		Yes	Yes	3 or 4 grown-up children	64.
Grandchild					
Kate +	1874	Yes		Mother dead.	
36. COTTRELL /					
Elizabeth		Yes	Yes	Widow. Nurse. 8 grown up children Widow of shepherd.	60. Tailoress.
1. John	1864	Yes	14.2.81		Ag. lab.
37. COZENS /					
Misses Eliza & Anne – Messrs George & Robert. Sotwell				Retired farmer	

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38. COZENS /					
Mr & Mrs Wellington Cozens – Mr William. Miss Cozens. Mackney.					70. Farmed 211 a. 65. 36. 38.
39. DORE					
Mrs Dore. Separated from her husband. Eccentric. Mackney.					55.
40. DEARLOVE /					
Mr & Mrs Leaver Dearlove. Mr Dearlove's Mother. Stanley Dearlove, born 1869. Confirmed 19.3.84.					46. Farmed 550 a. 43.
41. DENTON /					
George	1814	Yes		Rheumatic.	Formerly ag.
Sophia	1817	Yes		Discontented couple	lab.
42. DENTON /					
William	Yes		45. Carter		
Hannah	Yes	Yes	Communicant.	53.	
1. Martha	1862	Yes	Married – 1885		
2. Henry	1865	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant	Under-carter.
3. Eliza	1870	Yes	16.11.85		
DERBRIDGE /?					
Richard		Yes	Yes	Deaf: incurably ill	43. Ag. lab.
Emma		Yes	Yes		37. Laundress.
1. Martha	1868	Yes	19.3.84	In service	
2. Kate	1870	Yes		In service	
3. Grace	1872	Yes			
4. Edwin John	1876	Yes			
44. EGGLETON /					
Jonathan		Yes		Widower	53. Ag. lab.
1. Henry		Yes			22. Ag. lab.
2. John		Yes			20. Ag. lab.
45. EGGLETON /					
Abraham		Yes			45. Ag. lab.
Marina		Yes			43.
1. Zereh	1864	Yes			Ag. lab.
2. Beatrice	1869	Yes		In service	
3. Agnes	1871	Yes		In service	
4. Reginald	1873	Yes			

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
5. Vincent James	1875	Yes			
6. Eber	1879	Yes			
7. Hilda Ellen	24.3.81	9.5.81			
8. Leonard	8.7.84	28.9.84			
46. EGGLETON /					
Alfred		Yes			38. Ag. lab.
Mary Ann		Yes	Yes	Communicant	
				Rhoda Greenway.	[Sewing.
				Spinster. Cripple	Attends
1. Rosa Jane	1880	3.10.80	.	On parish pay	the children
Emma					where she
2. Thomas John	21.12.82	28.1.83			lives.]
3.					
47. EGGLETON					
Thomas		Yes	Yes		
Harriet		Yes	4.11.82		
1. Albert	1864	Yes	14.2.81		Groom & Ag.
					lab.
2. Edwin	1867	Yes	19.3.84		Ag. lab.
3. Emily	1869	Yes		In service	
4. Edgar	1872	Yes			
5. Herbert	1874	Yes			
6. Alfred	1880	26.9.80			39. Bricklayer
James Inns					
48. EGGLETON					
Joseph		Yes			65. Ag. lab.
Ann		Yes			64.
49. EGGLETON					
William		Yes			59. Ag. lab.
					Unemployed.
Clara	4.11.25	Yes	Yes		57.
James, brother of Wm					
50. EGGLETON					
Martha		Yes	No	Widow	67. Ag. lab.

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
1. Emma	1856	Yes	Yes	Unmarried Mother of Henry. Married to John Harvey. 16.5.85. Roland – Communicant	28. Dom. Serv.
Grandchildren					
1. Henry +		Yes			
2. Roland George +	30.4.81	5.6.81		Cripple	
51. EGGLETON					
Prudence	1820	Yes	19.3.84	Widow. Communicant Easter 1884. Daughters in service and married.	65. Ag. lab.
1. George	1865	Yes	14.2.81		Ag. lab.
52. EGGLETON /					
Elizabeth	28.1.98	Yes	Widow.	Dissenter.	86. Dependent
53. Mrs Thomas Eggleton. Widow. Owner of Croft Houses.					-
54. ELLAWAY					
Ebenezer		No		Dissenter	39. Bricklayer
Frances		Yes		Ann Ellaway	39.
1. Agnes ANNIE 1869		No		(mother of Eb., Ann Stevens (mother of Mrs E., Wm Finmore (brother of Ann Ellaway) lives in same house	
2. Sarah EMMA 1871		No			
3. Esther DORA 1872		No			
4. Eliza JESSICA 1876		No			
5. Ebenzer 1878		No			
Ethelbert Caesar					Ag. lab.
6. Cornelius		No			
Lionel					
7. William		No			
Edward Stevens					
8. Edith 5.5.85		No			
Gertrude					
55. ELLAWAY /					
James		Yes		Roman Catholic	65. Shepherd.
Emma		Yes		Disreputable couple	.62. Errand woman.

