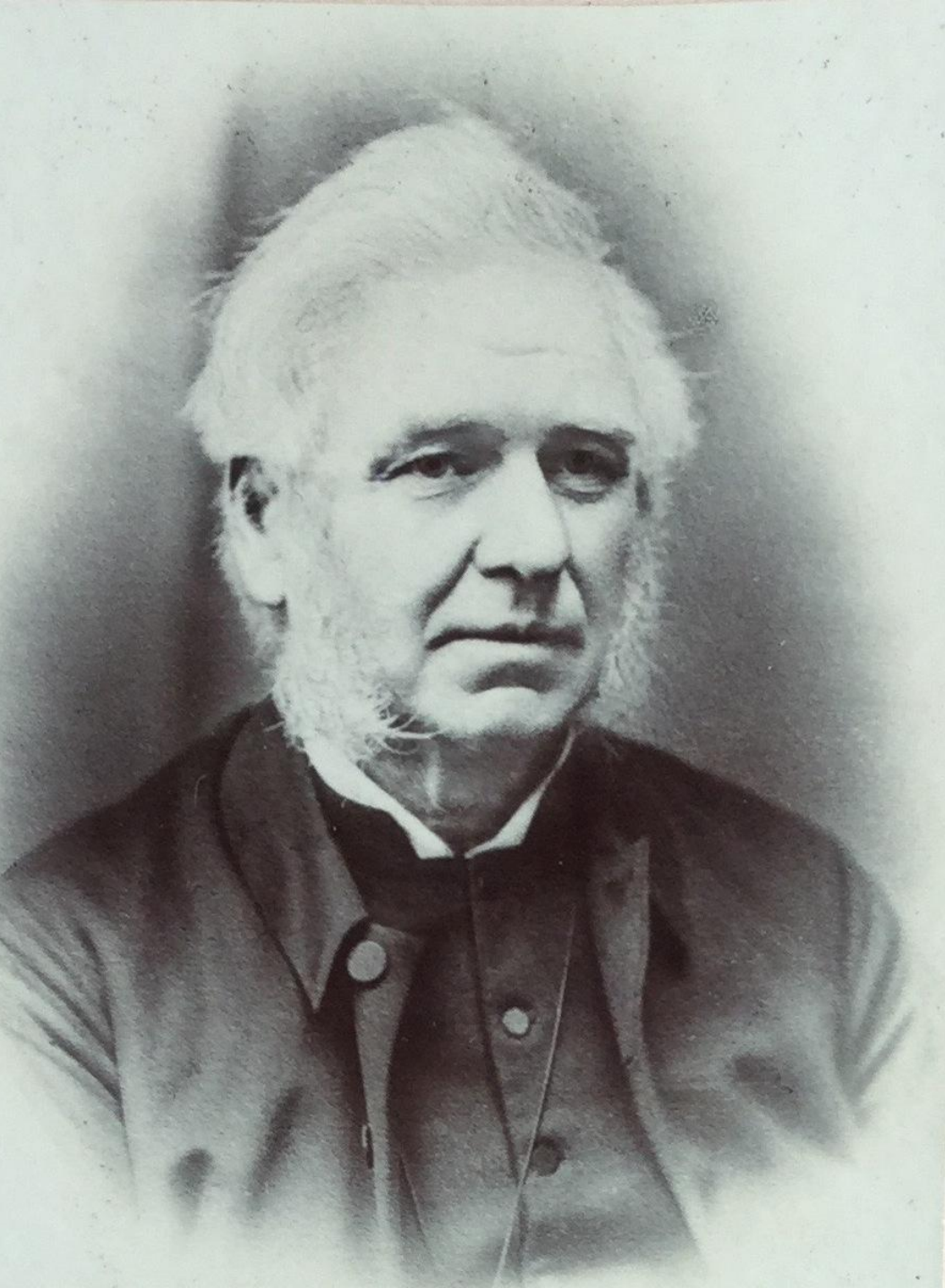


**In Trentham church, one hundred years ago, on 27 July 1918,
the vicar had the sad task of announcing to the congregation
the names of all the men from the parish
who had given their lives in the war.**

**The vicar's name was Archdeacon Malcolm Graham
and this presentation has been produced in his memory**





**Archdeacon
Malcolm Graham
1851 - 1931**

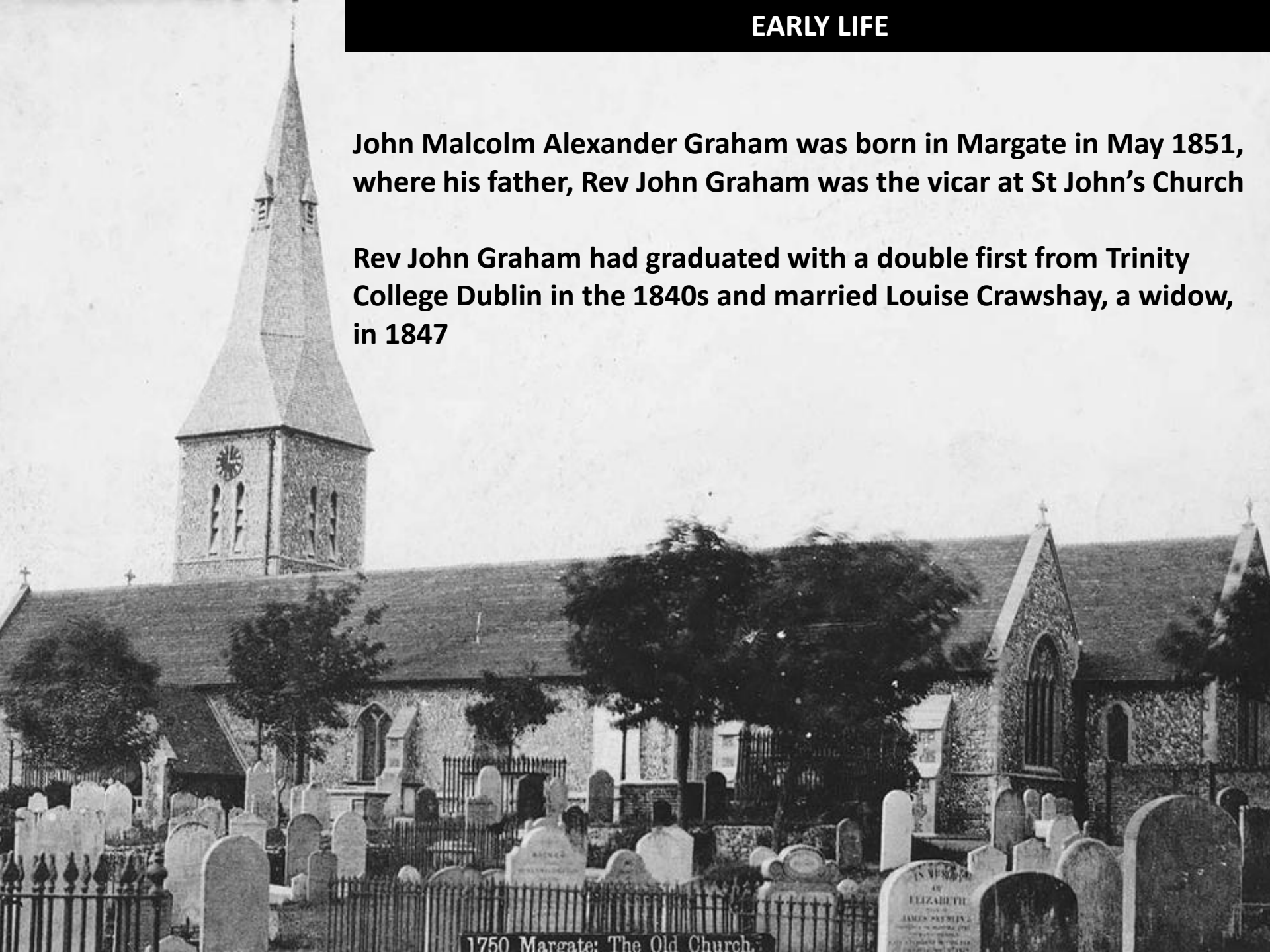
A Potteries' Parson

**Based on his reminiscences
written in 1929 for
Trentham Parish Magazine**

EARLY LIFE

John Malcolm Alexander Graham was born in Margate in May 1851, where his father, Rev John Graham was the vicar at St John's Church

Rev John Graham had graduated with a double first from Trinity College Dublin in the 1840s and married Louise Crawshay, a widow, in 1847



1750 Margate: The Old Church.

THE MOVE TO STAFFORDSHIRE

**In 1853 the family moved to Lichfield, where Rev John Graham was Rector of St Chad's Church
He was also a Rural Dean of Lichfield and a Prebendary of the Cathedral**

