ST. MARY THE VIRGIN WITH ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL
MARLBOROUGH

Tower and Town

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Ring up good bells ! ring up ! ring down !
May Marlborough towers call Marlborough town.
John Betjeman

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FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

With this September number *Tower and Town* starts its second year of publication. I need have no modest feelings about saying what a good magazine it is since all the work and worry of it falls on the Editor. So let me start the new volume with our most sincere thanks and congratulations to that disembodied and much enduring entity the Editorial Chair. But nobody, not even an Editor, can make bricks without straw. We have had a splendid team of contributors : I thank them, too, seizing the opportunity to point out that this is a family affair, produced by the family for the family, and that we should like to feel that every reader is "on the staff". Comment and contributions are always welcome.

It has been good to see Mr. Fargus back, safe and sound with himself and scooter in one piece, after his busman's holiday with the Episcopal Church of Scotland in Argyllshire. It was a well-earned holiday, as he has for a full year been unaided as my colleague in Marlborough while pioneering his work at Savernake Christchurch. We both of us look forward eagerly to the event of the month—the ordination as deacon of Commander Armand Smith in Salisbury Cathedral on September 24th. I know that the whole parish will be looking forward to this as much as we are, and we shall all be remembering him in our prayers on that day.

This is the month when many new starts are being made—the first job, first term at University, Secondary School, day School, or Sunday School. To all who start afresh, every good wish for God's blessing on the venture.

Your friend and Rector,
Francis Browne

DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

Our regular Services on Sundays and week-days are listed inside the front cover. Additional Services and changes in time or place are given below. For forthcoming events see the *News : Views : Coming Events* page.

3rd TRINITY XIV. Celebrant at 8 a.m. and Preacher at Matins: The Rev. W. J. Beale. (*The Parish; the Peace of the World*)
6th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Racial Harmony*)
8th Friday. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The mothers of the parish*)

10th TRINITY XV. Sunday Schools start 10.15 a.m. Celebrant at 8 a.m. and Preacher at Evensong: The Rev. C. A. Wood. (*The Parish, especially our Sunday Schools*)
13th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Schools in the Parish*)
15th Friday. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. St. Peter's—corporate for Mothers' Union and St. Mary's Guild. (*Godparents and their Godchildren*)

17th TRINITY XVI. Parish Communion (Merbecke setting). Celebrant at 8 a.m and Preacher at Matins: The Rev. C. A. Wood. (*The Parish, especially the Chronic Sick*)
20th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Coombe End House*)
21st Thursday. St. Matthew, A.M. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*U.M.C.A.*)

24th TRINITY XVII. In Salisbury Cathedral at 10.15 a.m. Ordination: Francis Armand Smith, Deacon to Marlborough. Preacher at Evensong: The Rev. K. Whitfield, U.M.C.A. 7.45 p.m. U.M.C.A. Film in Toc H Room. (*The Parish; Francis Armand Smith, and all being ordained to-day*)
27th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Stewardship Committee*)
29th Friday. St. Michael and All Angels. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Church Militant*)

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics

SEPTEMBER 29th **SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**



THE PARISH LADDER

MAINLY FOR PARENTS

At the end of the Baptism service parents and godparents are told what they must do to ensure that the child does eventually "go forth into the world to serve God faithfully in the fellowship of His Church". To help them with this the Church in Marlborough provides a "ladder" for the children.

The rungs of the ladder are these. First, Holy Baptism. Then for the next five years the children receive birthday card reminders of their Baptism. At five years old they go to Infants' Sunday School; at seven they move up to Junior Sunday School; at 11-plus to Senior Sunday School and Junior Confirmation Class. Then comes Confirmation Class, and finally Confirmation and full adult membership of the Church, with the duty and privilege of coming to Holy Communion. And our Youth Fellowship is there to help the new members.

Yet there is this weakness in our arrangements—that the children see little or nothing of the family worship of the Church. They may even get the idea that worship is something you grow out of when you grow up—simply because they do not see grown-ups doing it too. In this way parents and godparents may even lose sight of the objective of the promises they made at the Baptism service.

