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Dear Member,

The June newsletter announced that there was to be an AUTUMN SERVICE at MOCCAS but we were not then in a position to give the date, other than that it might be in September or the 10th of October. But by the time of the Annual Service at HAY-ON-WYE (4th July) all was settled and the Vicar of Hay made the announcement that the MOCCAS SERVICE will be on Sunday the 10th of October.....at 3 o'clock.

It will be conducted by the Rev. C.J. HAYES, VICAR OF CLIFFORD and PRIEST-IN-CHARGE of MOCCAS—a member of the Society; many will remember the Commemoration Service of June 1963 at CLIFFORD, when a large congregation packed the church, despite a wet afternoon; to be warmly welcomed by Mr. Hayes.

The ADDRESS is to be given by a valued member of the Society who has become well known to many of us.....Mr. D.T.W. PRICE M.A. of SHREWSBURY and of S.DAVID'S COLLEGE LAMPETER. Mr. Price is a READER in the Dioceses of Lichfield and of St.Davids—and has taken part in the 1970 Commemoration Service at Clyro and in this year's at Hay-on-Wye. Those who were at the A.G.M. of 1970 will also remember the most interesting illustrated talk that he gave on that occasion, in conjunction with Mrs. M. Halford, also of Shrewsbury, the subject being the Shropshire Kilverts and the countryside that they lived in.

The LESSONS will be read by Commander B.S. Jones, OBE., R.N.(Ret'd) of Moccas Court and Vicar's Warden of the Church; and by Mr. David Machin of London, who is a Director of Jonathan Cape Ltd., and a member of the Kilvert Society. Mr. Machin has family ties with the Chester-Master family, who own the Moccas Court estate.

This "Special Autumn Service" at MOCCAS has been arranged not just in commemoration of the Rev. Francis Kilvert - although in his years at Bredwardine, the adjoining parish, he must have known Moccas and its people very well - but also to assist the ORGAN RESTORATION FUND (there is an interesting item about the ORGAN in MOCCAS CHURCH further on in this newsletter).

MOCCAS COURT will be OPEN both before and after the service (by kind permission of Mr. R. Chester-Master) from 1 o'clock to 2.30 p.m., and as soon as practicable after the service; the charge will be 10p for house and grounds and all proceeds will go towards the ORGAN FUND.....as will the 20p for TEA in MOCCAS VILLAGE HALL immediately after the service.

There are some NOTES about Moccas Court and on the many references to Moccas in Kilvert's Diary on one of the pages that follow.....and also full details of the WALK that has been arranged for Saturday the 9th October "across the Radnorshire moors to the Rocks of Aberedw" and the Social Evening with a showing of members slides that is in the process of being arranged for the evening of Saturday the 9th October in CLYRO VILLAGE HALL.

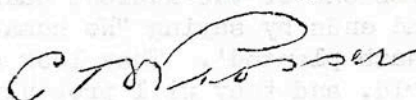
Transport arrangements (from Hereford) are as usual; a Yeomans MOTOR COACH will leave the TOWN HALL in St.Owen Street at 1-30 p.m. (Prompt) and proceed via Belmont and Madley to MOCCAS. The fare will be 40p. per person. Booking at Wyeval Ltd. Photographic Dealers, Bridge Street, Hereford or with the Hon. Secretary. PLEASE BOOK EARLY - IT WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED IF THOSE BOOKING WILL AT THE SAME TIME KINDLY PAY FOR THEIR SEATS IN THE COACH.

SUBSCRIPTIONS--this is the last reminder in 1971. Will those whose subscriptions are now due kindly remit to Mr. Worsey as soon as possible; those who are OVERDUE without delay please; and any whose subscriptions are BADLY OVERDUE please pay up, and RESIGN if they have lost interest. The minimum subscription is now 50p. but those members who are content with the April newsletter only can still pay at the old minimum rate of 25p.

Many have already taken advantage of becoming LIFE MEMBERS for £10.

Kindly remember that RECEIPTS are-whenver possible-held back to come with the next newsletter, a necessary economy in these days of high postal charges.

Yours sincerely,



C.T.O. Prosser.....Hon. Secretary.

See P. 8
RADIO
"Oh Daisy"

NOTES and NEWS...by the Hon.Secretary...plus contributions from members.

MOCCAS.

Not the easiest of places to find (especially the CHURCH) so a few hints for those not familiar with this part of Herefordshire may be helpful. It is the adjoining parish to Bredwardine but only about 12 miles out of Hereford, with Bredwardine some 2 miles or so further on along the B.4352-which is one of the several ways from Hereford to Hay-on-Wye. This road starts out of Hereford as the A.465 for Abergavenny, but in about 3 miles (at Belmont) one takes the road for Madley; and in another couple of miles this becomes the B.4352 and passes through Madley and Blakemere and so to Moccas. This is the route from Hereford way; those coming from opposite directions come to Bredwardine first and then go the 2 miles on to Moccas. All will arrive at the point where a temporary sign will indicate the way to the church. Moccas Church is in the park and close to Moccas Court; other temporary signs will indicate the way across the park towards the church. There will be very ample car parking facilities within a short distance of CHURCH and COURT.

The Village Hall (where TEA will be available immediately after the service, thanks to the good ladies of Moccas) is at the edge of the park, a few hundred yards from the church.....please particularly note that by their kindness and generosity the 2Op. that all will pay for their TEA will be donated to the ORGAN RESTORATION FUND.

THE CHURCH

Moccas Church is Norman, very much like Herefordshire's most visited church, Kilpeck (which Pevsner terms the most perfect Norman village church in England) except that Moccas is plain, and built entirely of tufa, no doubt from the petrifying well by the Wye which Kilvert visited on July 3rd 1878 (p.400 in Vol.3.) Almost blocking the way to the chancel is the stone effigy of a Knight on a tomb chest about which Kilvert wrote (on April 10th 1875, when he came up from Langley Burrell to stay with his sister at Monnington-on-Wye; see p.165 in Vol.3.)....."the thing that interested me most in the Church was the beautiful tomb of Sir Reginald de Fresne (Fraxinus Ashe) the Crusader, perhaps an ancestor of my own". The ORGAN fills the west end of Moccas Church and for a description of it no-one can do better than turn to p.8 of the newsletter of September 1970; when the Tanners of Kington Langley visited Moccas when up in Herefordshire doing the drawing for the Christmas card of Bredwardine, and then wrote their impressions of what they had seen on their return to Wiltshire. It had also caught the eye of our Norfolk member Mr. D. Harris when he and his wife and family were on holiday in Radnorshire in 1969, so much so that Mr. Harris wrote to the makers (J.W. Walker & Sons Ltd. of Ruislip, Middx) and received from them photo-stats of their records which give its history. I have them in front of me as I type and shall hope to find room further on in these pages to quote from them; when it will be seen that the Revd. Sir George Cornewall of Moccas Court ordered it and paid for it. This was in 1872. The Diary tells us that on December 20th 1878 Sir George walked over from Moccas to preach at an Advent service in Bredwardine church; many of us think that in the unpublished parts of Kilvert's Diary (twice as much as there is in the three volumes that we know so well) there are probably several occasions recorded when Kilvert preached in Moccas church; but nothing that we can read.....other than that on August 14th 1878 (p.410 in Vol.3.) Kilvert "went to a garden party at Moccas Court"-----one of the many references to Moccas to be found in the three volumes.