He remained there as Rector for 40 years



GROWING UP in LICHFIELD

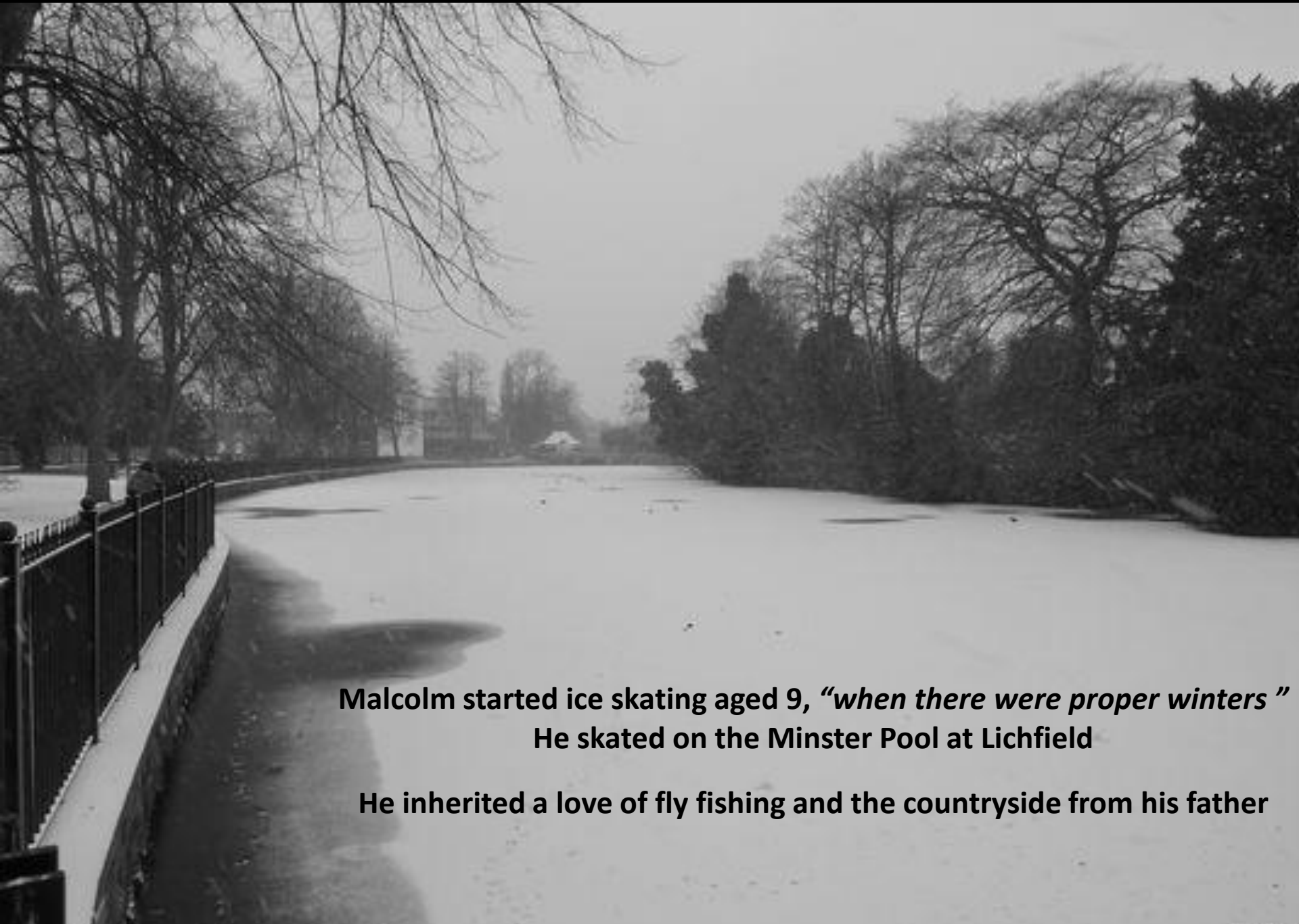


**The family home was an old house in Beacon Street
with a large old-fashioned garden**

**The children had a governess called Mrs Harries
and were summoned to lessons by a school bell**

Nearby street to the Rectory in Lichfield

CHILDHOOD PASTIMES



**Malcolm started ice skating aged 9, *“when there were proper winters”*
He skated on the Minster Pool at Lichfield**

He inherited a love of fly fishing and the countryside from his father

FAMILY TIES



**The Graham household eventually became a large one
Malcolm had a half brother and two half sisters and one brother and seven sisters**

1860 – 1870 - SCHOOL DAYS

In 1860, aged 9, Malcolm and his elder brother George were sent to Rossall School, a boarding establishment for the sons of clergymen, at Fleetwood on the Lancashire coast

“Returning to school was marked by the tears of a loving mother and the misery of a boy under 10, to whom school was purgatory because of cruelty and bullying”



Rossall School from the sea 1878
Photo courtesy of Rossall School Archives

He remained at Rossall School for 10 years

**By the 6th form, in addition to sporting triumphs in the field of athletics,
he also captained the cricket team, played in the 1st XV Rugby team
and was a member of the Wimbledon rifle shooting team**

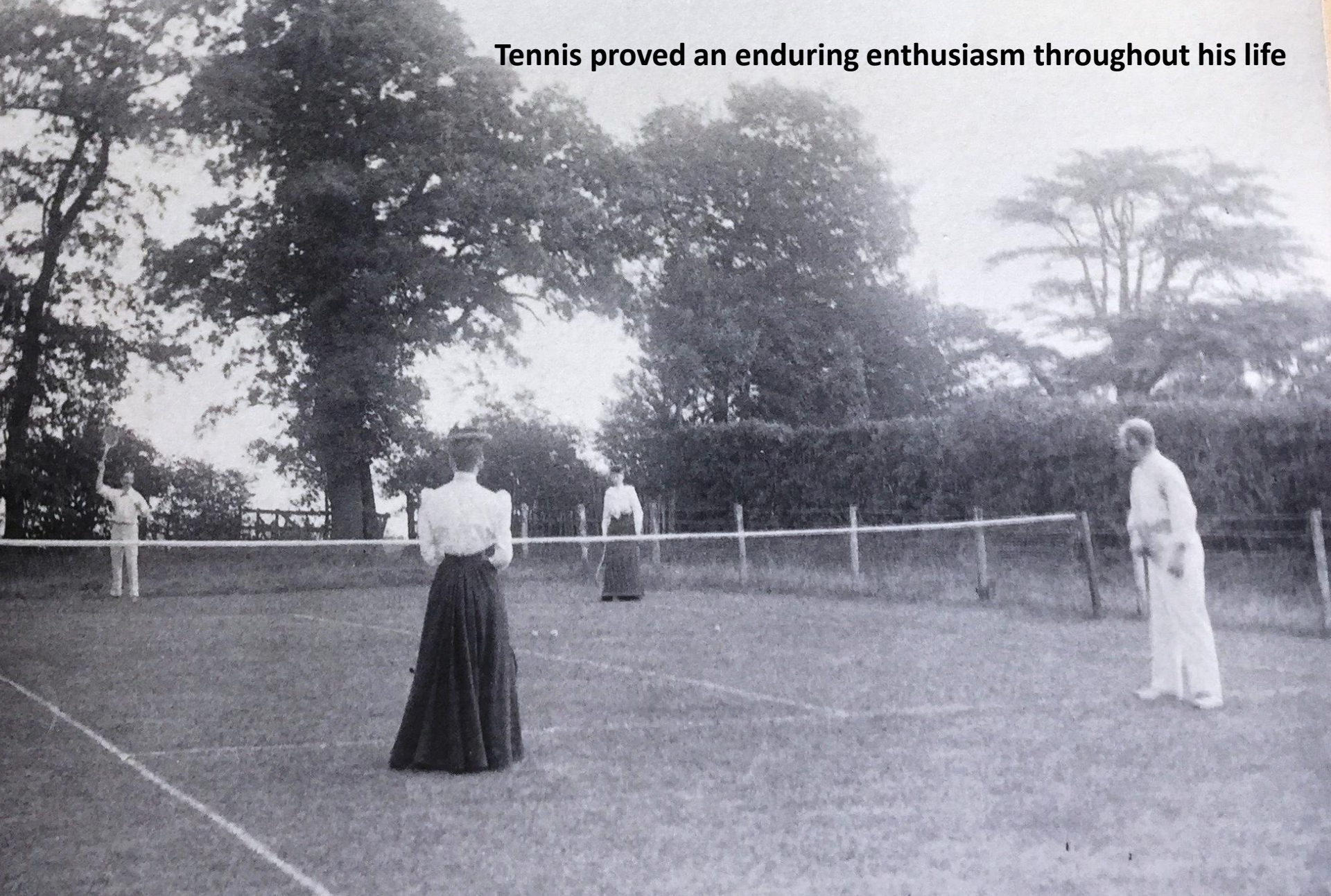


Rossall School 1878

Photo courtesy of Rossall School Archives

***“...with the gradual development of latent powers of mind and body,
the past was laid to rest and school life became an unmixed joy”***

Tennis proved an enduring enthusiasm throughout his life



Whilst still a schoolboy he won the Staffordshire County Open Lawn Tennis Championship playing doubles. The prize was a five guinea clock.



1871 – 1874 - THE UNIVERSITY YEARS

In 1871, he went to Brasenose College in Oxford to study theology, aged 20

ACHIEVEMENTS

He was an Oxford Blue, achieving success in the high jump and long jump

He also played cricket for the college

He maintained that: *“I was not much of a scholar, but I was a worker”*

He secured an honours degree from the Theological School

TEACHING AND ORDINATION

After coming down from Oxford, Malcolm spent time as a personal tutor, firstly in Scotland and then in Lichfield

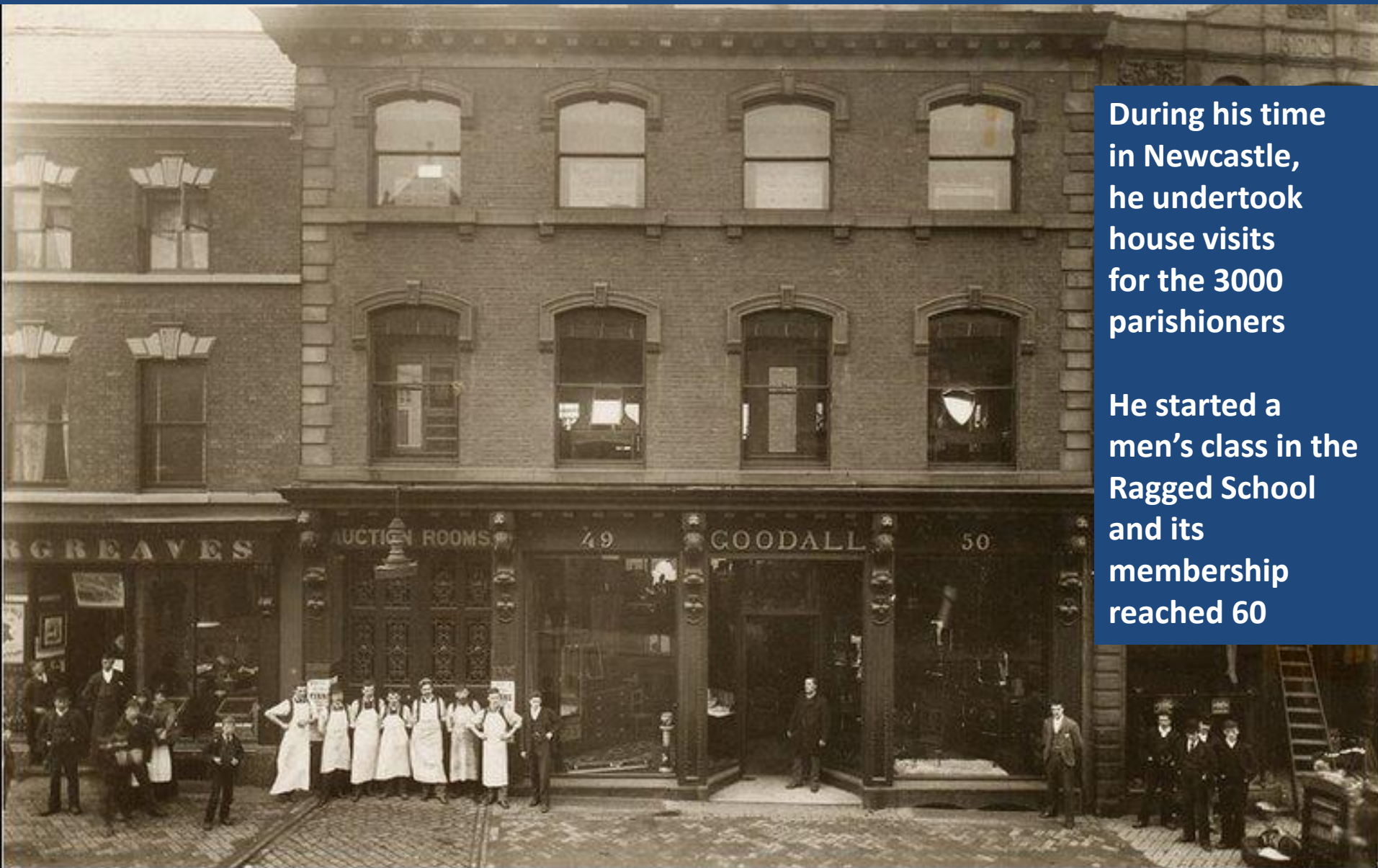


In due course he was ordained and commenced his ministry as curate at
St George's Church,
Newcastle u Lyme
in 1879