The time we have been setting apart for a Family Service is 3 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month—perhaps not a particularly attractive or convenient time for parents except on one or two special Sundays. With this in mind we are now considering the possibility of arranging a Family Service to take the place of both Sunday School and Matins, at perhaps 10.45 a.m. on one Sunday in the month. This would be for children, parents, grown-ups and full choir, with an address for the children. I shall be telling you more about this in November.

In the meantime I hope you will encourage your children not to jump off

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ST. MICHAEL AND ALL HIS ANGELS

St. Michael is usually represented fighting the dragon with a drawn sword. Michaelmas is a necessary reminder that good does not happen spontaneously: it has to be won, and guarded.

The Christian's first commission, given at Baptism, is to fight "manfully"; but not alone or unbefriended. He has Michael and his squadrons to fight alongside of him; Gabriel and his companions to worship with him; and Raphael's companions to watch over him.

Angels attended on our Lord's birth, temptation, agony and Easter triumph, and He taught that they are spiritual beings who enjoy always the vision of God in heaven and will accompany Him at His Second Coming. Though with our limited knowledge we cannot tell how closely our idea of angels corresponds with the reality, yet as our Lord used their ministry so may we.

The angels keep their ancient places—
Turn but a stone, and start a wing!
'Tis ye, 'tis your estranged faces,
That miss the many-splendoured thing.

But (when so sad thou canst not sadder)
Cry—and upon thy so sore loss
Shall shine the traffic of Jacob's ladder
Pitched betwixt Heaven and Charing Cross.

Our picture on page 2 is of the reapers from the parable of the wheat and the tares. In the New English Bible translation: "At harvest-time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the darnel first, and tie it in bundles for burning, then collect the wheat into my barn . . . .' The good seed stands for the children of the Kingdom, the darnel for the children of the evil one . . . . The harvest is the end of time. The reapers are angels".

F.B.R.B.

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the ladder if they are half-way up it and to climb on again if they have already jumped off. *The Sunday Schools start again on September 10th.*

FRANCIS BROWNE

NEWS :: VIEWS

HARVEST FESTIVAL. — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST. Please make a note of this important date. The Rev. John Goodman, Vicar of Wootton Bassett, will be the preacher at Evensong. Many of us remember Mr. Goodman as curate here before he went to Wootton Bassett in 1956. Gifts of flowers, fruits, vegetables, etc., for the decoration of the Churches will be very welcome: please put these inside the church on Friday or bring them on Saturday morning.

STEWARDSHIP. During the last month our Treasurer has received a cheque for £1,020 from the Income Tax Authorities. This represents repayment of Income Tax on those sums which parishioners have given to the Church under covenant during the first year of Stewardship. This, of course, is a very important item in our budget; so important that without it we should be very anxious indeed about coping with the recent outbreak of dry-rot at St. Peter's, the impending work on the floors of St. Mary's, and the refurbishing of our curate's house. We are most grateful to the covenanters and to the Covenant Secretary (then Mr. H. W. Hope) whose meticulous paperwork went without a hitch. F.B.R.B.

" THE YELLOW PERIL ". Once every two years the Parish has to complete a questionnaire from the Statistical Unit of the Church Assembly. This is ruefully known to Incumbents and P.C.C. Treasurers as " The Yellow Peril ". Here are some parish figures for the year 1960 which may interest you: *Baptisms*—Infants 40, adults 5: *Confirmations*—28: *Communicants*—Easter 361, Christmas 488; *Seating Accommodation*—St. Mary's 470, St. Peter's 410: *Subscribers to Planned Giving*—under covenants 59, others 257: Names on Electoral Roll—648.

HELP TO SEND THE BIBLE TO EVERY NATION by providing goods for the British and Foreign Bible Society Jumble Sale on September 16th in Toc H at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. John Figgins will collect and any churchwarden will pass on to her your message that you have a contribution to make.

COMING EVENTS

CAN YOU PLAY A HYMN TUNE? If so, will you volunteer to play at the Sunday Ward Service in Savernake Hospital at 11.15 a.m.? Perhaps one Sunday in the month? The Hospital always has a piano ready, the patients like to sing, but sometimes we have no pianist. Offers to the clergy, please. F.B.R.B.

