

DEANERY OF CHRISTIANITY

LINCOLN

CHURCH

EXTENSION

SOCIETY



PROGRESS REPORT

1956

"Looking forward"

SWALLOWBECK

We are engaged in Church Extension in this area against a background of a considerable increase in population, which in the foreseeable future will be in the 7500 mark. This figure relates to that part of the City which is in the Parish of Skellingthorpe. Skellingthorpe itself is also growing, and is becoming more and more a "dormitory" for the City. The ultimate parish population may well be over 10,000. The Parish is engaged in the dual task of improving Church amenities for those *outside* the City boundaries, and at the same time preparing the way for a better organised Church community at the Swallowbeck end.

As part of the Extension Scheme a house for the Curate (to be ordained at Trinity, 1956) has been purchased near to the Swallowbeck Church, and towards this the Lincoln Church Extension Society has promised an advance of £400, a further £1,000 being made available under the Diocesan Church Extension Scheme.

With the Curate's help the Vicar and his people hope to prepare thoroughly for the actual building of the new St. George's Church. For this three sites are under consideration, and a choice is expected to be made soon for a sum not involving more than £2,000. The Parochial Church Council has asked for details of recently built churches, and a number of these have been visited and examined with a view to crystallising ideas as to the nature and architecture of the new church. It is reckoned that this may cost up to £20,000. The present temporary church would be used as a Hall, though this together with the existing large hut, is even now too small for the needs of the Sunday School (of which there are three in the Parish).

Towards the cost of the church a grant of £2,000 has been promised by the Diocesan Church Extension Committee, which will also double (up to a limit of £1,500) any monies raised locally. But these grants are conditional on the Foundation Stone being laid by the end of 1958.

The Parish is alive to its opportunities and consequent responsibilities. It has raised £500 to be invested in the Curate's house, and it has planned as far as it possibly can in respect of the spiritual and material needs of the area. It is heavily committed in respect of payment for and upkeep of the Curate's house, as well as in respect of the Curate's stipend and urgent needs at the Parish Church.

R. T. LITTLE,
Vicar of Skellingthorpe

S. GILES

The only Hall which S. Giles has is a wooden hut on the Wragby Road. This was the original "dual-purpose" building, bought second-hand, and erected at the end of the first World War. It has, of course, deteriorated since that date and it cannot last indefinitely. It is situated on one edge of the parish, on the wrong side of a busy road. The site on which it stands is much more valuable than the building itself, but there is in the deeds a curious clause limiting the re-sale.

There is ample room by the Church for a new Hall which would then be in the very centre of the Parish. As the Church is on the official list of Buildings of Historical and Architectural interest, a Hall will have to be erected in conformity with the Church, thus adding considerably to the cost. Preliminary sketch plans of a Hall have been drawn and the Ministry of Town and Country planning has indicated that it is the sort of building they would approve. As there is a shortage of Halls in this large area, it should not be difficult to obtain a number of lettings. The building of the Vicarage emptied the Building Fund but each year as much as possible is saved for this purpose.

V. I. DALBY,
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Income and Expenditure Account for the period from 29th October, 1954, to 31st December, 1955.

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
£	s d	£	s d
Administration:			
Printing, Postages and other Expenses	23 17 5	Donations and Collections	426 19 10
Stamps on Covenants	25 8 6	Subscriptions, including Income Tax recoverable on covenanted subscriptions (£935 12s. 5d.)	2227 7 7
Accountancy Charges	5 5 0	Bank Interest	26 14 3
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the period	54 10 11		
	2626 10 9		
	£2681 1 8		

NOTE: The Society was formed on 18th November, 1953, but no income was received or expenditure incurred until a public meeting was held on 29th October, 1954.

BALANCE SHEET 31st December, 1955.

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Accumulated Income	2626 10 9	Income Tax recoverable on covenanted subscriptions	94 2 9
Creditor	5 5 0	Cash in the hands of the Lincoln Diocesan Trust and Board of Finance	272 19 7
		Balances with National Provincial Bank Limited:	
		On Deposit Account	£2226 14 3
		On Current Account	37 19 2
			2264 13 5
	£2631 15 9		2631 15 9

L. A. BAKER, Treasurer
K. HEALEY, Chairman

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LINCOLN CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account with the books and papers produced to us by the Hon. Treasurer. In our opinion and according to the explanations given to us, these accounts fairly represent the transactions shown in the books for the period from 29th October, 1954, to 31st December, 1955, and the state of affairs as shown at the latter date.

J. S. STREETS & Co., Chartered Accountants. LINCOLN, 29th February, 1956.