He had rooms in Albert Street and took charge of St John's Mission Church in Liverpool Rd

His salary was £120 per year

CURACY in NEWCASTLE 1879 - 1882



During his time in Newcastle, he undertook house visits for the 3000 parishioners

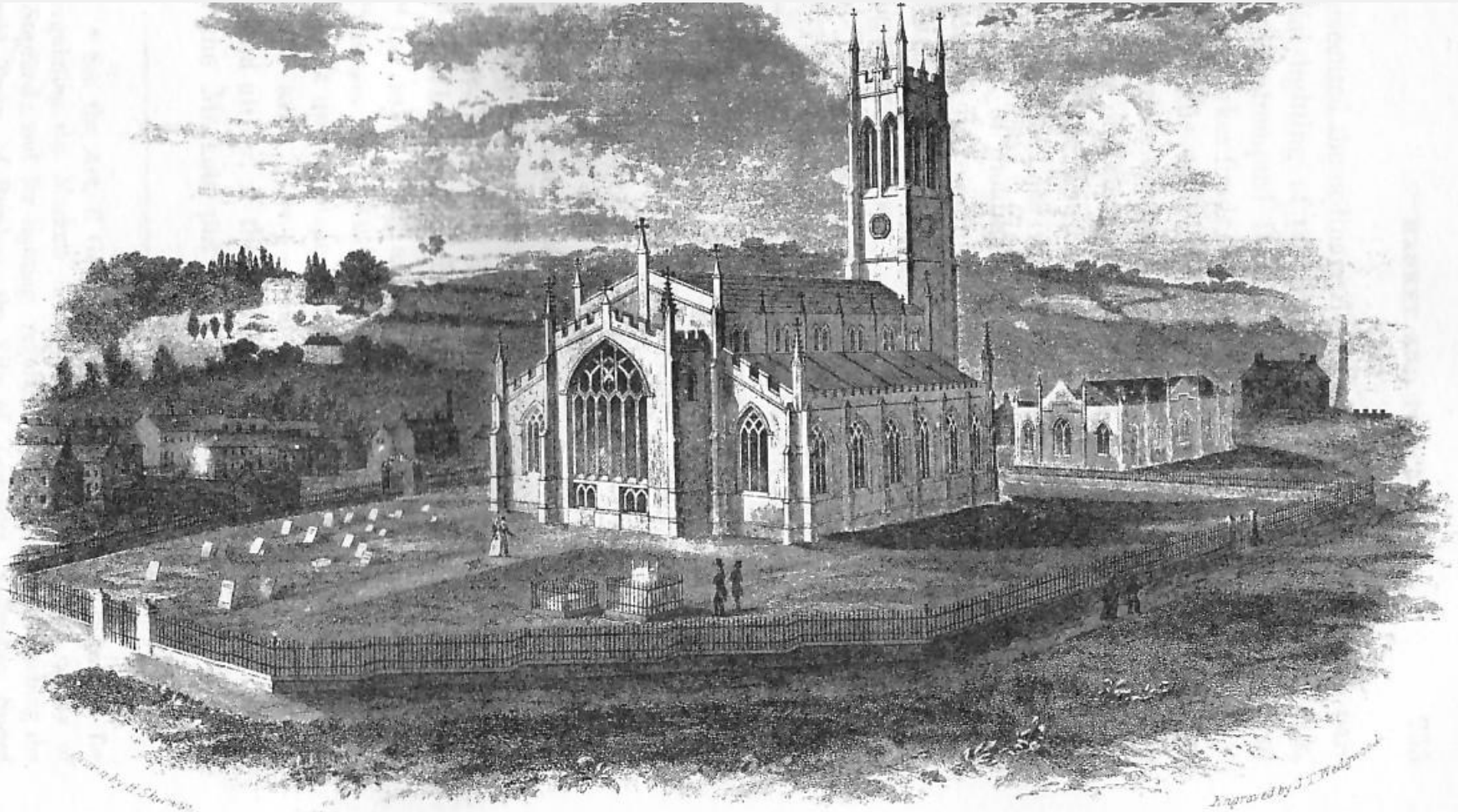
He started a men's class in the Ragged School and its membership reached 60

"It was in Newcastle that God gave me the best wife a man ever had"

His wife was Florence Louisa Coghill, daughter of Mr Harry Coghill of Newcastle

1882 – 1900
THE BURSLEM YEARS

"One day I received a letter from the Rector of Burslem offering me the living of St Paul's..."



St. Paul's Church, Burslem.

I had no desire to settle down in the Potteries...but I became the vicar and married and spent 19 of the happiest years of my life in the somewhat smoky atmosphere of the Potteries."

***"We were dismayed at the look of the vicarage and its surroundings,
but it turned out to be an excellent house with a fair-sized garden"***

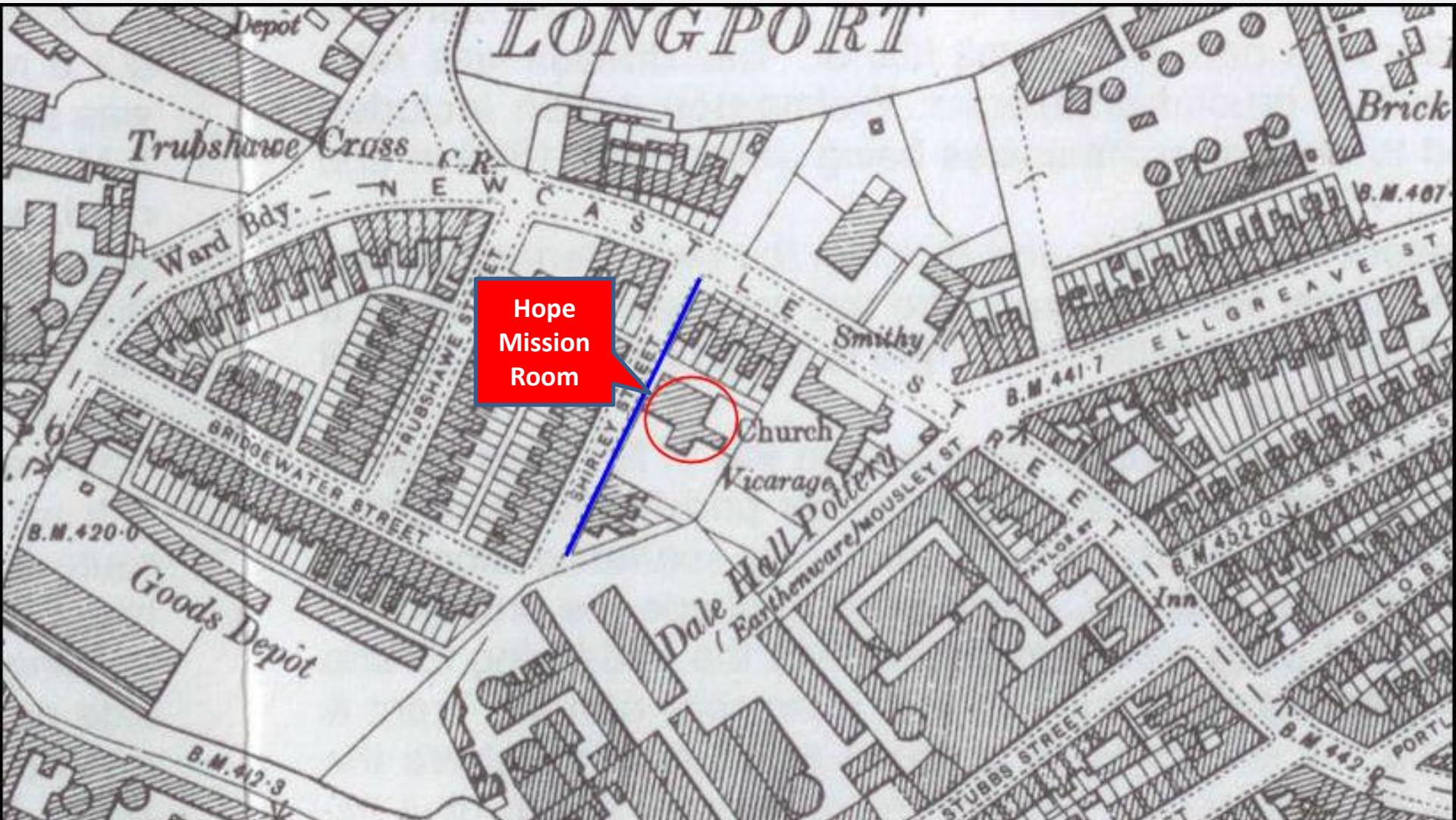


***"After some unsuccessful attempts at growing cabbages,
I turned the vegetable plot into a cinder tennis court."***

St Paul's was a large parish of 11,000

He eventually secured four curates, a church army captain and a lady worker

He built the Hope Mission Room in Shirley Street, where bible classes were held for men and women and a Sunday School attracted 200 scholars



Another mission room was built in the Sytch district under the devoted care of Mrs Bowers

HIS MINISTRY IN BURSLEM



Rev Graham held open air services at Burslem Wakes and regular temperance meetings

He held men's services once a month and went to the pubs and gave out tokens to be returned when the men attended church

"In those days drunkenness was rampant and we were always on the temperance warpath."



SPORT AND RECREATION

"I set Mondays apart for recreation. I used two local tennis courts to great advantage and I was one of the first members of Trentham Golf Club.

I took two weeks holiday in spring and a month in the summer.

The spring holiday was always fishing and invariably in Wales."

He kept a sketch book at hand to record the events of the day



Archdeacon Graham playing on the Trentham golf links on his 80th Birthday.