A YOUNG MISSIONARY SETS OUT FOR AFRICA: why is he so willing and keen to forego the comforts of home and live and work in Central Africa? We shall find out the answer to this question when we see the U.M.C.A. film *Land of Opportunity*, which the Rev. Kenneth Whitfield will show in Toc H Room on Sunday, September 24th, immediately after Evensong. Tea and biscuits will be served first (by the Hostesses), then the film will follow. A short article on the urgency of the situation in Africa will be found on page 7. Please do your best to come both to Evensong, when Mr. Whitfield will preach, and to Toc H Room afterwards.

MISSIONARY OUTING. On Tuesday, September 26th, Mrs. Max Warren will speak at 7.30 p.m. in Devizes about the recent world tour which she made with Dr. Max Warren, the C.M.S. General Secretary. If you would like to join a party going to this meeting, either by car or coach, please tell Miss Waters, Riverside (next to the Rectory), High Street, who is making the arrangements. Names should be given in not later than September 19th. The cost will not be great. G.C.

CHURCH ALPHABET. *A is for* **Alb** . . . . The Alb is the white linen garment, reaching from neck to ankles, with tight-fitting sleeves, and held in at the waist with a girdle, which is worn by priest and servers at the service of Holy Communion. Like the surplice, it symbolizes purity. It has its origin in the ordinary dress of the first century Roman gentleman.

And also for **Amen** . . . . the Hebrew word meaning " So be it ! " which we use to express our assent at the end of prayers, hymns and creeds, thereby putting our own personal seal to all that has been said.

PERSONAL POSER

I don't understand what is meant by the "Eucharistic Sacrifice"

Men have been building altars since the start of recorded history—Jews in the wilderness and Jerusalem, Greeks and Romans wherever they went, Druids perhaps in the groves of Savernake Forest—all to meet man's need to offer sacrifice to God. That is what an altar is for. The word *sacrifice* means "an act of offering, dedicating, something to the use and service of a deity".

At the Christian altar we offer bread and wine, as our Lord told us to do, when at the Last Supper He blessed it and said "This is My Body . . . . this is My Blood". We offer it, priest and people together, first as a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; then we plead before the Father the sacrifice of Christ upon the Cross as a propitiation for the sins of mankind; and lastly we offer the sacrifice of ourselves to the Creator of all things.

But just as every beam of sunlight is composed of many rays, so every service of Holy Communion is made up of several aspects. At every Holy Communion service there is individual communion with God, communion through Him with our fellow men, thanksgiving, and sacrifice. We lose much if we think of one aspect only of the Holy Communion service to the exclusion of the others, whichever that aspect may be.

F.B.R.B.

PARISH PRAYERS No. 11

For the new school year . . . .

Almighty God, giver of all good things, mercifully behold Thy children now going forth in Thy name to school. Teach them Thy Way, and keep them innocent in heart and mind, that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve Thee to Thy glory and to the strengthening of Thy Church. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*



FAMILIAR FACE No. 13

DEREK TURNER

To be called to a meeting, subject unspecified, and within two months find himself chairman of a completely new committee, has been the fate of Derek (Bill) Turner. For after volunteering as a Visitor in our Stewardship Campaign, he was asked at the end of the Campaign to take on the responsible job of Chairman of the Stewardship Committee, which keeps a continuous watch over our Planned Giving. Bill Turner came to Marlborough in 1955 as Senior Geography Master at M.G.S. Married a year later, he and his wife Elizabeth (a member of the Youth Committee) now have a son, John, who is nearly two. At M.G.S. he advises on careers and has taken parties of pupils on expeditions to North Wales during school holidays. He has been Secretary of the enterprising Marlborough Film Society since it started in 1957. In addition to his work for Stewardship, he is a member of the P.C.C. and the Finance Committee, is a sidesman, and helped to form the Men's Society. Obviously there is nothing unlucky about Familiar Face No. 13 as far as the parish is concerned!

WITH A FRENCH TOUCH

JOAN BARTON

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Coming down from the Pyrences to spend a few days by the Atlantic seemed a good idea until we got there, and found the heat wave hotter in the dunes and forests of the Landes, too many cars, dirty picnic places and too many people. Hot, tired and despairing, we turned inland: at S———, a country town the size of Marlborough, the guide book said there were two small hotels.