MOCCAS COURT

The fact that this is to be open for inspection both before and after the service will give great pleasure to many who come to Moccas to attend this first ever event of the Society to be held there. Mr. Chester-Master immediately agreed to the suggestion that it should be specially opened for us and that the 1Op. admission charge should all go to help swell the Organ Restoration Fund. This small charge admits to several of the main rooms of the Court; one has the original wallpaper of about 1780; another has a superb flying staircase; there are fine doors and woodwork. All this is well illustrated in the Shell Guide to Herefordshire (David Verey...1955.) There are some good pictures, but as yet little furniture; for it was let on lease for many years and only recently become vacant again. The Cornewalls had lived elsewhere in Moccas for a very long time; two bachelor brothers, and after their death the estate went to their kinsmen the Chester-Masters of Cirencester. Moccas Court is beautifully situated on the Wye, facing the woods and red sandstone cliffs of Brobury Scar and giving a fine vista from the lawns fronting the Court and running down towards the Wye. Those who visit the Court will be allowed to stroll around and enjoy all this.

MOCCAS DEER PARK

The entry in the Diary for April 22nd 1876 (pp.263/4 in Vol.3.) is well known and often quoted....Kilvert's impressions of the ancient oaks in the Park, he calls them the "grey old men of Moccas" and ends by saying "No human hand set those oaks. They are 'the trees which the Lord hath planted'. They look as if they have been at the beginning and making of the world, and they will probably see its end". Many who have read this come to see them; for some are there still, though some have gone; but

not everyone looks for them in the right place - there are some fine oaks in the Park where one finds Court and Church, but it is in the Deer Park, on the other side of the road to Bredwardine and running up to the top of the hill that overlooks the Golden Valley where these "old men of Moccas" are to be found, sometimes with a herd of deer among them.

THE 1971 COMMEMORATION SERVICE at HAY-on-WYE.

It was 16 years since the previous such service at HAY; for it was on 3rd July 1955 that the first "Kilvert" service was held there. On that occasion Dean Hedley Burrows gave the ADDRESS, and the Rev. D.J. Lane Griffiths took part in it. Quite a few who were present on 3rd July 1955 were again there on 4th July 1971. Hay Church holds 400, plus another 100 in the gallery; we hoped to see it pretty well filled, but after a fine morning the clouds gathered and soon after lunch time it was evident that a storm was brewing. Soon after 2 o'clock the rain started and developed into a thunderstorm, with torrential rain and terrific thunder and lightning. The streets ran like rivers and many were marooned in their houses and their cars and in hotels etc. until it had slackened off enough to make a dash for the church. The Vicar of Hay held up the start of the service until 3-15, and by that time the church was nicely full, and a few who arrived a little late brought the congregation up to about 350. A very rewarding number with such weather conditions; if we had been blessed with our usual "Kilvert weather" the church may well have been filled to capacity.

As always, many had come long distances - London and the Home Counties; Birmingham and the Midlands; Bristol, Bath and other places in Somerset; Swansea and other places in South Wales; etc. etc., but probably the longest journey in the U.K. was made from the borders of Westmorland (but there is a separate note about this, and about our members from Honolulu who were at Hay that day). It is always a difficult thing to mention names, but among those who we were particularly pleased to see present were Mrs. S. Mumford and Miss R. Mumford, direct descendants of the Bevans of Hay Castle; and two members of the Kilvert family - Mrs. E. Victor of Hereford and Mrs. P. Earle of Brecon (there is an interesting note concerning Mrs. Earle on another page). As always, many members and friends came from Herefordshire and from every county that surrounds it. After the opening hymn "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" the Vicar of Hay (the Rev. I.Ll. Davies - a member of the Society) welcomed the members of the Society and their friends to his church, and thanked the Society for the gift of a New English Bible (Old Testament) to mark the occasion of the service. After bible readings by Major J.D. Gibson-Watt, M.C., M.P., - Minister of State, Welsh Office; and by Dr. William Plomer; the hymn which the Diary tells us was Francis Kilvert's favourite was sung... "Jerusalem, my happy home"... and an ACT OF REMEMBRANCE was given by our member Mr. D.T.W. Price M.A. of Shrewsbury and Lampeter, part of it being in Welsh (fittingly so, for we were in Breconshire); this was a prayer for Wales, the land which Kilvert loved, its church, and its people. Then came the ADDRESS, by the Rev. Canon W.E. Jones M.A. of Tenby, and a former Dean of Brecon, who took for his text "Good men from the good treasure of their hearts bring out, the things that are good" (St. Luke, 6,48.) and with this text he linked Kilvert's influence on his mother (who was the Lizzie of the Diarist's poem THE TANYBWLCH BEACH) and through her to him and the others of her children-----and that of Bishop Bevan (Kilvert's friend "Teddy" Bevan, who became the first Bishop of Swansea and Brecon and whose home was at Hay Castle) and with whom he (the Canon) had been so closely associated in his earlier years. There was so much of enthralling interest to all "Kilvertians" present that we hope to (in due course) have both typed sheets and a tape recording of Canon Jones' address available for members and friends to acquire; but a good comment came from two London members present in a letter during the following week. It read.... "We (my cousin and I) enjoyed it deeply, and thought the lovely old gentleman with his sticks and rheumatism, simply splendid. I thought the tales of his childhood and the way his mother had told her children of Kilvert as part of her childhood, utterly charming". The service ended with the congregation wholeheartedly singing "Hark, hark, my soul! Angelic songs are swelling"---a hymn of which Kilvert was very fond, and which the Diary tells us (referred to as "Pilgrims of the Night") was sung by a group around the organ at Hay Castle on two occasions as well as by Florence Hill in her home at the Upper Noyadde, Llowes one evening when Kilvert called on the Hill family. Pronouncement of the BLESSING by the Vicar of Hay brought yet another---and very noteworthy---Kilvert Commemoration Service to a close.