GROWING FAMILY

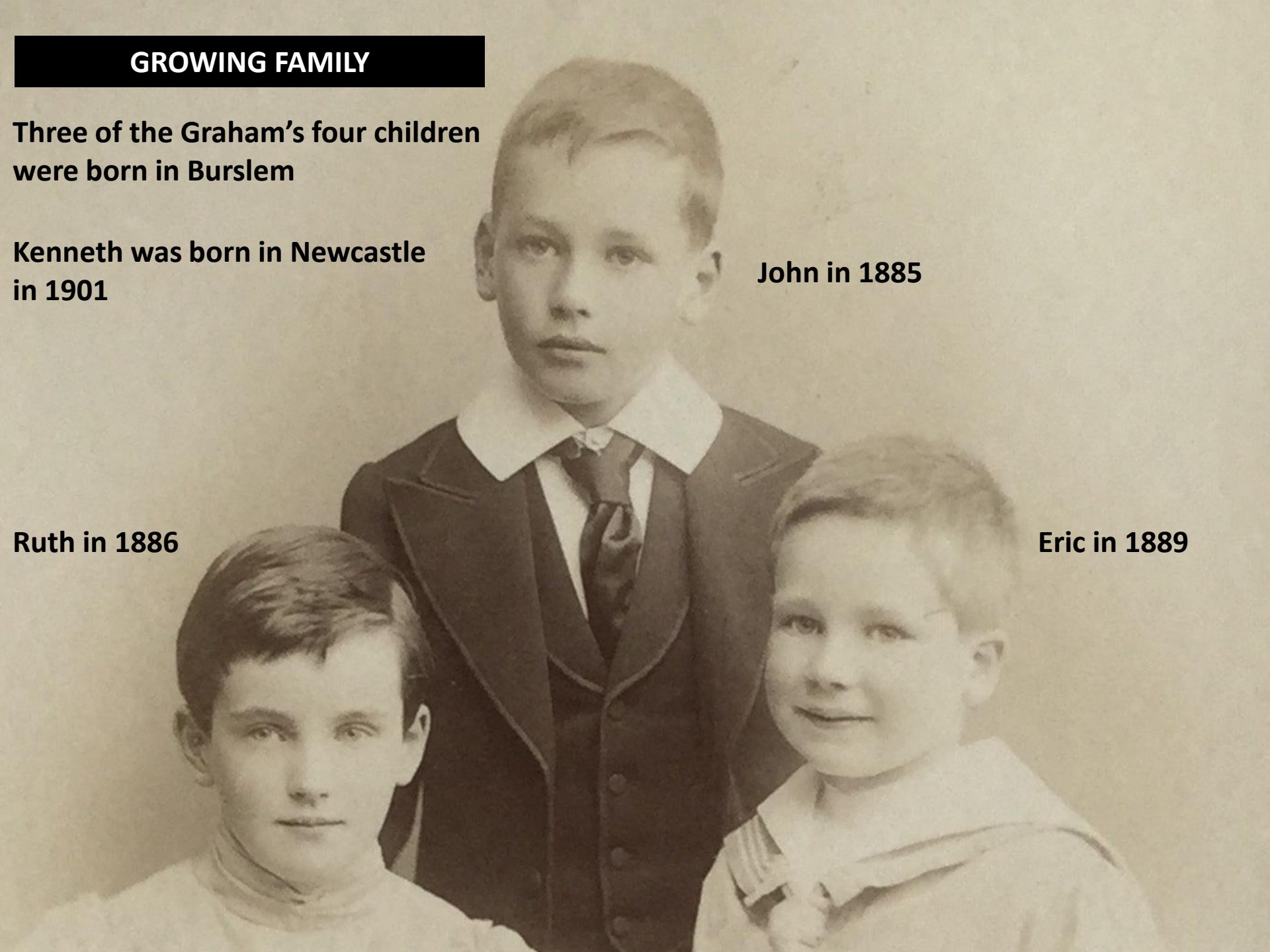
**Three of the Graham's four children
were born in Burslem**

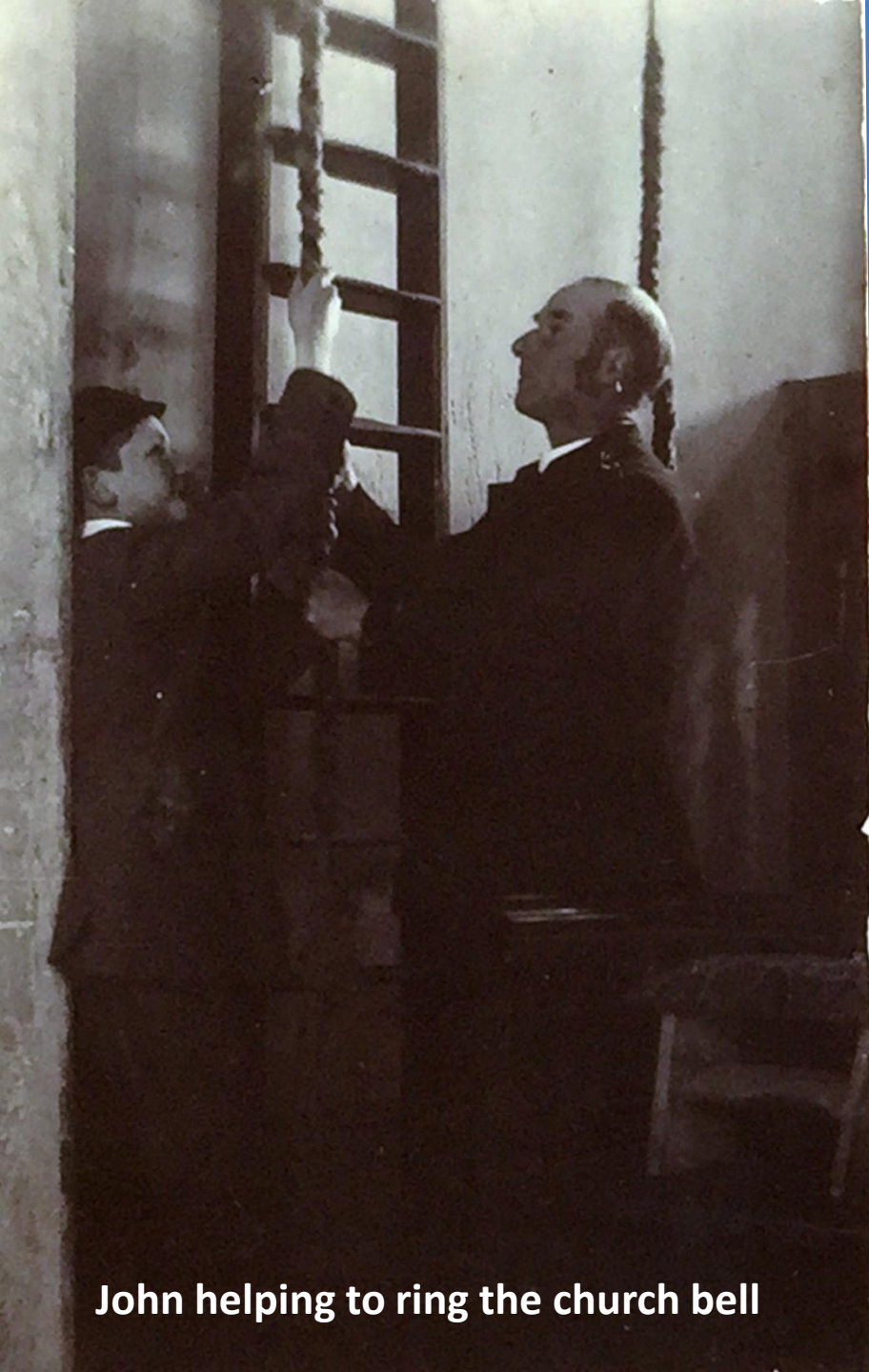
**Kenneth was born in Newcastle
in 1901**

John in 1885

Ruth in 1886

Eric in 1889





John helping to ring the church bell



Eric aged two

BURSLEM CHURCH COMMITTEES



BURSLEM MEN'S BIBLE CLASS



1891 - FIRST HOLIDAY IN SWITZERLAND

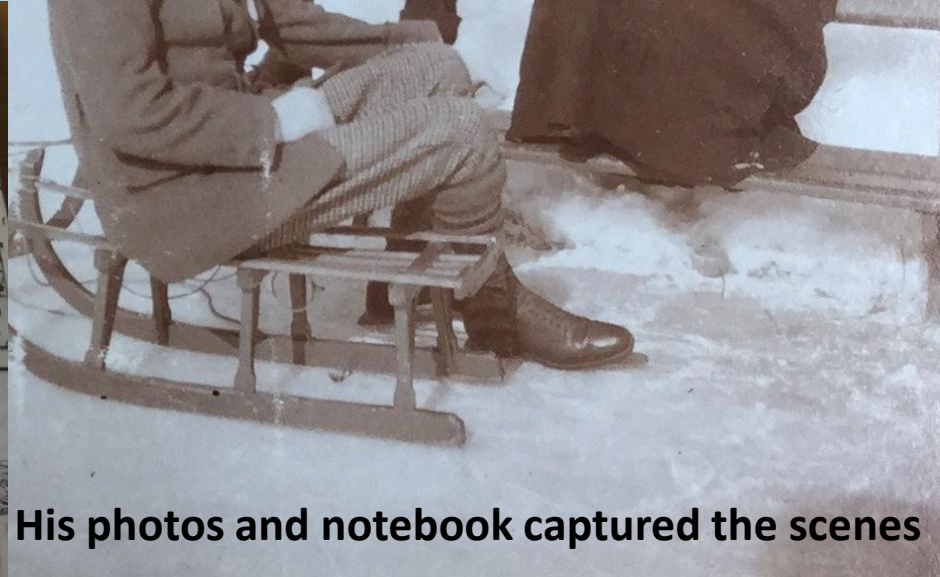


of the Lake which is full of stony reefs & should be pass an island & a long narrow. The seat of an old Benedictine Monastery had here had over falling itself and there are still the ruins of the Abbey and Castle of which the following sketch on the 2nd May coming down the river -



We soon after they entered what is called "the Forest Cut" a paved made this some low land lying between the river and the lower reach of the lake by the river as the upper reach of the river where it enters the loch is not navigable and besides this "cut" greatly shortens the passage as it is the passage from camp to falling of steamer occupies only one hour less than the passage from England to Ireland -

On the left of the lower river down is the old castle of the Maclean-Dunrobin. Sir Robert Blake is the present possessor a fine old place called "Munro's Castle" no doubt from a Lord or baronet of the name who has been there for some time. The ancient burial place of the Blake family. We came over into the river Maclean (a river) a "stone & sand" a "little castle" which exactly describes the only elevated on the estate - a stone house & a house for some time but the sketch of the castle. The only remains now of the castle of the Maclean is called from its great being a "stone house" & a little below Munro's seen on the same side of the river -

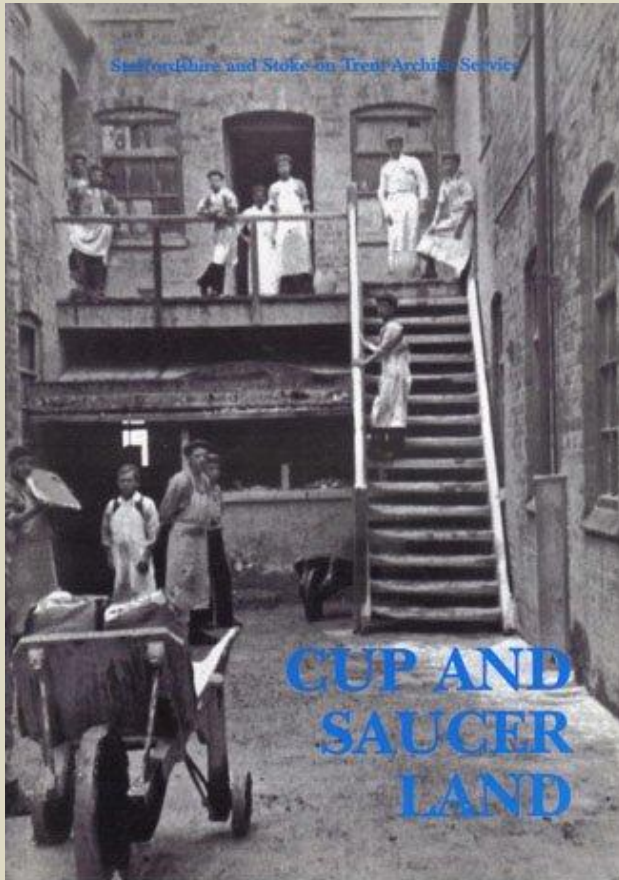


His photos and notebook captured the scenes

PHOTOGRAPHING the POTTERIES

"I had 29 potteries in my parish.