As soon as we saw it we knew it was just the place. The hotel was built Spanish fashion round three sides of a square, one storey high, white with red tiles, standing back from the road in a large shady garden. In the dusk the deck chairs stood invitingly empty on the loggia. Not a soul was in sight.

There were no other guests—" clients " as Madame called them. Young, pretty, competent, she explained to us, as she served our first delicious meal, that she had not intended to take in anyone over the week-end, for there was to be a great family feast with forty guests for the First Communion on Sunday of her son Pierre. However, if we did not mind the *bruit* and the *brouhaha*, which might go on till midnight, we could stay—and we should, of course, benefit from the feasting.

" But, Of Course, There Aren't Any ! "

So all was arranged, and telling us to be sure to close the shutters before switching on the light in our bedrooms " because of the mosquitoes (*les moustiques*)—but, of course, there aren't any " Madame bade us goodnight. Those non-existent *moustiques* ! As we tossed and turned during the few hours of darkness, we wondered how the felicity of the days could possibly compensate for the agony of the nights. If only the *moustiques* would just strike and be done with it, instead of zinging ceaselessly round our heads: if only it weren't so hot lying defensively covered up to the hairline: if the beds were less hard; if the church clock would strike the quarters only once instead of twice . . . .

But in the morning, wounded though we were in a dozen places, everything seemed different, and, oddly enough, there never were quite so many *moustiques* again, and the beds got mysteriously softer.

Town, Sea and Forest

Idly we explored S———: its spotless decent little shops; the hand laundry with its scrubbed tables and comfortable smell of ironing, where our frocks were washed and returned to us in less than twenty-four hours: the warm, shallow lake amidst the pines; the magnificent sports stadium with football ground, running track, tennis courts and fronton for pelota.

We went to the sea five miles away and bathed. Again, now that we were rested, everything looked different. Beyond the dunes stretched mile on mile of clean empty sands, with the enormous rollers of the Atlantic roaring in. The bathing could be dangerous and was regulated by a system of warning flags: the very first day we saw the " master of bathing " go out in his rubber dinghy to rescue a swimmer trapped beyond the sand-bar by the out-going tide. Nevertheless, everyone bathed, from nine months to ninety, dunking about on the edge of the water, and there were no inhibitions about undressing on the beach. Bikinis were the wear for all under thirty-five—with hats. Long flowing hair was very much " in ".

And, after all, the Landes fascinated us—those hundreds of square miles of forest, pines and cork oaks, smelling of resin and loud with crickets, criss-crossed by straight sandy roads leading to remote villages—a few one-storey houses of pink brick and timber, each with its patch of vines on one side and maize on the other, surrounded by a stockade of brilliant canna lilies, gladioli and great ragged dahlias: and in every garden hydrangeas in all gradations of blue, from milky white through sea-blue and royal to deepest violet.

A Great Family Occasion

Sunday, the day of the great family feast, arrived. The Mass for the First Communicants was at eight o'clock, and in very good time young Pierre set off with his godfather. More cars, stuffed with uncles, aunts and cousins, followed. Then we too made our way to the church, which was packed and very hot. There were nearly sixty First Communicants, twelve-year-olds, a few more girls than boys: the girls in full length white dresses

with long sleeves and white veils, the boys in servers' albs. All carried lighted candles with which they first processed down the centre aisle and then carried to the altar at the Gospel. The service was very simple, the only music the unaccompanied hymns sung by those young voices, the collection taken by two teenagers. It was easy to follow, for it is the same service as our own. The new communicants went first to the altar. Afterwards all the families and friends made their communion too.

"Bon Appetit!"

When we got back from our morning bathe the feast was about to begin. The long tables were ready, white flowers were everywhere, the menu cards—adorned on the outside with Pierre's name, the date and a picture of a First Communicant boy looking devout—were in place. What was inside the menu cards we were about to discover.

We ate outside on the loggia. First we had small melons with the flesh scooped out, soaked in port wine, and replaced; then salmon from the Pyrenees with Russian salad; fillet steak topped with real foie gras followed; then young turkeys stuffed with truffles and served with mushrooms; a choice of five or six cheeses; a gateau of choux pastry and caramel; finally peaches. It took us an hour and a half to eat this luscious meal—and then we staggered away to deck chairs and lay supine for a long, long time. And all the while we were entertained by the revelry within: corks popping, laughter, singing—solo and communal, applause, corks popping, speeches, waiters (hired for the occasion) dashing in and out. Pierre and his young cousins dashing in and out too and tearing round the garden, corks popping, Jockey the dog dashing in and being dashed out, corks popping . . . . Three and a half hours after the feast had begun we went off for another bathe: they had just reached the turkey then.