TEA AT "THE SWAN".

The service over, and the thunderstorm gone long before it ended, we came out of church to find it fine and clear, as so often after a storm. Many of those present made their way to the Swan Hotel, where a good tea was provided at a very reasonable price; it is good to see this fine old building looking so nice again after its years "in the doldrums", for it means a lot to true "Kilvertians" as it figures so much in the Diary, this is where the family of Father Ignatius stayed and where Kilvert was so attracted to Miss Lyne (his sister)---see pages 176-7-8 in Vol.1. The Swan has

other mentions in Vol. 1. and in Vol. 2.

But large numbers went first to THE HAY BOOKSHOP (claimed to be the largest secondhand bookshop in the world) and browsed around there until it was time to change over with those who had gone first to tea at the Swan.

HAY CASTLE

Mr. Richard Booth had very kindly given us permission to gather on the lawn to listen to Dr. Plomer, but it was all too rain-soaked for this, much to our regret, for Hay Castle figures so much in the Diary and Kilvert was so frequently a visitor there (when it was the home of the Rev. R.L. and Mrs. Bevan and their family) that this visit would have been of great interest to so many. The Vicar of Hay saved the situation by very kindly inviting us all back into the Parish Church; where Dr. Plomer gave a talk and a reading which centred on the many references to Hay town and Hay Castle that are in the Diary and by so doing delighted the large company present. This was preceded by a delightful little ceremony, when Dr. Plomer presented the prizes (book tokens) to the six children from Hay (Brecon Road) Primary School who were the winners in the now familiar competition sponsored by the Society each year. The winners were Jocelyn Price, Jane Derbyshire, Linda Jenkins, Sharon Gibbons and Katherine Blake; their writings and drawings--on the folklore, people, birds, flowers etc. that occur in the Diary, reflected very great credit on them and their tutor-Mrs. Nesta Lewis, Headmistress; and had the presentation taken place as originally intended (at Hay Castle) would undoubtedly have brought a great volume of applause from those present. Many managed to see something of the children's work, before starting for home. Thanks are due to the judges...Mr. H.R. Evans of Clyro Primary School and his Assistant Mistress Miss M. Mantle.

THE 1972 COMMEMORATION SERVICE.

During August we received a very kind invitation from the Rev. E.H. Waddleton, the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chippenham with Langley Burrell, to hold the 1972 Commemoration Service at Langley Burrell. This was immediately put before the Committee and their unanimous decision is that we accept with thanks. This has been done, and we can now look forward to once again visiting that lovely old church in the trees just across the park from Langley House, the home of Francis Kilvert's forbears the Ashes, where our Vice-President Major C.R.L. Scott-Ashe lives today, sharing the house with his brother Mr. A.L. Scott and Mrs. Scott. Our previous such service at Langley Burrell was in 1966 (July 3rd) when the late Rev. D.J. Lane Griffiths gave the ADDRESS. It was, of course, on that occasion that the splendid tablet in the porch of Langley Burrell church was unveiled and dedicated, a tablet setting out the history of the church and naming its rectors down the years as well as commemorating the fact that Francis Kilvert was his father's curate there for a number of years. The date of this 1972 service in Wiltshire will not be decided for some time yet, but it will no doubt be in late June or early July; perhaps we can get it settled in time to be announced in the April newsletter?

VISITING THE WILTSHIRE "KILVERT COUNTRY".

We are glad to be able to announce that a Chippenham member has made it known that she would be willing to provide accommodation (B.& B. or otherwise) to any member who would like to stay in Chippenham and explore the surrounding area. Mrs. M. Harding of 26 King Alfred Street, Chippenham suggests that any member wanting homely accommodation at a reasonable price might care to write to her and make enquiries. The Hardings are among some of our very first members in Chippenham, and Mr. Harding is one of the churchwardens at Langley Burrell.....not only have they been foremost in organising splendid teas for the several occasions when we have had services at Langley Burrell and Hardenhuish, or taken a party to the area; but they have also been among the Wiltshire members coming to the Annual Service in Herefordshire and Radnorshire and at times the only Wiltshire representatives present. Most surely to be counted among our many outstandingly "good" members.

We would be glad to make a similar announcement to this for any other member offering similar homely accommodation, for it is not everyone who wants to stay in expensive hotels.

MORE CHAPTERS FROM THE KILVERT SAGA.

Most members know by now that this is the title of the Society's latest paperback, it came out in 1970 and the batch printed then soon sold out...far quicker than anyone could possibly have anticipated. The second batch came out a few months ago, but at a somewhat higher cost than the originals----65p., but it is most encouraging to get letters from those who have bought it saying that it is worth every penny of the price, some even saying that they don't know how it is done for the money!!! It is a "fat" booklet, with 128 pages and 9 illustrations, one of these being of the Rev. Robert Kilvert - the only likeness that we have ever seen of the Diarist's father. His "Memoirs" and his daughter Emily's "Recollections" take up most of the 128 pages

(the remainder being extracts from the writings of Augustus Hare, those dealing with his days at the school at Hardenhuish Rectory run by the Rev. Robert Kilvert) and - as Dr. Plomer so truly says in his INTRODUCTION - they "fascinate Kilvertians". They are selling everywhere, although one would think that it is around Chippenham, Bath and Bristol that they would sell best; for so much is written of places and people in those areas last century. So far we have fixed up with one bookshop in BATH, and they have stocks of the "Saga" as well as a few of our other 4 publications are also to be obtained from the shops at Hereford, Hay-on-Wye, Clyro, Chippenham and Selborne (Hants) that are stockists of our Christmas cards. (Full addresses under that heading). Publications and cards can, of course, be ordered from the Hon. Secretary at 23 Broomy Hill, Hereford. The postage on "More Chapters from the Kilvert Saga" is 5p. making a total of 70p. to be remitted for this splendid booklet.

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR COPY YET?

IT WILL FASCINATE YOU TOO!!!

THE ORGAN IN MOCCAS CHURCH.