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56. ELLAWAY					
Sidney		Yes		Unsatisfactory couple	25. Ag. lab.
Alice		Yes			23.
1. William	2.11.81	Yes			
Sidney					
2. Joseph Daniel		14.7.83	Yes		
3.					
57. EVEREX /					
John		Yes	Yes	Communicants	49. Shepherd.
				Truly Church-people.	
Thirza		Yes	Yes	Dress-maker	41.
58. Mr & Mrs Fairthorne. Miss Roberts (sister of Mrs Fairthorne). /				Retired farmer.	59. 65. 52
59. FILBEE					
William		Yes			69. Ag. lab.
Jane		Yes	Yes		57. Laundress.
60. FIELD					
Thomas		Yes			35. Ag. lab.
Elizabeth	1851	Yes	No		32.
1. Thomas	1872	Yes			
2. Elizabeth	1875	Yes			
3. Moses William	1877	Yes			
4. Frederick	Apr 81	5.6.81			
Charles					
5.	23.7.84	28.9.84			
61. FIELD /?					
William			No		39.
Mary Ann			4.11.82	Communicant	36.
1. Harriet	1870	Yes		Easter 84	
2. William John	1874	Yes			
3. Eliza Jane	1876				
4. Edmund	1879				
5. Alfred	2.4.83	27.5.83			
Charles					
6. Herbert	27.9.85				

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62. FIELD /?					
William					67. Ag. lab.
<i>Eliza</i>				Died 19.1.85	63.
1. Henry		Yes	14.2.81	Married	
2. George		Yes	Yes		Ag. lab.
3. Edward		Yes	No		Ag. lab.
63. GODDARD /					
George			No		41. Ag. lab.]
Jemima			No	Daughter of Wm Gregory.	[39.]
1. William	1866	Yes	No		
2. Elizabeth	1869	Yes	No	in service.	
3. Esther	1871	Yes	No		
4. Frederick	1877	Yes			
64. GOODENOUGH /					
<i>Stephen</i>	1815			Fond of drink.	68. Carpenter.
Mary Ann	1814				69.
65. GOODIE					
Louisa		Yes	Yes	Widow. Respectable.	56. Ag. lab.
George		Yes		One son at home (George).	29.
66. GREENAWAY					
<i>Rhoda</i>	1834	Yes		Cripple. Ignorant relief.	48. Parish
<i>*Thomas</i>		Yes	Yes	Nephew to Rhoda:	
<See No. 175>				illegitimate.	
<i>Rosa Esther</i>		Yes		Niece to Rhoda: mother in Asylum.	19. Housemaid.
67. GREGORY					
John					57. Ag. lab.
Ann				Dissenter	62.
68. GREGORY /					
Richard		Yes			69. Shepherd.
Mary		Yes	Yes	A character.	65. Tailoress.
				Communicant.	

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Elizabeth	1867	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant	
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Holloway					
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Arthur Holloway		Yes		Grandson: formerly pupil-teacher.	
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69. GREGORY /

William				Widower. Publican.	[64.]
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70. *Mrs Ann Fowler, born 1836, Confirmed 19.3.84. and her brother William. Mrs Fowler – separated from her husband: Fowler her maiden name.*

71. GRIMSHAW

James Henry		Yes			50. Ag. lab.
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Mary Andrews		Yes			47.
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1. James	1856	Yes			Ag. lab. Army retired.
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Henry					
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2. Tryphena	1861	Yes			Dom. Serv.
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3. Lily	1865	Yes	Yes		
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Constance					
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4. Job	1867	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant. Very steady.	Ag. lab.
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5. William John	1870	Yes			Ag. lab.
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6. Henry	1872	Yes			
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Grandchild					
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Eva Annie	1881	5.6.81		Daughter of Tryphena	
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72. GROVES /

James				Fond of drink	[37. Brick- layer's lab.]
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Susanna			No	Both very unsatis- factory	[35.]
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1. Richard		Yes		Steady	
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2. Mary Ann		Yes			
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3. Edith	10.7.83	2.9.83			
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73. HAMMANS /

Edward		Yes	Yes	Communicants. Formerly farmed own land. Bailiff.	50. Farms 200 a.
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Marian		Yes	Yes		49.
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Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
1. Andrew (2)	1.6.69		4.11.81	Communicant	
2. Bertha (1)	10.1.68		17.3.84	Communicant	
3. Philip	1.6.70		16.11.85	Communicant	
<i>Boarder</i>					
<i>Miss Louisa Angell</i>		<i>Dypsomaniac</i>			
74. HAMMOND /					
Thomas	1843	Yes	Yes	Communicants.	Ag. lab. Groom.
Eliza	1840	Yes	14.2.81	Easter 1884.	Laundress.
1. Laura Mary	1869	Yes	Yes	In service	
2. Helena	1870	Yes		In service	
3. Amelia	1872	Yes			
4. William	1874	Yes			
5. Edward	1876	Yes			
6. Clara	1878	Yes			
7. Roland	1880	Yes			
75. HAMMOND /					
Wellington		Yes	No		44. Ag. lab.
Jane		Yes	16.11.85		43.
1. William	1861	Yes			Ag. lab.
2. James	1865	Yes			Ag. lab.
3. Henry	1868	Yes			Ag. lab.
4. George	1869	Yes			
5. Joseph	1871	Yes			
6. Edward	1874	Yes			
7. Frederick	1875	Yes			
8. Thomas	1879	Yes			
9. John	23.7.82	Yes			
76. HAMMOND					
Ann	1835	Yes	19.3.84	Widow.	Charwoman
.				Communicant	
1. <i>Frederick</i>	1863	Yes	19.3.84	Died 4.3.86.	Errand boy.
2. John	1865	Yes			Ag. lab. plough.
3. Jospch	1868	Yes			Ag. lab. plough.
77. HARPER					
William				Wife died in an Asylum.	59. Ag. lab.
1. Albert		Yes	14.2.81		18. Ag. lab.