"Au Revoir!"

The morning we left, two days later, we were honoured by Madame and her mother with an invitation to visit the kitchen, with its splendid *batterie de cuisine*. In their non-existent English and our scrappy French we somehow engaged in an animated discussion of the party, the menu, the cooking of each dish, the cost of living, the weather,

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A SLOW DAWN

For many centuries Africa was a tortured continent, the victim of greed, fear, hate, disease, starvation and cruelty. Muslim slave raiders from Zanzibar, European pirates trading with the West coast, African tribesmen selling their fellow Africans into servitude—all contributed to the agony of Central Africa before the Prince of Peace set foot within her bounds.

Many men and women of the Christian Church have helped to ease this suffering. Slowly the Dawn has been breaking over the benighted continent.

But other forces were gaining strength—relentlessly thrusting Africa back towards the shadows. Today there is **Crisis in Africa.** The Advance of Christianity is checked by many powerful forces:

* The stubborn opposition of Islam.
* the weakening of the bonds of family and community by the development of mining and industry calling men to a rootless life in the towns.
* the increase of tension and suspicion between the races
* the stubborn survival of witchcraft, superstition and fear of evil spirits.

Never has Africa needed Christ more

What the Universities Mission to Central Africa can do to help Africa, **what we can do** *through U.M.C.A., we shall be told on Sunday, September 24th, at Evensong by the Rev. K. Whitfield, who will afterwards show a film in Toc H Room.*

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and Marlborough. In between we discreetly paid the bill. We were such "*bon clients*" Madame cried, as we said goodbye, that she hoped we would soon come again. We could think of no reason why we deserved this compliment. Far from it — for as we drove away (everyone waving to the last) we began guiltily to visualise the frieze of squashed *moustiques* which we had left decorating the walls of bedroom number three.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

SERVICE AND ADVENTURE OVERSEAS

Two young Marlborough men are shortly setting out for "foreign parts" under the auspices of the Voluntary Service Overseas organisation. Christopher Crook, nephew of our Mayor, has just come down from Balliol with Second Class Honours in P.P.E. Nicholas Maurice, elder son of Dr. Tim Maurice, left the College last term. Chris is off to Viet-nam and Nicholas to Togoland. Our warm appreciation of their public spirit and enterprise and our very best wishes go with them. We hope to publish reports from them both in due course.

WARMING TO WORK

A new pump and a larger boiler are to be installed in St. Mary's Infants' School to serve one extra radiator in each small class-room and three in the large class-room. In St. Mary's Girls' School there are to be high level electric heaters for the extremities of the long class-rooms which are some way from the stoves. There is to be a new electric heater in St. Peter's Boys' School.

JAPES, JAZZ AND JOLLIFICATION

College Light Entertainment Society In Action

Seven years ago a group of about fifteen boys from Marlborough College joined together with the aim of increasing happiness for those who are often forgotten and depressed. Now, under the title of the *Light Entertainment Society*, we provide entertainment for people who, by reason of illness or age, are unable to enjoy the amenities of the theatre or cinema, and also help to make money for charitable organisations. For instance next term, on September 30th, we are running a fete at the College in aid of the Recreation Hall for the Nurses of Savernake Hospital, and on November 18th we are doing a concert in the Town Hall in aid of the League of Friends of the Marlborough Hospitals.

In the summer we enjoy helping with Parish Fetes, and it is usually with great enthusiasm that our members encourage onlookers to "Try their Luck,", although there was some hesitation when volunteers were called to sit under the ducking stool.

In the winter terms we take to concerts, and in many ways resemble a repertory company, having to adapt ourselves to any setting. The stage managers in the Society have ample scope for their art, being compelled to turn anything from a sitting room to a vast ward into a miniature theatre by the magic of curtains and spotlights. From the members' point of view it gives them a chance to use their various talents of acting, singing, reciting or playing, and it is often both amusing and satisfying to spend time creating new sketches and acts.