Here are some extracts from the photostats of the records of 1872 in the books of Messrs. J.W. Walker & Sons Ltd. Organ Builders, of Ruislip, Middlesex---the builders of the organ in Moccas Church---the same organ which it is hoped soon to restore, towards which fund the proceeds of our day at Moccas on October 10th is going. The account is in the name of the Revd. Sir George Cornwall of Moccas Court, and he paid the whole of the cost. The first page starts:- To making a full toned Church organ-constructed to suit the position at the West End of the Church-with wings-bellows on ground floor and with separate reservoir of the following contents. Then follows a list of the pipes, pedal pipes, pedals, coupler keys to pedals; and fixing a second manual and the organ planned with bellows frame etc. of increased size so that a separate swell organ may be added at some future time. The description of the exterior casing then tells that it is "made in accordance with Mr. Scott's design in painted deal with projecting tower in front, the carved tracery carried out in oak, with plain polished metal pipes in front. The whole executed in the best materials and workmanship for the net sum of TWO HUNDRED GUINEAS. Then there are extras, candle sconces, enclosing side wings in painted case work, brackets, gilding, packing and carriage and cartage, fixing in the Church, alteration of gallery stairs from north to south side, etc. etc.--totalling £94.12.0., making a grand total of £304.12.0. Subsequently there were other bills for regulating and tuning; and for making a platform to raise the bellows out of a damp corner. total £16.11.0. In 1875 the swell organ was added, at a cost of £100.5.0. and the account sheet goes on up to 1884 with various tunings and certain alterations and work on the organ, about £70 in all. In the accompanying letter the makers say that from 1880 to 1913 - when the organ was taken out of their care - no further alterations were made and the ledger entries are merely for tuning. I believe that I am right in saying that the makers have been asked to quote for renovation; it will be interesting to know whether it is they who will eventually do the work.

This then is the organ which Kilvert heard Sir George Cornwall playing (see p.165 in Vol.3) on April 10th 1875. Sir George afterwards showing Kilvert round the Church. There are many references in Kilvert's Diary to Sir George Cornwall, he was Rector of Moccas and the Rev. Bishop was curate, he is also much mentioned, particularly so in the third volume.

There may be some who would much like to come to Moccas on October 10th and make a contribution to the Organ Restoration Fund, but are unable to do so because of distance or from some other reason; if they wish to send a contribution this would be undoubtedly much welcomed. The cost is likely to be at least £1,500 and more than half of this has still to be raised.

Anything sent to the Hon. Secretary at 23 Broomy Hill, Hereford, will be handed on to the Treasurer of the Organ Restoration Fund.

OUR PRESIDENT.

Dr. Plomer much regrets that he will not be with us at Moccas on October 10th. He is greatly involved with many things in October---Stroud Festival, where he is giving a reading; and other events. He tells me that he is a founder member of the recently formed Byron Society, and that on September 27th the Society will be giving a concert at Crosby Hall in Chelsea. The programme will include the first performance for more than 100 years of some of Byron's most famous lyrics, set to music mostly by composers of his time; and Dr. Plomer has been invited to read "The Isles of Greece" at that concert. In case anyone is interested the Hon. Sec. of the Byron Society is:- Mrs. Elma Dangerfield O.B.E., 6 Gertrude Street, London S.W.10.

SATURDAY 9th OCTOBER 1971---A WALK IN RADNORSHIRE.

It is seldom that a WALK can be arranged at a time when distant members can join in; but as it is known that a number of London, Birmingham and Bristol members are coming to stay in the district over the weekend of the MOCCAS service the opportunity has been taken to arrange a day in the Radnorshire Hills for Saturday 9th October, to do

the favourite walk "ACROSS THE MOORS TO THE ROCKS OF ABEREDW". This particular walk has been chosen for several reasons----it is always popular and seems quite different at different times of the year; it is about the right length, and not hilly, and (most important) the moors are so vast that if 50 or 60 turned up they would hardly be noticed once we got under way. The programme is.....all cars meet at CLYRO (near the Baskerville Arms) at 11 a.m. Each to bring their own picnic lunch and picnic tea. After a short wait for anyone delayed in starting we go in our cars via Painscastle and the Erwood road to the first signposted crossroads - where we turn right and in a mile (at the T junction) turn left, and uphill - over the cattle grids to the parking place - which is near the gate for Pen-y-Graig Farm (the Grid - Reference is 108-458; map 141 - Brecon - in the 1" O.S.) It will now be noon or after. If we now have LUNCH there will be a long afternoon for the walk. It is but about 2½ miles across to the ROCKS, and the walk will no doubt be as leisurely as usual; allow an hour for roaming around the rocks, high above the Wye, nice views if fine and clear; or to sit and chat - and maybe someone will read Kilvert's poem "The Rocks of Aberedw". Then back across the moors for the picnic tea; then either home or to Clyro for the evening event that has been arranged to end this day in Radnorshire. (Note....those who would like to look up Kilvert's walks to Aberedw should turn up 58-61 in Vol.1; and in Vol.3....p.81. Also worth reading again are the descriptions of, first a train journey and then a drive with Mr. Venables - on consecutive days - up the Wye Valley and under the Rocks of Aberedw; on pages 166 to 169 of Vol.3. - for here we find that oft quoted piece of prose beginning and ending with the words "Oh, Aberedw, Aberedw.").

THE EVENING IN CLYRO.

It has been decided that with so many members and friends in the Clyro area on October 9th it is an opportunity too good to be missed - for an evening "get-together" to see slides that have been taken at some of the events of the last two or three years, and other slides of interest. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE THEREFORE BEEN MADE FOR THE USE OF CLYRO VILLAGE HALL THAT EVENING, and we hope that a good company will come along. We can make a start as soon as enough arrive; whether this is 6 o'clock; 6.30 or 7. Those who have been out on the hills may be ready to start sooner than those who come just for the evening. Mrs. Orton at the Baskerville Arms will have SNACKS ready for anyone who wants them--from 6 o'clock onwards (at the HOTEL).

NEW MEMBERS-----MAXWELL FRASER.

Quite a lot of new members during 1971, pushing the total membership up towards the 550 mark. Surely the best known name among the new members this year is one who has joined quite recently. Maxwell Fraser, whose books most of us have read. "West of Offas Dyke" is my favourite (2 vols.) tho' there are many others on Worcester, Somerset, the Lake District etc. etc. For 30 years she edited the old G.W.R. "Holiday Haunts" until it was finally abolished under the Beeching axe. Mrs. Phillips (her actual name, tho' she has always written under her maiden name..Maxwell Fraser) hopes to be with us at Moccas on October 10th; is the widow of Edgar Phillips who was Gorsedd sword-bearer for many years and became Archdruid in 1960--until his death a month after the 1962 eisteddfod at Llanelli, his bardic name was Trefin and he was a distinguished Welsh poet. I hear that a new book by Maxwell Knight comes out "in the Spring" THE WELSH BORDER, a Batsford book with some 30 illustrations, price £1.50.