As most of my people worked in the pot banks, I took hundreds of photographs, so that I have a good collection of photographs of all the processes of earthenware production."



Cups may be made by the various processes of Jiggering, Throwing, or Casting.

The first of these, as seen in the picture is the most common - and will be described further on. This process is also known as Jollying.

A man may work with a single or a double Jolly. The man who uses a double jolly will have 5 attendants. 2 Women Spongers - 2 Mold-runners - and a boy to feed the machine.

Some cup makers will make a hundred dozen a day. A Potters dozen is not like anyone else's - it is regulated by the size of the thing made. In the case of cups and saucers there are 36 to the dozen, so that a 100 dozen a day means nearly 4000.

The cup is made in 2 moulds one on the right hand and the other on the left. A boy places a ball of clay in each. An automatic iron hand connected with the Jigger comes down on one regulating the thickness of the clay and shaping the cup - it then slowly resumes its original position. As it does so the other hand comes down on the other side barely allowing the cup-maker time to trim and smooth the clay. As this is done the mold-runner takes away the mould and supplies another.



He went on to record these processes in a manuscript, which was eventually published as a book in 1908 and entitled *Cup and Saucer Land*. The book was reprinted in 2000



Burgess & Leigh

Aerography at Burgess and Leigh

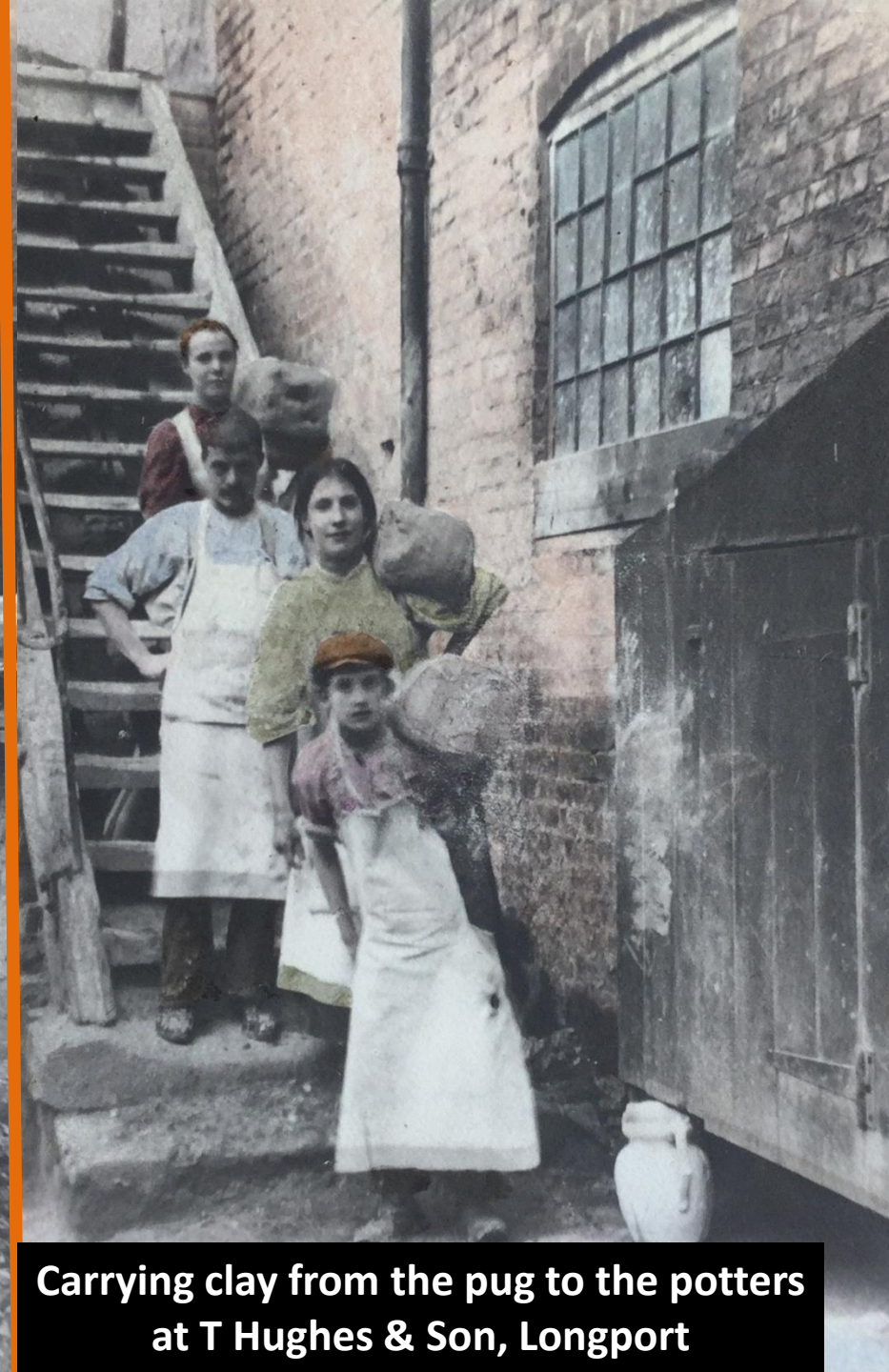




CUP AND SAUCER LAND



**Fireman
at Burgess and Leigh**



**Carrying clay from the pug to the potters
at T Hughes & Son, Longport**



Crate makers on the canal side



The Glaze Cart – Thomas Till & Sons in the Sytch

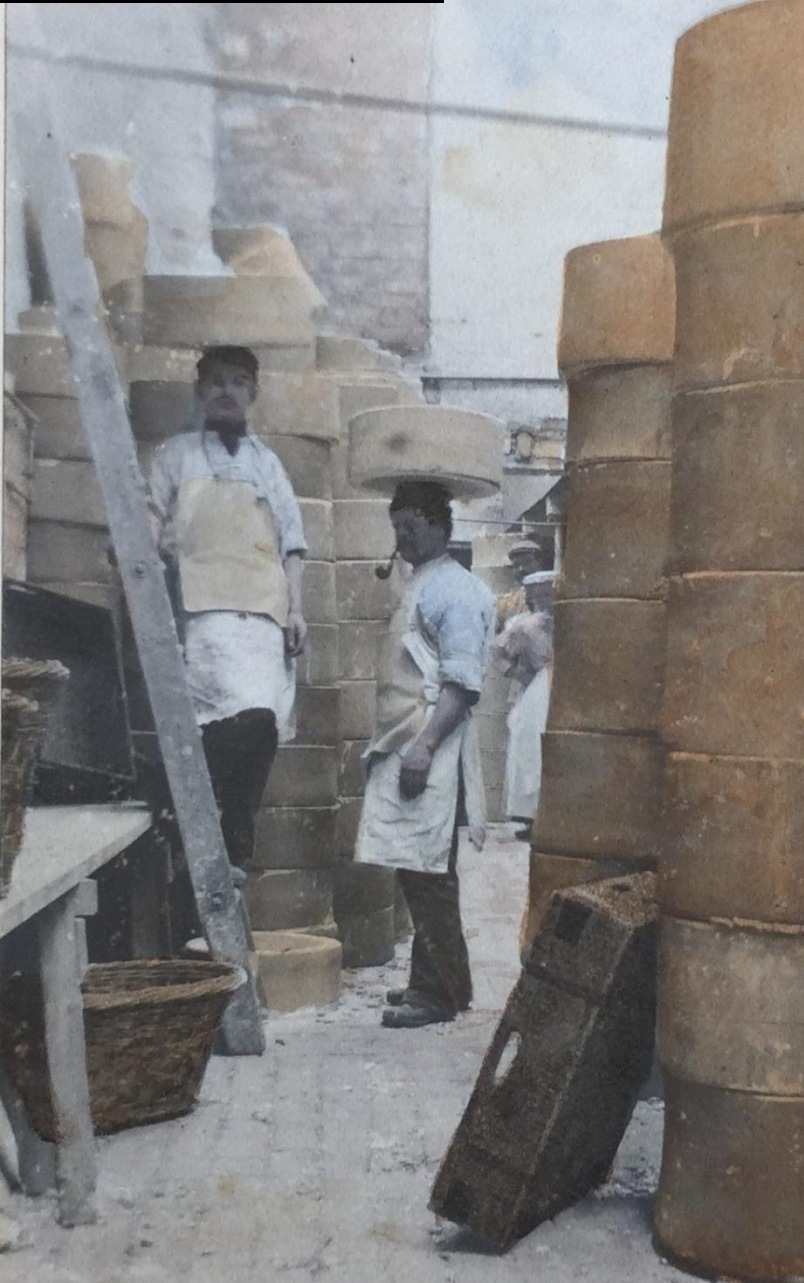




CUP AND SAUCER LAND

Traditional manufactory – Joseph Robinson, Knowle Works

CUP AND SAUCER LAND



Placing ware in the glost oven



Wedging the clay



Moving saggars to dry

CUP AND SAUCER LAND



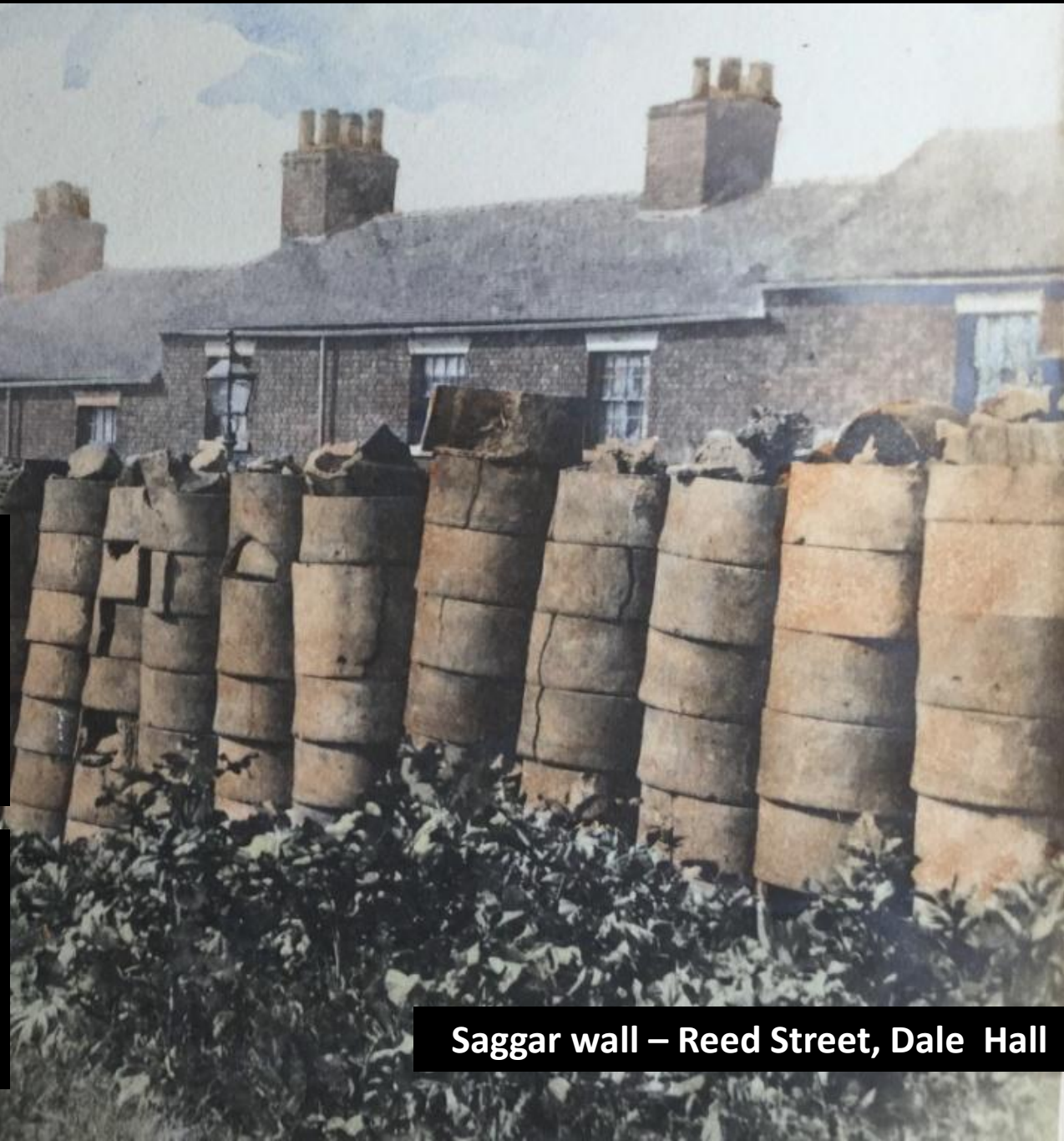
Malkin, Edge & Co, Newport Lane

1901 - LEAVING BURSLEM

In 1900, Malcolm Graham suffered a partial breakdown

"It was with deep regret that I had to leave Burslem on Doctor's orders."

My old tutor at Oxford, John Wordsworth, Bishop of Salisbury, offered me a living at Shrewton and Maddington in Wiltshire."



Saggar wall – Reed Street, Dale Hall

THE WILTSHIRE YEARS

1901 – 1908



“Shrewton and Maddington were beautiful villages.

***There was a good cricket ground and I played my last match on the Stonehenge ground.
We used to have excellent matches against officers from various camps.”***

THE PARISH OF SHREWTON AND MADDINGTON

Both the churches of Shrewton and Maddington were dedicated to St Mary

In 1869 the two churches had been united under one vicar

The vicarage was located in Maddington, although it was called the Shrewton vicarage

Shrewton Church



Maddington Church