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
78. HARRIS /					
Charles		Yes		Bricklayer. Drinks.	36.
Hannah	1847	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant.	37.
				Easter 1884	Washerwoman.
1. Elizabeth	1867	Yes	Yes	<i>In service</i> .	
2. Frederick	1870	Yes		Married 1886	
Charles					
3. Rosa	1872	Yes		In service.	
4. Albert	1874	Yes			
5. William	1876	Yes			
79. HATHAWAY					
Charles		Yes			35. Ag. lab.
Charlotte		Yes			32.
Kate [Pope]. Adopted Niece.					
80. HATHAWAY					
Miriam		Yes	Yes	Communicant.	72. Widow of
				Died 9.10.85.	ag. lab.
Edward Baxter				Son of Miriam.	
				Illegitimate	
81. HATHAWAY /					
John		Yes	Yes		61. Shepherd.
Eliza		Yes	Yes	Communicant	65. Charwoman.
				Easter 1884.	
1. Eliza		Yes	Yes	Communicant. Married.	
2. Hannah	1867	Yes	14.2.81	In service.	
Grandchildren					
Elizabeth	1871	Yes		Illegitimate. Mother	
				married.	
Emma	Privately baptized			Illegitimate. Mother in	
	17.9. Received 13.			service.	
	10.78.				
82. HARVEY					
John		Yes		Married to Emma	39. Bricklayer
				Eggleton 16.5.85.	
Harriet Emma		Yes	Yes	Communicant.	42.
				Easter 1884.	
1. Alfred	1865	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant	Bricklayer's
				Easter 1884.	labourer.

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
2. Ernest	1868	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant Easter 1884	Carpenter's labourer.
3. Beatrice	1874	Yes			
4. Arthur	11.9.82	26.11.82			
George					
5. Frederick	10.11.85	27.12.85			
Harold					
Henry		Yes	-		
Roland	30.4.81	5.6.81		Almost idiot.	
George				Cripple	
83. HARVEY					
William		Yes		Jane's Mother &	[42. Ag. lab.]
Jane		Yes	No	brother (Mary	[26. Washer-
1. Margaret	1874	Yes		& Charles Wetherall)	woman.]
2. Emily	1877	Yes		live in the house.	
3. William	1879	Yes			
4. Lilian Sarah	Apr 1881	5.6.81			
5. Edwyn	1883	25.12.83			
George					
6. Lionel	10.2.86	25.4.86			
Alfred					
84. HAZEL /					
John		Yes	Yes	Communicants	59. Landed proprietor.
Sarah Ann		Yes	Yes		49.
1. Emily	1864	Yes	14.2.81	Communicant	
2. Langley	1867	Yes	14.2.81	Communicant	
3. Thomas	1869	Yes			
4. Kathleen	1876	Yes			
85. HEARMON /					
William		Yes	14.2.81	Widower	61. Ag. lab.
1. William	1849	Yes			
2. George	1852	Yes			
3. Thomas	1855	Yes			
4. Sarah		Yes		Wife of William Hewett.	
5. Charles	1858	Yes			
6. Edward	1861	Yes			

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
7. Henry	1863	Yes			Bricklayer
8. Robert	1865	Yes			
9. Emily	1867	Yes		In service	
10. Frederick	1867	Yes	19.3.84	Twins. Communicant. Easter. 1884.	Page.
11. Eliza	1870	Yes		In service	
12. Harriet	1871	Yes		Monitress.	
86. HEWETT /					
David		Yes			37. Ag. lab.
Mary Ann		Yes	No		36.
87. HEDGES /					
Francis Edward	15.3.47	Yes			37. Solicitor.
Ellinor Edward	12.9.50	Yes	Yes	Communicant.	33.
1. Constance	3.5.73	Yes			
Ellinor					
2. Francis	30.7.75	Yes			
Reade					
3. Alice Mary	13.9.77	Yes			
4. Gerald	7.11.79	Yes			
5. Ethel	1.2.81	Yes			
Margaret					
6. Violet		Yes			
7. Charles		Privately			
Cuthbert		1882			
8. Harold	5.5.82	Received			
Edward		24.6			
9. Winifred	8.10.84	2.12.84			
Evelyn					
88. HEWETT /					
James Hewett Senr		Yes		Widower	60. Ag. lab. Carter.
James Hewett Junr		Yes			28. Shoemaker.
Sophia Hawkins		Yes	Yes	Communicant.	
89. HEWETT					
John	1814	Yes			70. Ag. lab.
Matilda	1816	Yes			68.

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
90. HEWETT					
Thomas		Yes			52. Carter.
Elizabeth		Yes	Yes		40.
1. Louisa	1865	Yes	Yes	In service.	
2. Harry	1867	Yes	No		16. Ag. lab.
3. Etheline	1870	Yes			
4. Sarah ANNIE	1874	Yes			
91. HURN /					
Jane					75.
Grandchildren					
James		Yes	Yes		17. Under gardener.
Charles		Yes	Yes	Communicant. Easter 1884.	
All away now. March 1886.					
92. HURN /					
Robert		Yes			
Ann		Yes	Yes		41 Ag. lab.
1. William		Yes			43.
2. Jane		Yes	Yes	In service.	
3. Edward	1.12.68	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant. Easter 1884.	Ag. lab.
4. Ada		Yes		In service.	
5. Ernest		Yes			Ag. lab.
6. Robert		Yes			
Deserted by					
93. KING /					
Arthur		Yes	Yes		28. Coachman.
Eliza		Yes	Yes	Communicants.	25. Dressmaker.
1. Arthur	24.9.80	24.10.80			
2. Henry	Jul 1882	20.8.82			
3. Lizzie	14.6.85				
94. LAWRENCE /					
Henry	1857	Yes		-	
Kezia	1856	Yes	No		