A very new member, who we are delighted to welcome, is Mr. M.L. Bourdillion of Llwyn Madoc in Breconshire, for he is of the Thomas family. We can read in Kilvert's Diary of Kilvert meeting Miss Thomas of Llwyn Madoc at a dinner party (p.33 in Vol.1.) where there were also many other members of the Thomas family---and the conversation referred to the Thomas family of Mitcham, with whom Kilvert was staying in January 1870, as per the very first page of Vol.1. We know that Kilvert preached at the Harvest Festival at Eglwys Oen Du (Llwyn Madoc), for he refers to this on p.53 of Vol.2.---probably only one of many times that he went there....could we but see the original diary in full.

It is pleasing to be able to report more Wiltshire members---of Box, Corsham, Swindon, Pewsey etc.

HONEYMOON DIARY.

Mrs. P. Earle of Brecon (who was at the HAY service in July) has given two valuable items to the Society.....a copy of her grandmother's "Honeymoon Diary"; and when it is realized that her grandmother was Dora Kilvert, who on July 31st 1879 was married to James Pitcairn at Langley Burrell.....it will be plain why I refer to it as a "valuable item". If we were but now about to produce "More Chapters from the Kilvert Saga" this would certainly be added to it; as it is we shall have to wait until there is a suitable opportunity to publish it; for it will need to go with another similar item to make a publication of a convenient size. The honeymoon was spent in the Lake District, with a stay in Leamington and Warwick en route; the train journey is well described; they stayed at Ambleside and made excursions by carriage, boat and on foot--visiting Keswick and many of the lakes and beauty spots around. One gets the

impression of everywhere being quite crowded, something we are apt to think only happens in the times we now live in. When they go to church on the Sunday evening they are glad to get seats near the door; for it is so packed that on a hot evening they feel that it might be almost suffocating anywhere else!! August 20th was the last day of their honeymoon; the day that her brother Francis was married to Elizabeth Rowland in Oxfordshire, and that evening Dora writes "we have been thinking all day of the wedding and picturing it all to ourselves".

The other item is a photograph of Mrs. Pitcairn, with a little boy of about two on her knee, he was born in 1880, so this photograph was taken only some three years after the entry on almost the last page of the third volume of the Diary, where - on 12th March 1879 - Dora shows her brother a letter she had just received from James Pitcairn asking her to marry him. Truly "a valuable item" for pictures that are contemporary with the Diary (or nearly so) are the ones that we like best of all.

In due course this photograph of Dora Pitcairn and Frank will be "copied" and added to the ever growing collection of relevant photographs that are available to our members and friends.

ALL THE WAY FROM HONOLULU.

Without doubt, the members from furthest away who were at the July service at Hay-on-Wye were Dr. and Mrs. F.R. Hurlbutt from Honolulu. It is not suggested that they came to the U.K. specially to be with us at Hay that day, but it did so happen that they were holidaying in Europe about that time and fitted their visit to this country just right to enable them to come to Hay on July 4th. Two days previously they were in Denmark, on the Saturday in Salisbury, and came to Hay from Salisbury on the Sunday morning. Mrs. Hurlbutt is quite a long-standing member, Dr. H. a new one; for they have not been married so very long; nor have they been in Honolulu always...for Mrs.H. was formerly Miss Mary Morris of Pennsylvania----a grand-daughter of Kilvert's Bredwardine parishioner Mary (Marianne) Powell (see p.414 in Vol.3.). It will be remembered that we have photostats of the letter that Kilvert wrote to Mary Powell when she first left home to go out into the world----the original letter being a treasured possession of the Morris family in Pennsylvania.

There is much food for thought in the fact that these folk from the other side of the earth, and yet linked with Kilvert and the Diary - were there that Sunday among us and among many others whose forbears were also folk we can read about by opening one or other of the three volumes.

DAVID GARNETT. C.B.E.

We counted ourselves truly honoured that July Sunday at HAY--by the presence among us of that great literary figure David Garnett.....and all the more so because he had started at 6 o'clock in the morning from Sedbergh (in Yorkshire, but almost on the Westmorland border) and arrived in Hay about 1 o'clock. In fact, Dr. Plomer and a little party of members were having lunch in one of the Hay hotels when he arrived. They greeted each other as the old friends that they are, and we were all thus enabled to realise just who had come to join us. I have since looked him up in "Who's who" and the list of his writings is truly formidable; not the least of them being in connection with the late T.E. Lawrence. I am glad to be able to say that Mr. Garnett did not make the long journey back, but after the service went on to stay with friends in the Wye Valley.

PILGRIMS TO CANTERBURY.

Several Hereford members will be in the party who next week set off for seven days in Canterbury, we have been reading up Kilvert's account of his visit to Canterbury and Faversham in 1876 (pages 337-339 in Vol.3.) and shall hope to have an item in the April newsletter on this visit nearly 100 years after Kilvert. (This item, and indeed the whole newsletter, was written and posted away for duplication in early September, immediately before the start for Canterbury).

OBITUARY.

The death of a number of members has to be reported--with much regret; although it is inevitable in many cases when one considers that the Society was founded as far back as 1948. Some are distant members who I have never met; others were quite well known to me and I am therefore able to say more about them.

Mr. B. Surtees Raine of Darlington, Co. Durham died on the 14th June 1971 and Mr. F. Rimell of Whitchurch, Hants on July 6th this year.

On June 8th 1971 we lost one of our Scottish members, Mr. A. Maxtone Graham of Aberlady Mains House, East Lothian; it may not be out of place to mention that Mrs. Maxtone Graham (also a member) is a grand-daughter of Bishop Percival of Hereford (in the early part of this century).

Mr. J. Cecil Price of Kingsland, Herefordshire, died on June 26th.....a Founder-Member and a regular attender at all meetings, commemoration services and often joint in on our walks until a year or so ago, when he became infirm. Of a Radnorshire farming family (St. Harmon and Nantmel) many of us have heard Mr. Price tell how

his father's wagons helped (as a labour of love) to haul the stone to build the little church at Ysfa (Hysfa) near Nantmel; most of us will be familiar with Kilvert's account of the laying of the foundation stone of this church, to be found on pages 106-12 of Vol.1. My wife and I attended the funeral service at Kingsland, where Mr. Price had been churchwarden for many years, the large congregation included representatives of his many interests.

Then on July 9th we lost another Founder-Member; Mr. G.F.B. Peirson of Coventry, only five days after the Commemoration Service at Hay-on-Wye, which he attended. Mr. Peirson was often unable to get to such services, being organist at a church in Coventry, and I am particularly pleased to think that he was at Hay this year and that I had a long chat with him in the car park there, just after he arrived.

What a keen "Kilvertian" he was can be judged from the appreciation that followsfrom the pen of his friend the Rev. Bernard Humphreys (another Founder-Member who, it will be remembered, came over from Lincolnshire to give the address at Bredwardine in 1964.)