Among the charities we have helped in the past are the Wiltshire Association for the Blind, the League of Friends, the Children's Convalescent Hospital, Coombe End House, the Mothers' Union, and many Church organisations including the Student Christian Movement and the Church Missionary Society. We look forward to helping at many fetes and concerts in and around Marlborough in future.

J. H. Ap Rhys Price

MARLBOROUGH SECONDARY MODERN SCHOOL

This term has been an exciting one. Mr. Cullis took a party of boys to Windsor for the Royal Counties Show. Two boys, due to the generosity of Major Henderson, spent a wonderful day at Lords. At our Annual Sports East House won the School Cup and individual winners were—Rosemary Whiting, Ann Talmage, M. Bevan, G. Dewick and G. Payne. For our Swimming Sports we had a perfect day and once again East House won. Finally, at our Fashion Show, attended by some parents, the girls displayed the garments made in their Needlework Classes during the year.

Sylvia Head

BE WARNED

There will be a procession next Sunday afternoon in the grounds of the Monastery; but if it rains in the afternoon, the procession will take place in the morning. *Notice in Irish Church.*

CRICKET: W.G. IN 1869

There was a never-to-be-forgotten cricket match in 1869 at Marlborough, when no less a man than W. G. Grace came to play against the College, and was quickly bowled out by a very small boy for a very small score. The College organist who was no sportsman had already chosen the hymn for the evening service—to be amazed at the enormous chorus which broke into the line, *The seamy triumphs Grace hath won!*

From Edith Olivier's "Willshire"



WHAT'S COOKING?

A Fish Supper Dish

1 lb. cooked fish; 1 pt. cheese sauce (white sauce with 4 oz. grated cheese); 2 or 3 cooked potatoes; 3 tomatoes; 3 bacon rashers; pinch mixed herbs; juice ½ lemon; ½ cup breadcrumbs; 1 hard-boiled egg roughly chopped.

Well grease an oven dish with tasty dripping or butter. Place half the cooked fish in dish; sprinkle some lemon juice and then pinch mixed herbs over it; cover with half the cheese sauce and half the egg. Repeat, using rest of fish, lemon, more herbs and rest of sauce. Cover with thick slices of tomato; dice cold potatoes and put on top; sprinkle with bread-crumbs; dice bacon rashers and place on top again; finish off with knobs of butter or dripping. Place in moderate oven until well heated through and tomato and bacon are cooked (about 20-30 minutes). Serve very hot. Enough for three or four, normally; but is your family normal?

Contributed by Mrs. P. M. Guillebaud

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ST. PETER'S DOVECOT

Once upon a time rectors used to keep pigeons in St. Peter's Church. There is still a spiral staircase at the north-east corner of St. Peter's leading to a space above the chancel vaulting which was once the dovecot. I climbed up to it a few days ago, but there are no pigeons there now.

No Fresh Meat

"Mangel-wurzels killed them". That sounds an odd explanation for the disappearance of dovecots but it is a true one. In times past, before the days of root crops, there was no fresh meat for the table during many months of the year. Because of the lack of winter feeding, all animals surplus to the breeding stock were killed at Martinmas (November 11th) and the meat was salted down for use during the months before the young stock of next year was grown.

13,000,000 Pairs?

Pigeons helped to fill the gap. Every five weeks, from March to September, each pair of pigeons would lay two eggs and fatten up the resulting squabs. It is believed that there were 26,000 dovecots in England and Wales in the seventeenth century. Reckoning 500 pairs to a dovecot, the amount of damage done to farm and garden must have been prodigious. When root crops were introduced into England the need for the dovecots vanished.

Dabbling In Witchcraft

A recent correspondent in *The Times* names three church dovecots—at Elkstone, near Cheltenham, at St. Peter's, Marlborough, and at Collingbourne Ducis. He mentions, too, an entry in the accounts of Jesus College, Cambridge, which is even more mysterious than those given in the July number of *Tower and Town*: "for a roasted dog and comin seed—00.2.0". This seems to allude to an old recipe of witchcraft sometimes called Salt Cat which was normally made by "baking a cat with comin seed and some other ingredients as a decoy for your neighbour's pigeons".

There are probably enough pigeons in Marlborough gardens now without the Rector keeping a supply in St. Peter's Church.