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
95. LAY /					
James		Yes			29. Ag. lab.
Mary		Yes	Yes		39.
1. Agnes	1874	Yes			
Mary					
96. LAY /					
William					57. Ag. lab.
Harriet				Communicants	46.
1. Edith	1863	Yes	Yes	Communicant.	Delicate.
2. Mercy Sep	1864	Yes	14.2.81	Communicant.	In service.
3. Thomas	1866	Yes			
4. Emily	1867	Yes	Yes	In service.	
5. Albert	1870	Yes			
6. Edmund	1873	Yes			
7. Priscilla	1875	Yes			
97. LAY					
Joseph		Yes			49. Ag. lab.
Susanna		Yes			59.
1. Fanny		Yes	4.11.81	Married to Reuben Ayres.	
2. Henry Thomas		Yes			
. Anna +		Yes			
4. Charles Job	1862	Yes			
5. Martha	1863			In service.	
ELIZABETH +					
6. John	1868	Yes			
Sylvester					
7. Harriet	1869	Yes		In service.	
Sylvester					
8. Thomas	1871	Yes			
98. LAY /					
Richard	1838	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant	45. Ag. lab.
	Easter 1884.				
Martha	1881				
1. Rhoda	1870	Yes		In service.	
2. Esther	1873	Yes		In service.	
3. Henry John	Mar 1882	28.4.82			
(Macklin					
4. Mary Jane	12.6.85	12.7.85			

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
99. Mr & Mrs Leaver. /					
100. Widow Lewis. Communicant Easter. 1884.					65. Seamstress.
101. LOOKER					
John		Yes			54. Ag. lab.
Sarah		Yes	No		57.
1. Emma		Yes		Married	
2. Harry	1858	Yes			
3. Alice	1862	Yes			
4. Richard	1864	Yes	14.2.81	Great at Mission Hall. Steady.	Ag. Lab.
5. Agnes KATE	1873	Yes			
102. James and Maria (born 1840) LOOKER. 1 boy, an idiot, Alfred, born 1867. – William LOOKER. Widower. /					Ag. lab. unem- ployed. 62. Ag. lab.
103. MACKLIN					
Maria	1835	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant. . Widow	Of ag. lab.
1. Martha +	1861	Yes	15.2.81		
2. Mary Jane	1867	Yes	14,.2.81	Communicant.	
104. MARSHALL					
Jane				Not married	47. Dressmaker. Ag. lab.
1. Matthew		Yes			
2. Minnie		Yes			
3. Kate	1864	Yes			Dom. serv.
4. Harvey	1867	Yes			
105. MARSHALL /					
Joseph	1811	Yes		Died 1884	71. Hurdlemaker.
Martha	1811	Yes			72.
1. Joseph (2)	1857	Yes	No		
2. Henry (1)	1844	Yes	No		
106. MARTIN					
Ezra				-	
Mary Jane			16.11.81		
1. Ezra		Yes			
2. William	30.6.82	13.8.82			

Francis

Mary (Mrs John)	Yes	Widow	58. Shepherd's wife.
1. Eliza	Yes	Married to Robert Pryor.	
2. George	1852	Yes	Yes
3. Henry	1857	Yes	Yes
4. Frederick	1862	Yes	19.3.84
		Brewer's lab.	
		Communicant.	Ag. lab.
		Steady.	Has a skin disease.

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
5. James	1864	Yes	No		
114. MESSENGER					
William			No		34. Coachman.
Hannah			Yes	Communicant Easter 1884.	29.
1. William	1879	Yes			
2. Edith Maude	1880	Yes			
3. Arthur	20.5.81	Yes			
THOMAS					
4. Frederick	14.7.82	10.9.82			
Victor					
115. Mrs NASH, widow, (daughter of E. Wells Esq) with two children, May & a boy.[Henry.] /					<41> -
. Mrs PARSONS: two daughters: all Communicants./					59. Baker & grocer. 23. 17.
117. POCOCK /					
Edward				Policeman	-
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1. Edith	2.7.84	At Moultsford.			
2. [Edward John]	8.1.86				
118. POOLE /					
Joseph					61. Gardener.
Daughter					
Annie			No	Eccentric	19. Housekeeper.
119. Mr & Mrs POWELL, Farmer, strong Baptist: large family: one son, Ernest, baptized in Brightwell Church 12.4.84.					52. Of 208 a. 51.
120. Charles & Mrs PRATT, shoemaker; Dissenters. /					-
121. PRYOR /					
Robert		Yes			28. Carter. Ag. lab.
Eliza		Yes			28.
1. James		Yes			

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
122. PREATER / Giles Ellen					36. Blacksmith. 46.
1. Ann Millicent	1873	Yes			
2. George	1875	Yes			
Montague					
3. Giles	1879	Yes			
4. Isabella	Mar 1883	2.9.83			
123. REELY / George		Yes	Yes	Schoolmaster.	43.
Elizabeth Sarah		Yes	Yes	Communicants.	43.
1. Mary	1870	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant	
2. Alfred George		Yes			
3. Edith		Yes			
4. John ERNEST		Yes			
5. Herbert		Yes			
6. Edward		Yes			
7. Mildred	28.9.82	12.11.82			
Annie					
8. Muriel	7.9.84	2.11.84			
Jessie					
124. Mr & Mrs ROBERTS & Miss Faithrone (deaf) sister of Mrs Roberts. /					63. 63. 58.
125. SAUNDERS James			No		57. Shepherd & Ag. lab.
Ellen		Yes	Yes	Communicant.	35.
1. Frank	1866	21.3.85	23.3.85		
2. Frederick	1868	No		Died 10.85	
3. George	1871	No			
4. Arthur	28.9.81	1.11.81			
William					
5. Margaret	1884	30.3.84			
Ann Elder					
126. SAUNDERS Joseph					69. Ag. lab.