“We held men’s services once a month at Shrewton and the excellent village band used to play which was a great attraction.

I started a choral society and we had an orchestra, our daughter Ruth played the violin.

We used a pony and governess cart to get provisions from Salisbury.”

THE VICARAGE OF SHREWTON



“The vicarage of Shrewton, built in 1704, was an excellent house with a large garden. Peaches, nectarines and plums grew in profusion. There was an arbour in the garden with three stuccoed walls. I set to work to paint three pottery scenes, nearly life size. They are still there nearly 30 years later, mellowed but still distinct.”

1903 – CONVALESCING IN SWITZERLAND



After another breakdown in 1903, the doctor ordered rest abroad, so he and his wife decided to spend the time needed for a complete restoration to health in Switzerland

"Our days were spent skating, tobogganing, bob sleighing and curling.

And I commandeered the Dancing Room for Sunday Services."



“After being at Shrewton for seven years and completely restored to health, I received one morning a letter from the Duchess of Sutherland asking me if I would accept the living at Trentham.

I had been very happy at Shrewton, but this call back to the old diocese seemed irresistible.

I accepted the offer, as my dear wife and I felt all our old associations were with the Lichfield diocese, where my dear old father had worked for 40 years and where we had spent all of our lives since childhood.”

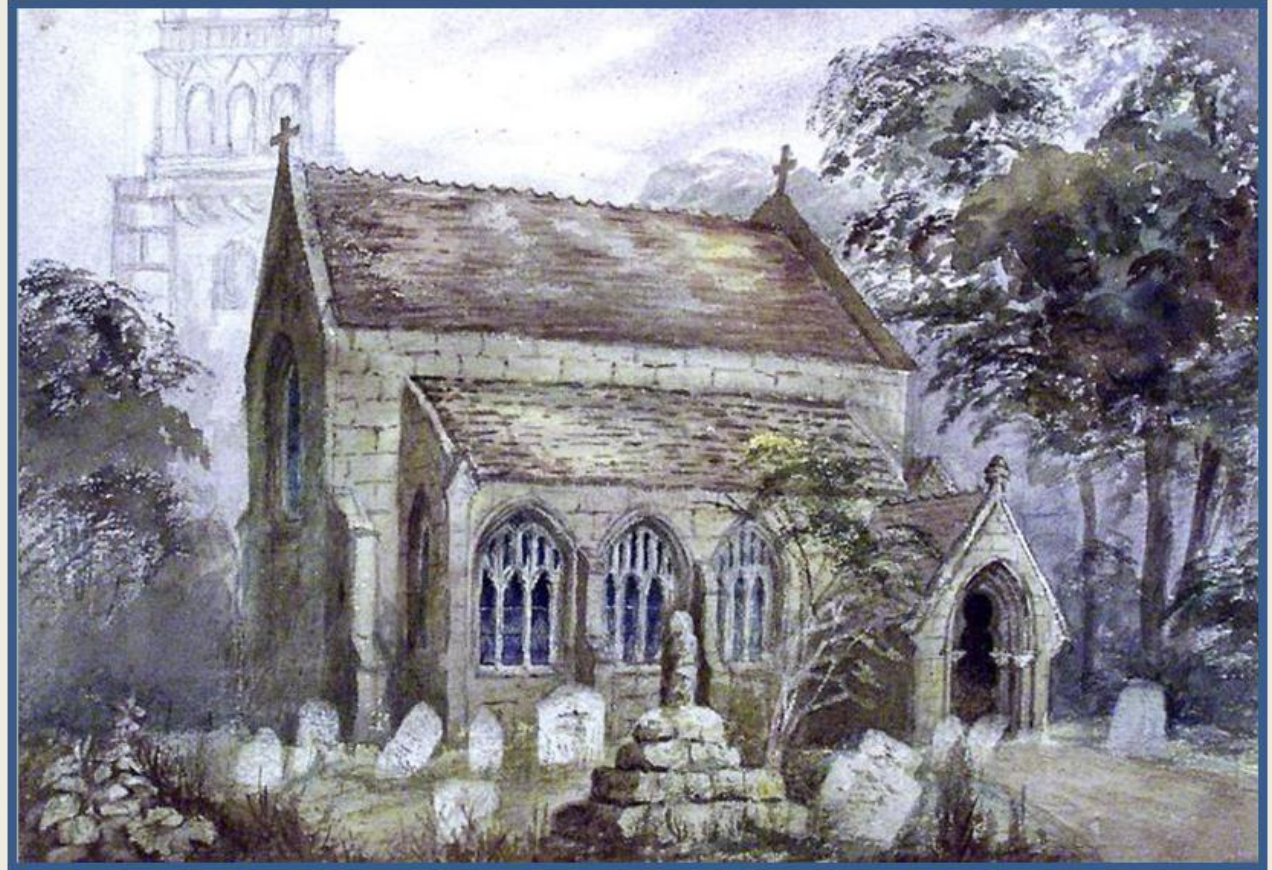


*Elizabeth
Sutherland*

1908 – 1931 – THE TRENTHAM YEARS

The night before his institution as vicar on All Saints Day, November 1st 1908, Bishop Legge asked Rev Graham to also take over the position of Archdeacon in place of the Rev Crump who was very ill.

“I asked for a week to think it over. In that time others pressed me to accept the post.”



“ So fully conscious of my defects, but feeling convinced that God would be with me as I endeavoured to do my duty, I returned to my old diocese as Vicar of Trentham and Archdeacon of Stoke.”

ISSUES WITH THE VICARAGE



"After living in the vicarage for two years, I complained to the late Duke that the house was too large and expensive. He immediately offered to build me another and to choose my own site."

The old vicarage was sold in 1911 to Mr Adolph Wenger and family and became known as The Priory



Photo © Britain from Above

OLD AND NEW VICARAGE LOCATIONS



The former
vicarage

The new vicarage
on The Ley

Trentham
Church

The site chosen for the new vicarage was an elevated position adjoining Trentham Golf Course

Archdeacon Graham commented: *"The present vicarage, though apparently somewhat isolated is most central, being about two or three minutes walk from the village."*

SETTLING IN

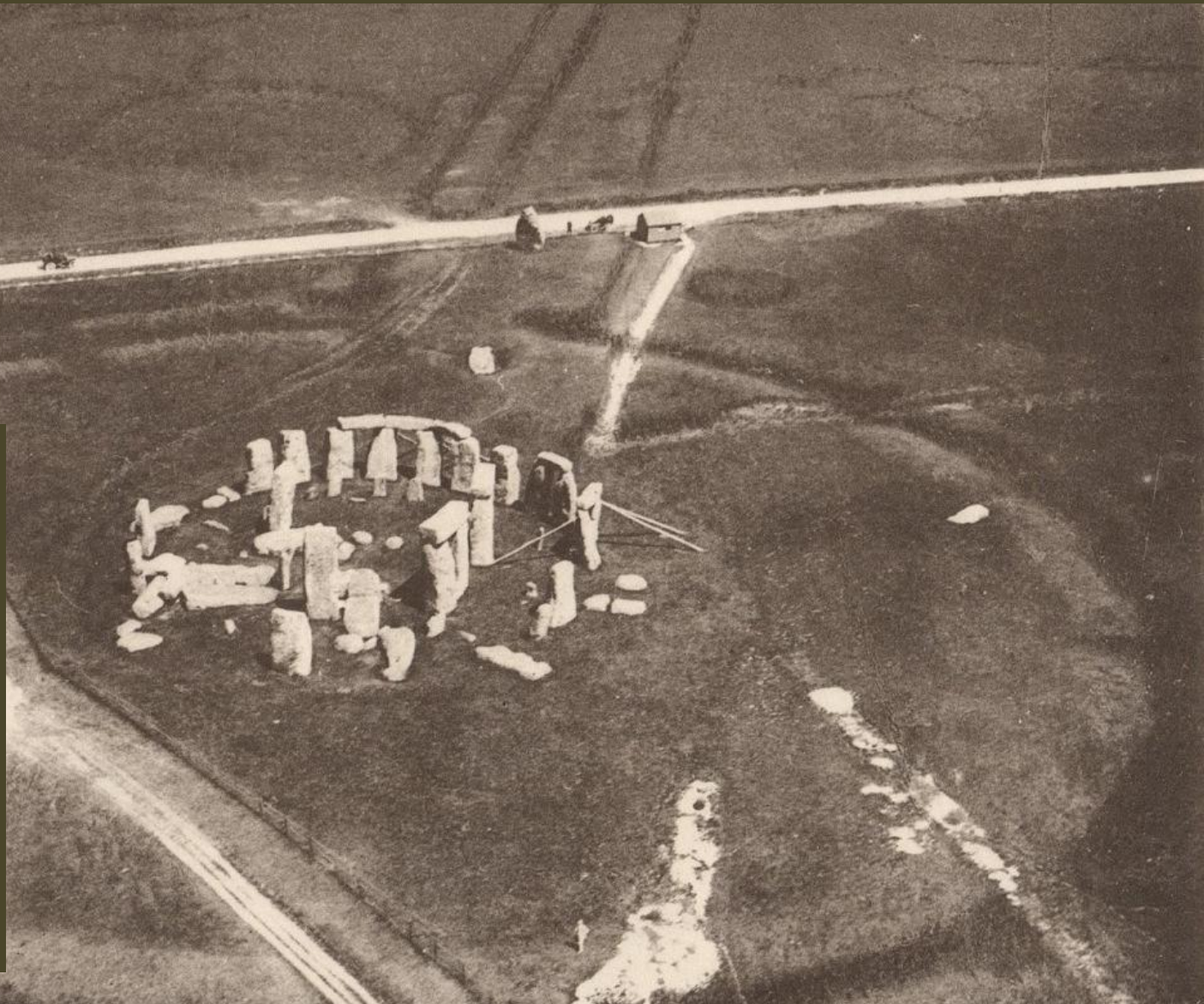


"I am not ashamed to say that the first thing I did in the new premises was to make a new tennis court which has proved a great asset in many ways."