F.B.R.B.

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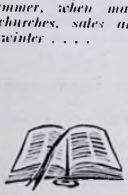
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YOUNG MARLBOROUGH No. 1

SETTING OUT IN LIFE

P. R. Morgan

I think most of us would agree that our minds are not at first fully made up as to the careers we intend to follow, so we choose something in which we have some interest hoping that it will turn out a worthwhile and absorbing job.

I had not been out in the field of trade and business very long before I decided that my interest lay in the art of Salesmanship, and with this in mind I chose to spend eighteen months as a clothing salesman at Messrs. Sloper and Co., Marlborough.

Having served this period, and finding my interest continuously growing, I resolved that my aim must be to obtain a position as a Representative for a high class manufacturing company. Application was duly made and I was most fortunate in obtaining my present situation as a Trainee Representative with a well-known clothing firm.

In a short time I was asked to report to their Head Office in Leicester. I soon realised that to be a Representative involved a considerable degree of training in many fields besides the art of Salesmanship. Before I could start to sell the "end product" I must learn exactly how the article was produced. So I had to begin on a training which would take me through the various departments.

The first department, called Cloth Control, dealt with the testing and measuring of cloth. I spent a month in this section and found it most interesting. The next period of training dealt with the system of contracting between the wholesaler and retailer. Having spent a month there, I went next to the department which deals with the buying and selling to our own chain of retailers, and I am at present completing this part of my course.

Eventually I shall move on to other sections over a period of two years. Then with this training behind me, I shall spend six months "on the road" with a fully qualified Representative, taking particular notice of methods employed in the representation of the finished product. Finally, I shall be allotted the area in which I shall myself represent my company. P. R. MORGAN

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SEPTEMBER

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2nd Sunday : St. John's Close
3rd Sunday : London Road (Roebuck to Bridge)
4th Sunday : " The Street I live in "

" O Heavenly Father, bless our neighbours, that they and we may share Thy heavenly calling ; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen ".

The Wardens for these streets are :
1 Miss Carmichael (1—21)
Mrs. Smith (22—33)
2 Mrs. Harvey
3 Mrs. Stone

HOLY BAPTISM

Aug. 6th Nicholas George Biggs

HOLY MATRIMONY

July 29th Samuel Kennedy Brown to Mary Louise Beasant
Aug. 12th Gerald Edward Maiden to Patricia Annette Withers

R. I. P.

July 20th Ernest Dunford, of 120 High Street

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Swimming Club or in School Swimming Sports, and in some cases both : *Leslie Bennett, Carolyn Brown, Robin Chandler, Rosemary Chandler, Marion Cook, Susan Eustace, Kathleen Fisher, Sandra Knight, Paul Lanfear, Glenda Minty, David Roe-lands, Andrew Timmer, Carole Sherkey, Margaret Spanswick, Christine Westall, Jeremy Wills.*

Congratulations also to *Christopher Broome*, who when he won the High Jump for the under-fifteens in the Marlborough College sports last term, created a new record with a jump of 5' 1".

FAMILY NEWS

Weddings of the month. September 2nd : Roy James Trim and Josephine Elizabeth Rodda, St. Mary's, 2.30 p.m. ; *September 6th* : Michael Chesterton Webb and Diana Margaret Gribble, St. Nicholas, Pyrford ; *September 23rd* : William Patrick Gowers and Caroline Molesworth Maurice, St. Mary's, 2.30 p.m. ; *September 30th* : Michael Anthony Francis Ponting and Wendy Margaret Watson, St. Mary's, 2.30 p.m.

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Legacy for St. Peter's. The Church-wardens have gratefully received from the executors of *Miss Nellie Stagg* a bequest of £25 for the use of St. Peter's church. Miss Stagg lived for the last few years of her life at Coombe End House. She was known to many of us as a keen and generous supporter of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and to an older generation as a Methodist lay preacher.

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Former Curates Department. The Rev. W. J. Montague, Vice-Principal of Bishops' College, Cheshunt, has been appointed Canon Missioner in the diocese of Wakefield. He will take up his duties early in 1962.