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
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Susanna				Grown-up children away.	64.
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127. SAUNDERS /

William					47. Ag. lab.
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Mary		Yes	Yes		37.
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1. Albert	May 1880	Yes			
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2. Emily	Dec 1882	Yes			
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3. Arthur	Sep 1883	Yes			
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4. Ruth	Dec 1885	10.1.86			
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128. SAUNDERS /

Robert					55. Ag. lab. (widower).
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1. Rosa +	1862	Yes	14.2.81		
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2. Alice +	1863	Yes			
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3. Samuel	1866	Yes			
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4. Ada	1868	Yes		In service	
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5. Robert	1869	Yes			
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6. Lily	1871	Yes		In service	
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7. Lucy	1873	Yes			
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8. Thomas	1876	Yes		Cripple	
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Kate	Jul 1883	28.10.83		Daughter of Rosa	
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129. Henry and Caroline SHEARD, brother and sister. Henry lives at North Farm. Caroline in Brightwell Village. Dismissed from North Farm for drinking.	46. Ag. lab. 48. Housekeeper.
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130. Widow SIMPSON lives chiefly with her daughter Mrs J. Hammond. Not confirmed.	-
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131. Widow STATES with one son, [Thomas,] unsteady. /	Of Ag. lab.
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132. John SWADDLING and John TUCK with Tuck's daughter MARY, a girl of indifferent character. /	68. Ag. lab. 18. Dom. serv.
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133. William Swaddling, Widower, Dissenter, lives by himself.	69. Ag. lab.
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134. Benjamin TURNER, old and very ignorant.	-
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135. SHEARD

John		Yes			61. Shepherd.
Caroline		Yes	Yes	Communicant. Easter 1884	58.
1. Harriet		Yes		Married to G. Brooker	
2. George		Yes			
3. Joseph	1853	Yes			Platelayer.
4. Emily		Yes	Yes		
5. Ann Jane +		Yes		Mother of Kate	
6. Albert	1862	Yes	14.2.81		
7. Charles	1867	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant Easter 1884	
Kate	13.5.77				

136. TALBOT

David					78. Ag. lab.
Mary Ann					69.
Grandson					
Thomas		Yes	Yes	Communicant	

137. Mr & Mrs Townsend. Croft. Worker for many years at
Simmons' Brewery, Reading. Dissenters. [52. Retired
marble mason.
52.]

138. Mrs TUTING, widow, with one son, two daughters,
William, Constance, Alice. / -

139. Mr & Mrs Howard WELLS, married 1882. 2 children. / -

140. TALBOT

Robert				Dissenter	49. Shepherd.
Anna			Yes	Communicant	41.
1. Robert	1863	Yes			
2. Joseph	1869	Yes		Delicate	
3. Mary ELLEN	1871	Yes		In service.	
4. John	1873	Yes			
WILLIAM					
5. Martha	1876	Yes			
MATILDA					
6. John George	1879	Yes			
7. Herbert	1881	4.9.81			

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
8. Hugh Waite	1883	8.4.83			
141. TALBOT					
William					43. Gardener.
Rubicil			Yes		32.
1. Oliver	1876	Yes			
2. Lucy	1878	Yes			
3. Emma	Aug 1880	Yes			
4. William	31.7.84	7.9.84			
142. TARRY /					
Frank	1860	Yes	Yes		Gardener
Susannah		Yes	Yes	Communicants	-
1. Isabel Maud	19.5.85	12.7.85			
143. THORN [nr Rectory] /					
John		No			28. Straw drawer.
Elizabeth		Yes			27.
1. William	1875	Yes		Lives with grandparents	
John					
2. Robert	1876	Yes			
William					
3. Ann	1880	10.10.80			
4. John Henry	24.5.83	8.7.83			
Raymond					
5. Margaret	20.1.86	4.4.86			
Emma					
144. WESTON					
Ann	1824			Widow. 3 sons	62. Ag. lab.
Daughter				work in a coal mine	
Eliza ++	1864	Yes	14.2.81	2 daughters married.	
Child					
Elizabeth Ann	1885	15.11.85			
145. TURNER /					
Charles		Yes			38. Groom & Gardener.

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
Ann		Yes	Yes	Communicant, Easter 1884	39.
1. Charles	1874	Yes			
EDWARD					
2. Mary Jane	1879	Yes			
3. Alice	30.8.82	Yes			
146. TURNER					
Richard Edward		Yes	Yes		38. Groom & gardener.
Harriet		Yes	Yes	Communicants	39.
1. Ann Allen	1873	Yes			
2. Charles	1875	Yes			
Edward					
3. George Henry	1877	Yes			
4. Thomas Allen	1878	Yes			
5. Frederick	1880	Yes			
Robert: illegitimate son of Harriet.					
147. Widow WELLS, born 1819, and her son John: both given to drink. /					[68. Of ag. lab.]
148. Mr Edward Toovey WELLS, bachelor: <i>eccentric</i> .					42. Farms 300 a.
149. WELLS /					
Mr Alfred Dodd		As an adult		Communicants	36. Farms 680 a.
Mary					34.
1. Isabella	1878	6.5.78			
Watkins					
2. Reginald	1879	14.8.79			
Watkins					
3. Edward	1881	1.11.81			
4. Cecil Francis	1883	21.7.83			
150. WETHERALL[nr Rectory] /					
George	1841	Yes	No		40. Shepherd.
Jane		Yes	No		37.
1. George	1865	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant, Easter 1884.	Ag. lab.
2. Frederick	1869	Yes		Deficient in brains.	