STONEHENGE COMES TO TRENTHAM

"We believed that stones of the old Priory were embedded in the walls of Trentham Hall.

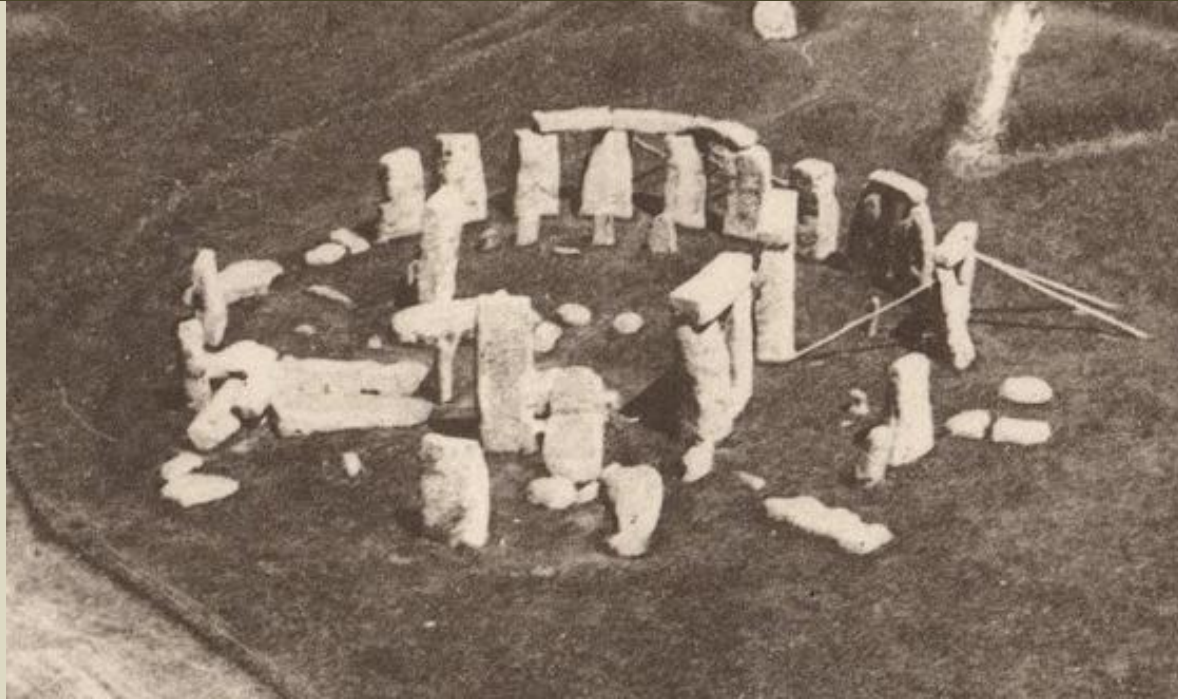
When the Hall was pulled down I secured some of the stones. But the question arose as to what could be done with them...



My late parish of Shrewton was only four miles from Stonehenge, and it occurred to me that I might make a model of the stones as a missionary lesson for passers-by. I had a photograph taken from an aeroplane to give me the positions of the stones."

"I erected the stones at the end of my garden abutting on the public path to Barlaston, with an inscription cut on an upright stone.

Passers-by were invited by a notice on the stones to call at the vicarage for a history of Stonehenge, where we also gave them a Church Missionary Society Tract, entitled: "A Very Savage Island", about Britain before the coming of the Gospel of Christ."



*At the foot of the stone with the inscription
are the words:*

**JESUS CHRIST
THE SAME,
YESTERDAY,
TODAY AND FOREVER**

DUCHESS OF SUTHERLAND AT TRENTHAM



Archdeacon Graham and Duchess Millicent at a Cripples Guild event

“The ducal family had given up living at Trentham before my institution as vicar.

The Duchess Millicent took the deepest interest in the spiritual and physical welfare of the people.

It was a great blow to the parish when the Duke and his family left, as his daughters were splendid workers in the parish.”

Malcolm Graham was often involved in local school, charity and art events with the Duchess.

He also thought well of her husband, Cromartie the 4th Duke of Sutherland, who died in 1913.

This death marked the end of an era for Trentham and the family’s special relationship with the church and the local community.

END OF THE REMINISCENCES

“Now these reminiscences must come to an end.

As I take my leave of them, I must offer my grateful thanks to all those who have encouraged me to go on month by month until the records left me high and dry on the shores of Trentham.”

Malcolm Graham's own reminiscences end here, but the following slides aim to chronicle later events and activities that were not included in his own account...



CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

STOKE ARCHDEACONRY.

The annual summer gathering of the Stoke-on-Trent Archdiaconal Association of the Church Missionary Society was held on Saturday, when many members and friends of the society attended service in the Parish Church in the afternoon and a meeting in the Institute in the evening.

At the service, the Ven. Archdeacon Graham, vicar of **Trentham**, delivered a short address of welcome to the gathering. He said he was very glad to see them in **Trentham** on such an occasion and in such a cause. His words of welcome were doubly welcome to those who had come with courage and determination and the spirit of prayer in the face of the tremendous crisis in the history of the society. They were in a position in which they had never found themselves before. Through the war, their position was one of tremendous difficulty and responsibility, and they had met to give some definite advice to the headquarters of the society in London. We were not only fighting for the liberty of a little country, the keeping of the nation's promise, and for our own life and existence, but for something that was really more important than all—for the continuance of our influence in the world. There was no power in the world so great for good as the power of England. The war would end—God only knew how—but they believed right would triumph over wrong. Almost certainly one result of the war would be that they would find the world ready to receive the Gospel. There must be no going back upon their work. He did not urge at the present time that the society should make a strenuous effort to go forward, but he did urge that they should not go back.

Archdeacon Graham would have been a constant and central figure in the parish during the war years.

He was on the platform for the well attended Patriotic Meeting at the Institute on 7 August 1915, which aimed to encourage and mobilise army recruitment in the locality.

He spoke to the Church Missionary Society gathered at Trentham in 1915 about the tremendous crisis they all faced, but in the belief that: *"...Almost certainly one result of the war would be that they would find the world ready to receive the Gospel."*

He attended many events for wounded soldiers held in Trentham Gardens over the course of the war.

BRINGING COMFORT

Archdeacon Graham would have comforted families who had lost loved ones

—A special service was held in the Parish Church last week in memory of local soldiers who have fallen in the war. The preacher was the Bishop of Stafford, who spoke from the text Revelations vi., 11—"And white robes were given unto every one of them." In the course of the service, the Vicar (the Ven. Archdeacon Graham) read out a list of those from the parish who had given their lives in the war as follows:—Claud R. Forse, schoolmaster; Thos. Bristow, Herbert E. M. Owen, William Clarke, Sydney C. Jones, Leonard Johnson, William Jones, Joseph Bassett, Harry Thorley, Arthur Thorley, Allan S. Hughes, Herbert Goodwin, G. W. Pagett, Thos. Hemmings, George Rogers, W. E. Brandrick, Harold Malpas, and Stanley Finley.



Sydney Jones



Leonard Johnson



Joseph Bassett



George Paget



William Jones



Claude Forse



Tom Hemmings



William Brandrick

PERSONAL LOSS

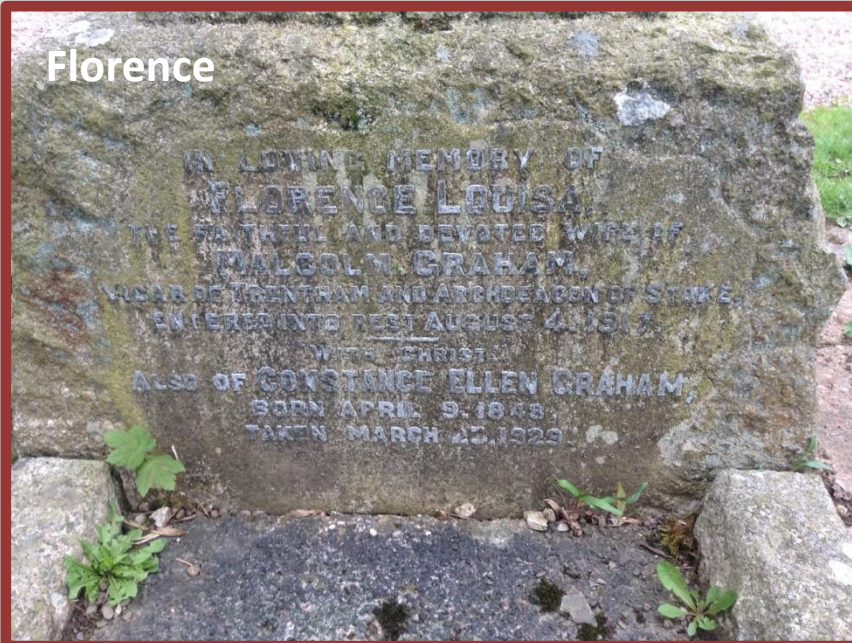
During the years of war Archdeacon Graham suffered the loss of two of his own loved ones. The first was his daughter Ruth, followed by his wife Florence three years later.