GEOFFREY F.B. PEIRSON - AN APPRECIATION

Members of the Kilvert Society will be sorry to learn of the sudden death of this Founder-Member, at the age of 65, on 9th July 1971.

A bachelor, Mr. Peirson was a man of many parts.

By profession he was a Chartered Accountant, and a partner in the family practice in Coventry. As such, he was highly respected, and had served as President of the local Society of Chartered Accountants.

He was an accomplished musician - a brilliant pianist and an Associate of the Royal College of Organists.

His many interests made him known to a wide circle of acquaintances, and he was a thoroughly convivial character who mixed easily and graciously with all manner of folk. This was evidenced by the crowded attendance at his funeral in Coventry. Above all, as a member of the Church of England, he practised his religion conscientiously, and was most regular in the duties of his Faith.

He was keenly interested in the Kilvert Society, and attended the Annual Service whenever possible. He never failed to send me a long and detailed account of it. His extraordinary knowledge of the places mentioned in the Diaries was derived from frequent visits to the Welsh Border counties of Brecknock and Radnor, and to Wiltshire; indeed, any place mentioned was sure of receiving a visit from him at such time as he might be in the district.

The writer of this tribute (Bernard Humphreys - also a member of the Society) would like to record his gratitude for years of close personal friendship, which included many visits to Hay and Clyro, and the lovely country of the Black Mountains and Radnorshire. He received from Mr. Peirson a picture postcard mentioning his attendance at the Hay Service on 4th July, and was eagerly awaiting the letter which would have given a full and lively description of everything. But this was not to be.

WHAT IS A ROLT?

A London member has sent a cutting from THE FIELD of 5th August 1971; a reader's letter on p.336 quotes the entry for 1st May 1876 (p.284 in Vol.3.) "Baskerville came up from the river saying he had just killed a rolt salmon and slipped into the water and had come home to change." The writer asks "what is a rolt"? Does any member know the answer?

"YR YMWELWR MAWR O GLEIRWY"

A member has recently sent me (from North Breconshire) a note saying that in the May/June number of the Welsh Presbyterian journal "PORFEYDD" there is an article with the above heading; the English meaning is "The great Visitor of Clyro" and the article is a nice little introductory one which emphasizes Kilvert's pastoral care of his parishioners.

How this would have pleased the late Rev. D.J. Lane Griffiths, for he so often was heard to say that it was time that Kilvert's Diary was translated into Welsh; and he said it even louder after he had assisted the late Miss Friis of Copenhagen with her production of selections from the Diary in Danish (a production sponsored by the Danish government) following the stay of the Friis sisters in the Hay-Clyro area in 1956.

"OH DAISY!"

This is the title of a B.B.C. (Radio) programme to be broadcast on SUNDAY OCTOBER 3rd. at 10.10 p.m. on Radio 4. It is described as an episode in the life of the Rev. Francis Kilvert and is written and narrated by our member Mr. H. Colin Davis (of Edenbridge in Kent) and the part of Kilvert is to be read by David Davis....his brother.

When I first heard of this (some months ago) I felt a little apprehensive; for we all know what some people might make out of this theme!!! --- and speaking generally I thoroughly agree with what I heard Dr. Plomer once say regarding this

matter....that there is so much beauty described in the Diary, and so many interesting things and events that why pick on this unfortunate love affair of Kilvert's?

But I don't think any of us need worry. Mr. Davis himself is an enthusiastic member of the Society, and he tells me that his brother is a marvellous reader and intensely sympathetic to Kilvert----so I feel that all will be well.

As this broadcast comes just right to be announced in a newsletter that will be circulated only a week or so before it takes place there will no doubt be a great number of members and other interested people listening. Please spread the news among any of your friends who are in any way interested, or have read Kilvert's Diary.

THE CORNISH REVIEW.

There are now only a dozen or so unsold copies of this excellent magazine, the number containing a long article on Kilvert's holiday in Cornwall. They are 25p. each--from the Hon. Secretary, a stamp for postage would be appreciated.

ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS OF 1870.

Just a reminder that these fascinating maps can be obtained POST FREE from the Hon. Secretary at 75p. each. Sheet No. 49 covers Clyro Hill, Painscastle and the area beyond. Sheet No. 58 covers Clyro village, Hay and the Black Mountain area etc. and Sheet No. 69 covers North Wiltshire (Langley Burrell, Hardenhuish, etc. etc.). They are reprints of the first edition of one-inch O.S. maps.

MIDSUMMER DAY.

Several members wrote to me in the last week of June this year to point out that just 100 years ago Kilvert wrote "Saturday, 24 June. Midsummer Day. the coldest and most cheerless I ever remember". (p.364 in Vol.1.) and to suggest that his words just about fitted the conditions in June 1971!!!

AN EASTER HOLIDAY AT BREDWARDINE.

When we visited Oxford in May, and joined in evensong in Wadham College Chapel (with Mr. A.O.J. Cockshut giving the ADDRESS), I heard brief details from Mrs. Cockshut of their visit to Bredwardine at Easter, and then persuaded her to write an item about it for one of our newsletters. Here it is, and I am sure it will be read with interest by all who have themselves visited Bredwardine; and no doubt some of those who have not already holidayed there will be inspired to do so after reading it.

I feel daunted at being asked to write about an Easter visit to Bredwardine, because many members of the Society will know it far better than I, and nearly everybody will know the Diaries better.

We chose Bredwardine for an Easter holiday, in fact, not primarily for its associations with Kilvert, but for a number of other reasons. There is a good inn there, it is within walking distance of a certain well-publicised bookshop at Hay, we love the train journey from Oxford, and, having read Charles Mowat's history, The Golden Valley Railway, we had certain impractical ideas of walking down the Golden Valley along the uprooted railway line - having a great sentimental fondness for old branch lines.

As things turned out, we were not able to accomplish this, the walk over Dorstone Hill into the Golden Valley is quite taxing, and by the time we had done it there never seemed much time left for searching for the railway. But we did lament its disappearance, it would have been so delicious to trundle through the April countryside on a train that stopped at Peterchurch, Vowchurch, Bacton, Abbey Dore, Pontrilas, a sonorous litany of names.