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
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3. Jane	1873	Yes			
4. Lucy	1879	Privately baptized			
Gertrude		received 11.11.80.			
5. Clara Mabel	25.2.82	26.3.82			

151. Widow Mary WETHERALL and her son CHARLES WETHERALL
at William Harvey's. /

152. WETHERALL

John					38. Ag. lab.
Jane		in R.C. Chapel			45. Washerwoman.
1. Frederick	1870	Yes			
John (Ellaway)					
2. Albert Felix	1874	Yes			
3. Edward	1876				
WILLIAM					
4. Ernest	1879	28.11.80			
George					
5. Walter	1883	21.7.83			
Henry					

153. WETHERALL

Richard					47. Ag. lab.
Mary					40.
1. Henry	1865	Yes			Ag. lab.
2. Charles	1866	Yes	19.3.84		Ag. lab.
William					
3. Elizabeth	1869	Yes		In service.	
4. Ann Maria	1874	Yes			
5. Sarah Louisa	30.3.81	5.6.81			

154. William, born 1820 (deaf) and Mrs WHITE, born
1809, Blacksmith. /

155. WHITEHORN

George					21. Carpenter.
Jane		Yes	No		

156. WHITEHORN

Jacob		Yes			51. Ag. lab.
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Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
Harriet		Yes	Yes	Communicant, Easter 1884	52.
157. WILCOX / John Elizabeth		Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Mrs Cobb, mother of Mrs W. lives with them.	66 Ag. lab. Caretaker of the Schoolroom & Reading room. 65.
158. WILCOX / Shadrach		Yes	No		33. Groom, unemployed.
Margaret 1. Shadrach John	1.7.84	Yes Privately Baptized July 5th Received.	Yes		
159. WILKINS / Charles		Yes	Yes	Parish Clerk. Communicant. Died 1886.	55. Ag. lab. 60. Dressmaker.
Martha Niece Edith Marshall	1870	Yes	No		
160. WILKINS Henry Harriet 1. Martha 2. Charles	1871			Real name is Greenaway. In service.	53. Ag. lab. 50.
161. WILKINS Isaac Sarah			No		50. Ag. lab. 38.
162. Joseph WILLSON and his sister (widow) E. WILLSON at "The Bell".					67. Innkeeper 79. Farmer.
163. Mrs WILLSON and her brother Mr ALLAWAY at Sotwell. /					52. 63. House proprietor.

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
164. WING /					
Jonathan	1807	Yes			Formerly ag. lab.
Elizabeth	1812	Yes	Yes	Communicant	-
1. George	1850	Yes			Ag. lab.
2. William		Yes		Wild.	
165. WING					
Robert		Yes		Dissenters	40. Ag. lab.
Lucy		Yes	No		36.
1. Agnes Lucy	1869	Yes		In service.	
2. Arthur	1873	Yes			
Robert					
3. Alfred	1879	Yes			
SYDNEY					
166. WELLER					
<blanks)					
		Yes	Yes		-
1.		Yes			
167. WOODLEY /					
Isaac					-
Jane		Yes	Yes	Communicant, . Easter /84	
168. YATES /					
Charles		Yes	Yes		44. Innkeeper & beerseller.
Mary		Yes	No		46.
1. Sarah	1866	Yes	14.2.81	Communicant. In service.	
2. Ann	1869	Yes	19.3.84	Communicant Easter 1884.	
3. Mary	1870	Yes	14.11.85	Communicant. In service.	
4. William	1872	Yes			
5. Maria (May)	1875	Yes			
6. Harry	1877	Yes			
7. George	1878	Yes			
169. GARLICK /					
John			Yes		47. Ag. lab.
Elizabeth				Very deaf & afflicted.	43.

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
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1. Emily Kate	28.4.75	Yes		Very naughty.	
2. William	9.12.76	Yes			
Charles					
3. George John	8.3.78	Yes			
4. Ellen	25.3.80	Yes			
5. Martha	Jul 1882	20.8.82			
6. John	31.3.85	19.4.85			

170. HEWETT /

William		Yes	Yes		38. Ag. lab.
Sarah	Yes	Yes		Communicants, Easter 1884	30. Laundress.

1. Julia MARY	1874	Yes			
2. Eliza EMILY	1876	Yes			
3. Harriet	1878	Yes			

ELLEN

4. William	1880	2.1.81			
George					
5. Isabel Alice	Dec 1882	28.1.83			
6.	8.4.85				

171. FIELD

Henry	Yes	14.2.81			24. Ag. lab.
Rose					22.

172. Mr & Mrs WEST with family of children unbaptized.

[Lately come to B—II. The man has been in

India – Never unlock their gate – most unsatisfactory.] <FMC> /

173. *Joseph and Elizabeth DERBRIDGE, came out of Workhouse July 1884.* -

174. GALE /

Richard	1860		No	Carpenter.	
Frances	1864	Yes	Yes		
1. Emily Amelia	25.11.84	11.1.85			

175. GREENWAY

Thomas	1834	Yes	Yes	Married 8.10.84	-
Elizabeth					
1. Tom	29.7.85	15.11.85			

Name	Born	Baptized	Confirmed	Remarks	Census data 1881 [1891]
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176. GREENOUGH

George

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Sarah

1. William 1878 Yes

2. Ernest 1880 Yes

3. Charles 1881 Yes

4. Walter 1883 Yes

5. James <del.> 1884 Yes

Died Jan 1885.