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Congratulations and best wishes for the future to *Diana Purton* and *Carol Eustace* who have both completed their Teacher Training Course and will share rooms in London when they start work this month : Diana will teach at St. James's Mixed School, Bow, and Carol at Manorfield Primary Mixed School, Poplar ; and to *Christopher Lovell*, who has been selected as a cadet under-officer at R.A.F. College, Cranwell.

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Sporting successes. Our swimmers go from strength to strength and con-gratulations are due to all the following for their exploits with the Marlborough

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BAD LIGHT STOPS PLAY

The annual cricket match between choir men and choir boys was played on the College ground on July 24th. The choir boys, by tradition, batted first. They encouraged the bowlers with two fairly quick wickets, but then the skipper, Timothy Otton (36) was joined by Gareth Thomas (51) and put on 80 runs for the third wicket. When they declared at 117 for eight it was clear that there would be a race against the light. Bushrod (10), Hancock (22 retired), Hockey (13 not) and Armand Smith (18 not) set about the task valiantly, but after 40 minutes the light made it dangerous to go on.

F.B.R.B.

MOVING UP

When the Sunday Schools start again on September 10th, the following will move up *from Infants' Sunday School to Junior Sunday School*: Linda Boast, Valerie Elmer, Yvonne Spaekman, Carol Wilson, Philip Hart, Noel Marsh, Richard Martin, Graham Norcross, Philip Palmer, Roderick Watts. *From Junior to Senior Sunday School*: Susan Ellis, Carol Greenaway, Joan Hart, Jane Lansley, Susan Marsh, Sally Odey, Linda Portsmouth, Rita Sheppard, Elizabeth Styles, Sylvia Ward, Michael Cady, Kenneth Chandler, Rodney Jones, Jeremy Witts.

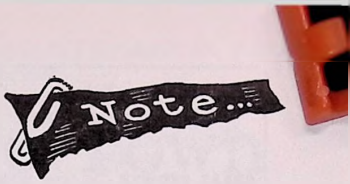
U.L.

ACTION STATIONS

A reader has sent us this "footnote to the Rector's article on the Ministry of the Laity in August *Tower and Town*". We are very glad to print it:

A lovely sunny day, a delightful coach-ride through the glorious countryside of Hampshire and Wiltshire, a fascinating steamer trip round Southampton Water, a welcome high tea in a well-known hotel in the New Forest—all these things helped to make the Marlborough Handicapped Centre outing on August 2nd a day to remember. Yet it was even more heartening to witness the courage and cheerfulness of the members, and above all to see the spontaneous and willing help given so unselfishly by the steamer crew, the coach driver, the local police and the Centre helpers. Are they not indeed sharing in the Ministry of the Laity?

"One of the Party"



FIRST DATES FOR AUTUMN

Sep.	5th	Tuesday. *Youth Fellowship* meetings begin again in Toc H Room. In future all meetings will be on Tuesdays.
	8th	Friday. First full *Choir* practice at 7 p.m. Boys' practice may start before—please watch for notice in vestry.
	10th	Sunday. *Sunday Schools* start
	13th	Wednesday. *Brownies. Mothers' Union, Young Wives' Group, St. Mary's Guild*:
	16th	Friday. Corporate Communion St. Peter's, 10.30 a.m.
	21st	Thursday. "Coins and Christianity": Mr. J. H. Chandler, Toc H Room, 2.30 p.m.
	27th	Wednesday. *Stewardship Committee*: Church Cottage, 8 p.m.
Oct.	4th	Wednesday. *Parochial Church Council*: Church Cottage, 8 p.m.
	5th	Thursday. *Magazine Distributors'* Annual Meeting, with tea: 136 High Street, 4 p.m.
	5th	Thursday. *Men's Society*: Toc H Room, 7.45 p.m. (See below).

MEN'S SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the 1961-2 session the speaker will be Mr. Dennis Silk, who will tell us about his experiences when captaining the M.C.C. cricket team in New Zealand earlier this year. We shall certainly have a fascinating evening. Roll up in force, men of the parish! The complete programme of meetings on the first Thursday of each month until May will be published in the October magazine, and can be obtained now from G. Chilton.

G.C.

CHOIR NOTES

A new school year comes round again this month, when we look for new probationer choristers. I hope to visit St. Peter's School early in the term with this in mind, though I am always glad to hear of new recruits aged 9—11 at any time.

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