

CONSECRATION  
OF  
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, HORNINGLOW  
BURTON-ON-TRENT

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THIS CHURCH will be CONSECRATED (D.V.) on

WEDNESDAY the 24<sup>th</sup> instant, by

THE LORD BISHOP OF LICHFIELD,

When there will be Divine Service in the Morning at  
Eleven, and in the Afternoon at half-past Three o'clock

The Sermon in the Morning will be Preached by

THE LORD BISHOP OF LICHFIELD,

And in the Afternoon by

THE REV. J.H.JENKINS, M.A.

(Incumbent of Hazlewood, Derbyshire.)

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## HORNINGLOW

### CONSECRATION OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

With considerable satisfaction, we have to record the completion of this beautiful church, which was duly consecrated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese yesterday; it was not favoured with such propitious weather as could be wished, yet there was a large and fashionable congregation, including Sir Oswald Mosley, Bart., Miss Mosley, W. Worthington, Esq., and Mrs. Worthington, Major Bass, J. Gretton, Esq., Miss Gretton, the Misses Arden, Mrs Barber, Mrs. Helliwell, Mr. W. H. and Mrs. Worthington, Mrs. Pickering, Mr. Tomlinson, and the Misses Tomlinson, Mr. H Tomlinson, Mr. R. S. Belcher, Mr. and Mrs. Warham, Mr. Geo. Lowe, and others.

The ceremony was fixed for eleven o'clock, and by that time the church was crowded. The Bishop and clergy robed in the schoolroom close by, and walked in procession to the western door, where his Lordship received a petition praying that he would consecrate the church. The Bishop signified his readiness to consecrate the same, and with the clergy proceeded to the communion table, chanting as they proceeded the 24thh Psalm, "The earth is the Lord's'" &c. The other portions of the consecration ceremony were the gone through in the usual manner, after which prayers were offered up by the Bishop, and the ordinary services of the day were commenced. The Rev. J. M. Grier, M. A., rector of Rugeley, read the first lesson, and the Rev. John Auden, M. A., read the collect for the day. The communion service was read by the Bishop; the Epistle by the Rev. Wm. Jones, M.A., Vicar of Burton.

The Bishop preached a sermon of an earnest and practical character from the I Corinthians, iii., 23 – "And ye are Christ's".

At the offertory, the sum of £90 5s. 6d. was collected.

When the service in the church had been concluded, the Bishop and clergy, with the choir and people, proceeded round the churchyard, repeating alternately the 49<sup>th</sup> Psalm; and when in the front of the edifice his Lordship said the prayers specially set apart for the consecration of churchyards, and after the choir had sung the 39<sup>th</sup> Psalm, the usual blessing was pronounced

### THE LUNCHEON

At two o'clock luncheon was served in a large malt office belonging to Mr. Marston, brewer, which had been neatly decorated with flags and appropriate mottoes, and was fitted up with everything required for the comfort of the guests. The Rev. W. Jones occupied the chair, and was supported by the Bishop and clergy; the duties of the vice-chairman being admirably fulfilled by Major Bass. The guests numbered about 250. Toasts were afterwards proposed, and the Bishop, who responding on behalf of himself and the clergy, respectfully alluded to the munificent liberality of Mr. John Hopkins and Mr. William Hopkins; and at a later period the name of Mr. Coxon, of Edgbaston, received honourable mention for his gift of the handsome and fine-toned organ.

### THE CONCLUDING SERVICE

Was fixed for half-past three, and in spite of the very unfavourable weather a large congregation had by that time assembled in the sacred edifice. The Rev. J. H. Jenkins, of Hazelwood, was the preacher, and owing to his popularity when residing in Burton some years ago there were many of his old admirers present at the service. The Rev. John Auden read prayers, and the Rev. M. Crosse and the Rev. J. H. Hirst read the lessons. The sermon was founded upon the 8<sup>th</sup> chap. St. Luke, 37.8 – and for upwards of forty minutes the rev. gentleman treated his subject with much ability.

The collection amounted to £23 15s 10d.

Mr. John Evans, of Edgbaston, presided at the organ, and a number of efficient choristers from Birmingham rendered excellent assistance at the services.

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