177. DURBRIDGE /

Harry

Mr Hedges' groom.

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Charlotte 12.4.61

Married Easter

1884, April 13th.

178. FRANCIS

George Yes

-

Elizabeth Yes Yes

1. George 1868 Yes

2. Joseph 1871 Yes

3. Kate 1875 Yes

4. Alfred 1876 Yes

5. Albert Sydney 1879 Yes

6. Harriet 1883 Yes

179. <Blank>

William

Married on Good Friday

-

Jane

18<blank>

1. Elizabeth 5.5.81 Yes

Ann

2. William 17.5.82 Yes

Alfred

3. George 6.2.85 Yes

Edward

180. <On a small piece of paper loose in the book:>

William Saunders most likely coming out next Monday.

A new family in Gossip Row.

A family named Green in Pig Sty Alley, 2 unbaptized children: another expected, and she has promised, if all goes well, to bring the 3 together for Baptism. I have not entered these as I think it very likely they will not stay long.

<On the other side:>

Rhoda Greenway has had 1/- a month, but not paid on any particular day.

Mrs Pryor 6d. a week for porter, and I have sent her a dinner once or twice a week.

Widow Denton 1/- every now and then.

The Garlicks have a lot of children, and she has miserable health.

Edith Lay has been to dinner here, as the doctor much depended upon her food. She wants a light place now.

<THE BOXING DAY CHARITIES IN 1884>

<Note: The five-shilling gifts in the 'Special' column are noted in the MS as 'Widow's Crown'. The numbers at the left margin are editorial and refer to Mrs Bussell's list.>

1884	Heads of Houses	Child- ren	School Attend- ance	Special	Total
121. Robert Prior	1 6	6	3		2 3
94. Henry Lawrence	1 6				1 6
90. Thomas Hewett	1 6	1 -	3		2 9
Widow Hewett	2 -			2 -	4 -
17. Charles Brooker	1 6	1 -			2 6
49. William Eggleton	1 6			2 -	3 6
100. Widow Lewis	2 -			5 -	7 -
75. Wellington Hammond	1 6	2 6	9		4 3
6. Richard Ayres	1 6				1 6
95. James Lay	1 6	6	3		2 3
13. Thomas Wheatley Batten	1 6	2 -	6		4 -
77. William Harper	1 6				1 6
55. James Ellaway	1 6				1 6
28. Charles Castell	1 6				1 6
59. William Filbee	1 6			1 6	3 -
155. George Whitehorn	1 6				1 6
107. Widow Mears	2 -		3	2 -	4 3
107. Henry Leaver	1 6				1 6
126. Joseph Saunders	1 6			2 -	3 6
101. John Looker	1 6	6	3		2 3
147. Widow Wells	2 -			2 -	4 -
147. Son John Wells	1 -				1 -
106. Ezra Martin	1 6	1 6			3 -
175. Thomas Greenway	1 6				1 6
66. Rhoda Greenway	2 -			2 -	4 -
88. James Hewett	1 6				1 6
88. Son James Hewett	1 -				1 -
88. Sophia Hawkins	2 -	6	3		2 9
82. John Harvey	1 6	1 -	3		2 9
81. John Hathaway	1 6			3 6	5 -
Son Henry Hathaway	1 -				1 -
24. Widow Butcher	2 -			2 -	4 -

1884	Heads of Houses	Child- ren	School Attend- ance	Special	Total
133. William Swaddling	1 6				1 6
142. Frank Tarry	1 6				1 6
27. George Castell	1 6	1 6			3 -
71. James Grimshaw	1 6	6	3		2 3
83. William Harvey	1 6	2 6	3		4 3
151. Widow Wetherall	2 -			2 -	4 -
151. Son Charles Wetherall	1 -				1 -
32. Henry Cooper	1 6				1 6
144. Widow Weston	2 -			2 -	4 -
74. Thomas Hammond	1 6	2 6	1 3		5 3
130. Widow Simpson	2 -			2 -	4 -
51. Widow Prudence Eggleton	2 -			2 -	4 -
93. Arthur King	1 6	1 -			2 6
80. Widow Miriam Hathaway	2 -			2 -	4 -
80. Son Edward Baxter	1 -				1 -
Widow Abraham Eggleton		2 -		2 -	4 -
78. Charles Harris	1 6	1 6	9		3 9
150. George Wetherall	1 6	1 6	3		3 3
150. Idiot Boy Frederick Wetherall	1 -				1 -
102. James Looker	1 6			1 6	3 -
102. Idiot Boy Alfred Looker	1 -				1 -
143. John Thorn	1 6	1 6	3		3 3
18. John Brooker	1 6	1 -	3		2 9
10. Joseph Batten	1 6				1 6
171. Henry Field	1 6				1 6
48. Joseph Eggleton	1 6				1 6
46. Alfred Eggleton	1 6	1 -	6		3 -
19. William Brooker	1 6			1 6	3 -
16. George Birch	1 6	1 -	6		3 -
145. Charles Turner	1 6	1 6	6		3 6
64. Stephen Goodenough	1 6				1 6
128. Robert Saunders	1 6	1 -	6		3 -
118. Joseph Poole	1 6				1 6
23. George Butcher	1 6	3 6	1 3		6 3
1. Widow Absalom	2 -			2 -	4 -
131. Widow States	2 -			2 -	4 -
63. George Goddard	1 6	1 -	6		3 -
98. Richard Lay	1 6	6	3		2 3
85. William Hearman	1 6	6	3		2 3