We did get as far as Peterchurch on our feet. We had puffed up Dorstone Hill (some pull, this), turned left to walk along Moccas ridge-making a diversion to reunite a lamb with its mother; only when we did succeed in getting the lamb on the right side of the fence they seemed to have forgotten each other - and then, after two or three miles, down the hill into Peterchurch. But it turned out to be a depressing collection of bungalows, and quite unlike what the name suggested, that we turned back and climbed Dorstone Hill from the other side. Another railway whose passing we lamented was the one that Kilvert himself often used - Hay, Whitney, Kinnersley, and so on. Not that he was not a sturdy walker of course. Kilvertians will remember when he misses the train at Whitney after a harvest festival, and walks home. "Tried to catch the 8.45 train but while Henry Dew and I were running along the line to the station it glided past close blazing with lamps into the station where it stopped half a minute and was off again to Hay in spite of Henry Dew's running and hooting. So I walked home. Past and left behind one roaring brook after another, Brilley, Rhydspence, Cabalva. Over the border out of England into Wales in the dark."

We walked into Hay ourselves, eight or nine miles (the milestones and the signposts disagreed over this). It can hardly have changed in the last hundred years. Even the signboard announcing "artistic studio portraiture" seemed 1870'ish, so did

the way the shoeshop hung its boots outside. We did not walk back, but, discovering a bus to Dorstone, walked up Dorstone Hill yet again, and as it was a softly warm evening, made a diversion to see Arthur's Stone and so came down to Bredwardine past Crafta Webb and past the school, discovering then what I suppose we should have known before, that Bredwardine is not just the Red Lion and the Church and the old Vicarage, but quite a considerable huddle of cottages all the way up Bredwardine Hill... I am told indeed that there were a hundred or more of them in Kilvert's time. We have since looked up the name Bredwardine in the Oxford Dictionary of English Place Names, and found that it means an enclosure on a hill.

We kept our visit to the Church for a fairly late day in our stay. The avenue that leads to it was full of daffodils, and the Church itself still clustered with Easter flowers. But nobody seems to decorate the graves with primroses any more, a practice which I only heard of via Kilvert, and which he records in the Diary year after year. There would be no difficulty in finding enough: I have never seen such spring hedgerows as those Herefordshire ones full of primroses, and three different sorts of violets, and Star of Bethlehem and celandine and purple dead nettle.

Moccas Deer Park, Moccas Church, and Monnington, we walked to all of these. To find Moccas Church we walked over the parkland around the rather bleak red brick Moccas Court. It is a beautiful church, of course, with its Norman chancel arch and apse, but we were specially interested in the Cornewall tablets, and in working out the relationship with the Cornewall-Lewis family of Harpton Court near New Radnor, where we spend our summer holidays every year. Sir George Cornewall on one occasion at least walked over from Moccas to preach for Kilvert. It was hard frost in the severe winter of 1878, and he came through the fields "supporting himself in the slippery places with a spud walking stick". But it was April when we walked over the fields, and we heard the cuckoo, for the first time this year, and the earliest - April 15 - that we have ever heard it. Perhaps our best walk was to Monnington, through the woods above Brobury Scar (we made a detour to look at it from below as well as standing above it). We came down to the church along Monnington Walk - "the great everlasting sigh of the majestic firs, as mournful and soothing as the sighing of the sea," wrote Kilvert in 1876, musing in the Rectory garden about Ettie and her intransigence, and reading one of Browning's more erotic poems. I was not surprised when I saw the approach to the church itself that he spoke of the Sundays at Monnington as being so calm and serene, "no hurry, no crowd, no confusion, no noise." We had had great difficulty even in finding it, and the last stretch of path had almost disappeared. The surprising thing was that the church was beautifully and lovingly tended, although, like all the other country churches, it no longer has a resident Rector, and only infrequent services. And so back to Bredwardine in the dusk, our last evening. We saw a heron and were delighted, but the fishermen at the Red Lion, who had been sitting all day in their cars by the side of the Wye with no sight of a fish, pulled wry faces and said the Wye would be far better off without them.

KILVERT'S SHROPSHIRE ANCESTRY.

At the Annual General Meeting in April 1970 two of our Shropshire members - Mrs. Marion Halford, Assistant County Archivist, and Mr. William Price, of the Victoria History of Shropshire - spoke about the Shropshire connections of the diarist.

Mr. Price recalled how Francis Kilvert met a man from Bridgnorth who was travelling on foot in very wet weather to try to find work in a Cardiff hat-factory (vol.ii.p.162). Kilvert gave the man a shilling 'for the sake of the old county. My family are from Shropshire too'. Mr. Price went on to say that he had been very surprised in reading the diary to see that Kilvert, as far as the diary tells, only went to the 'old county' once between 1870 and 1879, and that only on a train-journey to Liverpool in 1872. As Dr. Plomer remarks in the introduction to volume i. the Kilverts were an old Shropshire family who had moved to Bath, and Mrs. Halford and Mr. Price, both working in local Shropshire archives, had tried to find out more about the Shropshire Kilverts.

There are two important references to Shropshire places in the diary itself. One is Shawbury (which appears in the diary as 'Shewbury', vol.iii,p.369) from which Mrs. Anne Kilvert sent Francis a shield with the Kilvert arms on it, and the motto 'virtus virescit', which Francis disliked and repudiated. Mrs. Kilvert, a distant relative, lived at Ivy House in Shawbury, and Mr. Price shewed a slide of the house. The other Shropshire reference is to Shrewsbury, where lived the printers whom Francis calls Burney and Evans (iii.369) and who sent him after much delay in 1878 a very imperfect 5 copies of 'Selections from a Poetical Portfolio'. Actually these printers were called Bunny and Davies, and had a shop in High Street, which is now part of the famous Maddox's Clothes' Shop. As Dr. Plomer tells us in his introduction to Kilvert's Collected Verse, this volume of poetry was edited by Mrs. Burton of Longner Hall (in Atcham) and proceeds from the sale were to go to the Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital in Shrewsbury. Mr. Price mentioned one other Shropshire connection with the diary - when Canon Walsham How offered Francis the chaplaincy of Cannes in 1878

(iii.397) which Francis declined in spite of advice from friends that it might prolong his life. Canon How was at that time rector of Whittington in Shropshire, and in the following year became bishop of Bedford, which actually meant being bishop of the East End of London.

Members were then shewn slides of Condover Hall and Condover Church. Thomas Kilvert, great-grandfather of Francis, was agent on the estate from at least 1733. He looked after the property for Mrs. Letitia Barnston, lady of the manor. From 1744 until her death in 1755 Mrs. Barnston lived in Bath, refusing to visit Condover because her daughter, Anna Maria Leighton, made a runaway marriage, and went to live in nearby Shrewsbury. As a result of her absence a flow of correspondence took place between Mrs. Barnston and Thomas Kilvert, and also from Anna Maria to her mother, mentioning Kilvert. These letters are in the Shropshire County Record Office. Thomas's first wife, Mary (usually called Molly) was responsible for the housekeeping at Condover Hall, for making the beer and wine and preparing the venison, bacon etc. She died in 1753, and two years later Thomas married Elizabeth Caink, Francis's great-grandmother (who is mentioned in the Saga, Francis's father's reminiscences). Thomas and Betty had two sons, Richard and Francis - the diarist's grandfather - and a daughter, Anna Maria, and when Thomas died she went to live in Bath with her sons. The Condover Parish Register records the baptisms of the three children, and the burial of Thomas, on 12 Feb. 1782, and of his first wife.