1884	Heads of Houses	Child- ren	School Attend- ance	Special	Total
157. John Wilcox	1 6			2 -	3 6
29. Widow Cobb	2 -			5 -	7 -
105. Widow Marshall	2 -			5 -	7 -
105. Son Joseph Marshall	1 -				1 -
Widow Henry Eggleton	2 -			2 -	4 -
103. Widow Macklin	2 -			5 -	7 -
72. James Groves	1 6	1 -			2 6
22. Joseph Burchell	1 6	1	6		3 6
Widow Turner	2 -			2 -	4 -
96. William Lay	1 6	1 -	6		3 -
92. Robert Hurn	1 6				1 6
76. Widow Hammond	2 -			2 -	4 -
76. Son Frederick Hammond	1 -				1 -
43. Richard Derbridge	1 6	1 6	6	2 -	5 6
41. George Denton	1 6			3 6	5 -
William Marshall	1 -				1 -
86. David Hewett	1 6	6			2 -
60. Thomas Field	1 6	2 6			4 -
62. William Field Senr	1 6				1 6
21. William Bull	1 6				1 6
165. Robert Wing	1 6	1 -	6		3 -
111. Joseph Messenger	1 6	1 -	6		3 -
109. George Messenger	1 6				1 6
97. Joseph Lay	1 6				1 6
135. John Sheard	1 6		3		1 9
102. William Looker	1 6				1 6
110. James Messenger	1 6				1 6
113. Widow Mary Messenger	2 -			2 -	4 -
113. Son Frederick Messenger	1 -				1 -
42. William Denton	1 6	6			2 -
57. John Everex	1 6		3		1 9
164. Jonathan Wing	1 6			3 6	5 -
164. Son George Wing	1 -				1 -
112. Thomas Messenger	1 6	1 6	6		3 6
170. William Hewett	1 6	2 6	1 -		5 -
158. Shadrach Wilcox	1 6	6			2 -
44. Jonathan Eggleton	1 6				1 6
2. William Absalom	1 6				1 6
141. William Talbot	1 6	2 -	9		4 3
79. Charles Hathaway	1 6	6			2 -

1884	Heads of Houses	Child- ren	School Attend- ance	Special	Total
125. James Saunders	1 6	1 -			2 6
114. William Messenger	1 6	2 -	9		4 3
45. Abraham Eggleton	1 6	2 6	1 -		5 -
140. Robert Talbot	1 6	3 -	1 -		5 6
34. Joseph Cottrell	1 6			3 6	5 -
156. Jacob Whitehorn	1 6				1 6
65. Widow Goodey	2 -			2 -	4 -
65. Son George Goodey	1 -				1 -
Thomas Eggleton	1 6	1 6	9		3 9
7. Reuben Ayres	1 6	2 6	9		4 9
159. Parish Clerk	2 -				2 -

Names given in for next year

174. Richard Gale
 70. William Fowler and Sister
 176. George Greenough
 127. William Saunders

SLADE END BREAD. 1884

2. William Absalom	2½ Gallons
44. Jonathan Eggleton	2½ -
158. Shadrach Wilcox	3 -
34. Joseph Cottrell	5 -
140. Robert Talbot	9
156. Jacob Whitehorn	2½
65. Widow Goodey	3½
Thomas Eggleton	6
7. Reuben Ayres	8
114. William Messenger	7
45. Abraham Eggleton	8
79. Charles Hathaway	2½
125. James Saunders	5
141. William Talbot	7
170. William Hewett	<u>8</u>
	79½ = £3. 3. 0

<Balance Sheets 1884>

(1) General Charities

Balance Bt forwd	0. 11. 5	To Treass of schools	10. 0. 0
Mrs Isham's	1. 0. 0	To Doles	17. 18. 3
Mr Leaver's	1. 15. 4	Recreation Ground	1. 0. 0
Mr Field's	4. 0. 6	Balce in hand	<u>4. 2</u>
Mr Wintle's	4. 19. 6		
Dr Godwyn's	<u>16. 15. 8</u>		
	29. 2. 5		29. 2. 5

(2) Mrs Riggins' Charitiy

Received		Expended
<u>6. 6. 0</u>	Bread	3. 3. 0
	Slade End Schooling	<u>3. 3. 0</u>
6. 6. 0		6. 6. 0

(3) Dr Woodward's Charity

Balance in hand	4. 0. 0	Paid Treass of school	6. 0. 0
By Mr Dearlove	<u>5. 0. 0</u>	Balce in hand	<u>3. 0. 0</u>
	9. 0. 0		9. 0. 0

(4) Mr Fairthorne's Charity

<Scholarships for boys who had been educated in Brightwell School. Both the boys named below were enabled to go to Wallingford Grammar School from January 1884 to December 1885.>

Brought forward	41. 9. 5	Paid for Alfred Reely	14. 0. 0
Jany Dividend	13. 14. 2	Paid Charles Pratt	14. 0. 0
Retd Income Tax	1. 1. 0	Balce in hand	<u>41. 18. 9</u>
July dividend	<u>13. 14. 2</u>		
	69. 18. 9		69. 18. 9

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- Wells, Edward 'jnr' (1744-1811), of Wallingford, *f.* 20. 1784, succeeded William Dobson to his share of tithe lease at Slade End with Charles Taylor, £82, *f.* 20. 1793, bought eyot in Mackney Lane of Charles Toovey, *f.* 40. By 1797, occupied Slade End Farm, *f.* 61. 1796, alderman in Wallingford.
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