Mr. Price then shewed a slide of Pigeondoor, a 17th century half-timbered house in Condover, which Thomas Kilvert acquired, with 26 acres of land, in 1749. It remained in the family's ownership - though apparently never in their occupation - until sold in 1830, when the Kilverts cut their last tie with Condover. Slides were shewn of interesting places near Condover which Thomas Kilvert must have known well - Langley Chapel, no longer used but still containing 17th century liturgical fittings; Pitchford Hall, Elizabethan, and formerly the home of the Otley family; Acton Burnell Hall, the home of the Smythe family, Acton Burnell church, Acton Burnell Castle, a fortified manor house of the 1280s, and Acton Burnell Tithe Barn where Parliament met in 1283.

Mrs. Halford and Mr. Price then spoke about other places in Shropshire at which people called Kilvert lived. The church at Astley (where Mr. Price's father is vicar) was shewn, where Kilverts are mentioned many times in the registers, as also at Preston Gubbalds, of which church, restored almost wholly in 1866, a slide was shewn.

The next references and slides were about Atcham, with a most ancient church dedicated to S. Eata. Thomas Kilvert's aunt, Sarah Kilvert, married Peter Gwyn of Shrewsbury at Atcham in 1690. Some slides of Shrewsbury were accompanied by references to a Thomas Kilvert of Holy Cross (The Abbey) Parish who married Mary Nichols of S. Chad's parish. They may have been the parents of Thomas Kilvert of Condover. Other early Kilverts in Shrewsbury were also mentioned. A slide of the old Shrewsbury School - it was this school (now the Borough Library) which Richard and Francis Kilvert attended, according to Francis's son Robert, the diarist's father.

Finally slides were shewn of Grinshill village, where an important family of Kilvert lived in the 19th century. John Kilvert in the 19th century lived at Grinshill Hall, while John Minor Kilvert lived at 9 Corve Street, Ludlow, and later at Palm's Hill, Wem. The speakers pointed out that there was still a great deal to be discovered about Shropshire Kilverts, but they had made a start, and part of the excitement of Historical research was in the continual finding of new pieces of the jigsaw. Mr. Prosser thanked Mrs. Halford and Mr. Price for their lively and interesting talk, and for the slides, and said that he looked forward to hearing more about the elusive Shropshire Kilverts.

(Contributed by a Shropshire member present at the A.G.M. of April 1970)

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT KILVERT MEETING IN JUNE

Our local occasional Meeting held on June 4th afforded the usual happy results. Numbers were somewhat down due to our meeting during the Bank holiday week; nevertheless, some twenty six members and friends gathered from many districts and listened to a most interesting paper by our member Mrs. M. Mathers on the "London of Kilvert's day". Using the Diary as her guide Mrs. Mathers took us through many of the events and incidents of Kilvert's visits to the great city - a most fascinating account.

This was followed by a talk from our friend Mr. C.E. Harvey, who brought to our notice pictures and stories of the Kilvert family life - all stemming from the pages of the Diary. This intimate peep into the pleasant, quiet bye-ways of a day now gone was greatly enjoyed by all. Afterwards an opportunity was afforded for friends to look at photographs and pictures gathered from friends and homes in the Kilvert country, over a number of years.

Dr. A.M. Nussey ably occupied the Chair, introducing and thanking the Speakers and adding his own very interesting comments.

Our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Done, with the enthusiastic assistance of their son and daughter, John and Jane, dispensed their usual kind and generous hospitality.

One more delightful 'Kilvert' evening, deeply enjoyed and appreciated by all who were present.

Any Birmingham and district friends who would like to be kept informed of these local meetings are asked to get into touch with Mr. Jelfs at 8, Clarence Road, Moseley, Birmingham, 13.

CHURCHES FOR SALE.

Six redundant Herefordshire churches are for sale, one of them is Mansel Gamage (a very few miles from Bredwardine, Moccas, and Monnington-on-Wye). This is the church which had a major restoration in 1878 and Francis Kilvert attended the re-opening service on February 26th; he was one of more than 25 clergy in surplices; there is an interesting account of it on pages 374/5 of Volume 3. (Mansel Grange is a printers error). The little disused church at BROBURY is also for sale; very sad, but the population there is now almost nil.

BOOM WENT THE GREAT BELL.

This is the title of the contribution by Canon W.E. Purcell to "WORCESTER ANTHOLOGY '71"; an interesting booklet of 40 items in prose and in verse which can be obtained from the S.P.C.K. Depot, High Street, WORCESTER for 50p. (plus stamp for postage). It is a delightful item on Maria Kilvert, and the funeral which Francis Kilvert attended; Canon Purcell lives at 10 College Green, Worcester, the very house where Maria lived - and died. Many members were privileged to visit it after the Cathedral service there in 1967, and there will be some, no doubt, who will want a copy of this nice booklet.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Each year we have brought out a new card (or cards)---this time it is a picture of Broad Street, HAY (or HAY-on-Wye as it is now known) as it was many years ago; indeed, very much as Kilvert knew it. It is market day and the street is full of countryfolk, in Victorian clothes, one side of the street is lined with carts and market traps, and in the middle of the road is a lumbering farm wagon, just about to turn for Hay bridge and the road to Clyro. This means that six different cards are now available.....Bredwardine Vicarage; Bredwardine Church; Clyro Church 1865; Clyro village end of last century; Wiltshire churches of Hardenhuish and Langley Burrell; and now the Hay card. They are all in black and white and all have the same greeting "With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year". Packets of five are 22½p., 10 for 42½p. plus 2½p. postage on every five cards. Can be supplied all one type or assorted. Prices include envelopes. Stocks of these cards (and samples for inspection) are at.....The Pierpoint Gallery, Church Street, HEREFORD. H.R. Grant & Son, Castle Street, HAY-ON-WYE; Miss Tong, Bridge Stores & P.O., CLYRO; The China Bowl, Market Place, CHIPPENHAM; The Bookshop and P.O., Selborne, Alton, Hants; also direct from the Hon. Secretary, who will post a sample packet of all six cards for 30p., or any six for 30p. The new HAY card (only) is also available with just "BEST WISHES", and therefore suitable for ALL occasions; if popular this idea may be extended in the future to the other cards.

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