RUTH

THE BELOVED WIFE OF
ARNOLD ALCOCK MBBS [OF GLOUCESTER]
AND ONLY DAUGHTER OF **MALCOLM GRAHAM**
[ARCHDEACON OF STOKE] AND **FLORENCE** HIS WIFE
UNTIL THE DAY DAWN AND THE SHADOWS FLY AWAY
GIVEN JUNE 10 1886, TAKEN SEPTEMBER 19 1914



Florence



Florence, his wife of 35 years, died on August 4 1917 aged 60. Her obituary said: *"She had been in failing health for some years. She was exceedingly popular amongst the clergy and church workers in the district and was greatly loved for her kind and generous disposition. She took an active part in church work until illness prevented her."*

THE RECENT CHARITY ENTERTAINMENT AT THE EMPIRE THEATRE, HANLEY.

Letter of Appreciation from Archdeacon Graham.

The Sunday Concert Question.

The Ven. Archdeacon Graham has addressed the following letter to the proprietor of the Empire Theatre (Picture Palace), Piccadilly and Trinity-street, Hanley, who recently proposed to give a Sunday evening entertainment on behalf of the Infirmary, but altered it to a Friday evening in deference to the outcry against Sunday evening entertainments:

Dear Sir,—Those of us who have raised our voices against Sunday evening entertainments, both on religious and philanthropic grounds, feel we owe a debt of gratitude to you for so readily giving way to those whose feelings and convictions on this particular subject you do not share, but who are at one with you on the question of charity.

The giving up of a week-night for charitable purposes is real charity; because it is done at a personal loss. The action you have taken deserves, and has, the thanks of all those who have been drawn together by their mutual desire to preserve the sanctity of our English Sunday.—Yours faithfully,

MALCOLM GRAHAM

(Archdeacon of Stoke).

Trentham Vicarage, Stoke-on-Trent, February 27th.

P.S.—You may make any use you like of this letter. I enclose £1 1s. towards the Friday evening charity fund.

SECULARISATION OF SUNDAYS

Archdeacon Graham was keen that the sanctity of Sundays was preserved.

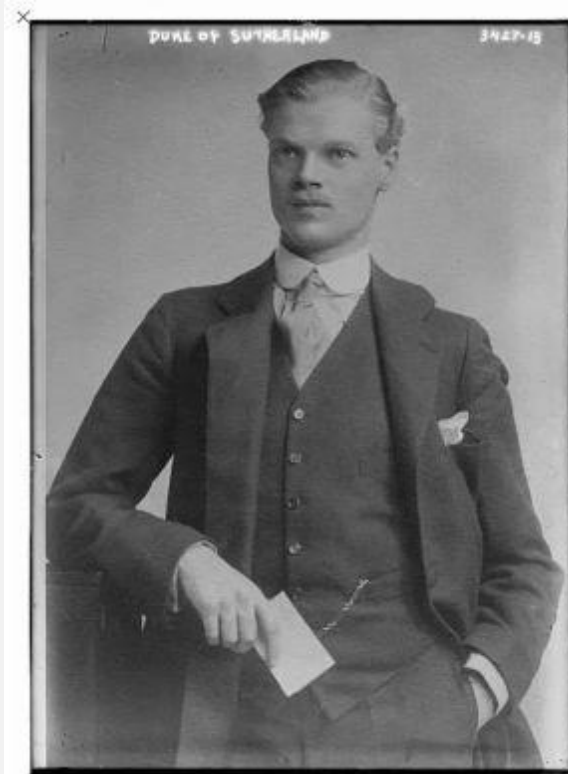
He campaigned against Sunday evening entertainments and wrote letters to the newspaper.

The 4th Duke had promised that there would be no golf, fishing or boating in the gardens on a Sunday.

The younger 5th Duke was in favour of a continental Sunday with church in the morning and games in the afternoon.

He was happy for the golf course to be opened on Sundays.

He did however agree that the band should not be allowed to play during the time of the church services.



ART AND THE SOCIETY OF PARSON PAINTERS

Malcolm Graham sketched and painted throughout his adult life.

In 1915 he exhibited with the Royal Cambrian Society of Artists in Conway

In 1924 he was involved in setting up the Society of Parson Painters and exhibited at their first public exhibition held at Trinity Church House, Great Portland Street in London.

He is included in all their exhibition catalogues, from 1925 to 1931.

In 1929 he exhibited with the North Staffs Arts Society at the Museum and Art Gallery in Piccadilly, Hanley.



**A Yorkshire Stream No 1, undated
Trentham Parish Church**



TRENTHAM WAR MEMORIAL

Archdeacon Graham was one of the instigators of the plan for a local memorial for fallen heroes.

He chaired a public meeting on 21 March 1919 and said they could not allow the services of the men from the village ever to be forgotten.

The memorial was eventually built in front of the mausoleum on a piece of land given by the Trustees of the Trentham Estate.

It was unveiled on Sunday 3 October 1921 by Brigadier-General Sir Smith Hill Child



When Archdeacon Graham dedicated the memorial cross he said:

"When those names were inscribed the one and only fact they wanted to set before the eyes of the world was that these men died for their country.

Therefore no rank or regiment was added, because it was thought that all those who had fallen were on a level in making that one great sacrifice."



SAD DEATH OF ARCHDEACON MALCOLM GRAHAM.

FATAL INJURIES IN TRENTHAM MOTOR ACCIDENT.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CHURCH IN STAFFORDSHIRE.

We deeply regret to announce the sad death of the Venerable Malcolm Graham, Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent, who received fatal injuries yesterday evening, when struck by a car near his home, Trentham Vicarage.

Archdeacon Graham, who celebrated his eightieth birthday in May this year, was highly esteemed and popular, both in the Church and in wider circles of activity throughout North Staffordshire.

The tragic accident took place about 10 p.m. in Stone-road, Trentham, on the south side of Ash Green Corner, near a small wicket gate leading to a footpath to the Vicarage.

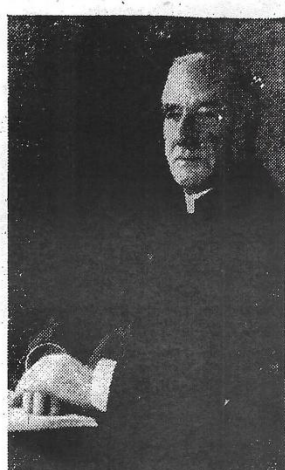
There was no mist at that particular spot at the time, but the night was exceedingly dark, and it is thought that the Archdeacon was endeavouring to find the wicket gate, which lies almost directly on to the road, when he was knocked down by a small car which was being driven in the direction of Stone by George Chadderton, of Greenbank House, Springfield, Trent Vale.

Archdeacon Graham was found to have sustained very severe head and leg injuries. He was moved without delay into a house nearby, where he received assistance, and was seen by Dr. Young, of Trentham, and Dr. Oliver, of Longton. Shortly afterwards the Archdeacon was removed by ambulance to the Longton Cottage Hospital, where, however, he died within a few minutes of his arrival.

LIFE-LONG ASSOCIATION WITH STAFFORDSHIRE.

Twenty Years of Distinguished Service at Burslem.

Though it was at Margate that the Rev. John Malcolm Alexander Graham was born, on May 1851, his father, Prebendary John Graham, was Rector of St. Chad's, Lichfield, for a period of 40 years. His son, therefore, had always been connected with Staffordshire, and had



THE LATE ARCHDEACON GRAHAM.

A MUCH BELOVED ARCHDEACON.

YOUTHFUL in mind and outlook active and still athletic, despite his eighty years, the Venerable Malcolm Graham, Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent has passed from a full, busy and beneficent life as the result of a motor accident. The news has come as a profound shock to all of us, for he was greatly beloved throughout the Diocese and in a still wider sphere.

His years at Burslem, where his chief lieutenant was Dr. Stuart, Dean of Carlisle, were a vigorous and highly successful ministry. Comparative retirement in Wiltshire, for recuperation, were followed by the still more responsible work of Archdeacon of a great industrial district, and he has continued it with undiminished vigour and truly faithful service.

An Oxford Blue, he was an exceptional athlete, a remarkable skater until a few years ago, a skilled tennis player, and a golfer of considerable accomplishment. Another facet of his exceptional characteristics was his pursuit of art with more than the average amateur's accomplishment. A friend of Brabazon, he, too, painted in the impressionist manner, and was young and receptive to the last in his artistic outlook. He contributed to the Parson Painters' Exhibitions and to those of the North Staffordshire Arts Society. In all his spheres of activity he was affectionately received. His loss is uncommonly great.

by adopting for a period a less strenuous routine.

Leaving Burslem, he accordingly took up residence at Shrewton, Wiltshire, where he was Vicar until 1908, when he returned to North Staffordshire as Vicar of Trentham.

In the course of his presidential address at the Diocesan Conference at Walsall the same year, the Bishop of Lichfield announced that the Rev. Malcolm Graham had accepted an invitation to succeed the Rev. Herbert Crump in the Archdeaconry of Stoke-on-Trent. He retained both the Archdeaconry and the Vicariate up to the time of his death. In addition he was appointed a Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral in 1909.

NOTABLE ATHLETE.

Eightieth Birthday Celebrated With Round of Golf.

In his younger days a notable athlete, Archdeacon Graham maintained throughout his life a keen interest in many forms of sport. At the University he was second string in the high jump, and he had also won distinction as cricketer, golfer, tennis player, angler, and skater.

Bearing his years lightly, the Archdeacon set up a record which is probably unique among the clergy of England by continuing his golfing hobby after reaching his eighth decade. On his seventy-ninth birthday he enjoyed two rounds of golf, while the attainment of his eightieth was celebrated by a round at Trentham with his son Kenneth and the Rev. S. J. Hughes (Vicar of Blunton).

Tennis was another of the Archdeacon's principal recreations. For many years he was associated with the Trentham Tennis Club, and to the end of his life he continued to enjoy a private game of tennis. One of his regular opponents on the courts, right up to last year, was Mr. Robert Heath, of Tittensor, also an octogenarian.

In the year of his return to North Staffordshire, Archdeacon Graham joined the Trentham Golf Club, of which he had ever since remained an active member.

ACCOMPLISHED ARTIST

A Regular Contributor to Exhibitions.

Archdeacon Graham was an amateur

TRAGIC ACCIDENT

Tragedy struck on a dark evening, 2nd December 1931, when Archdeacon Graham was injured in a road accident by Ash Green Corner and died later that night at Longton Cottage Hospital.

There were many tributes paid to him as a highly esteemed and popular man in North Staffordshire.

His obituary drew attention to his years of distinguished service and to his sporting interests and artistic talents. It concluded: "His loss is uncommonly great."

CORONER'S TRIBUTE.

High tribute to the qualities of the late Venerable John Malcolm Alexander Graham, Vicar of Trentham and Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent, was paid by the City Coroner (Mr. W. M. Huntbach), at the inquiry at Longton Cottage Hospital to-day into the regretted death of the Archdeacon, who was fatally injured in a road accident at Trentham.

A verdict of "Accidentally run into by a motor-car" was recorded.

The Coroner told the jury that about 4 p.m. on Wednesday the Archdeacon left home to pay parochial visits according to his custom. About 7.30 he called at the Post Office, Ash Green, and it was about ten minutes later, while using a flashlight and apparently searching for a gate which led to the Vicarage, that he was knocked down by a car.

Mr. Ronald M. Ford, of Lancaster-road, Newcastle, said the Archdeacon, his uncle, was 80 last birthday. He believed his eyesight was failing somewhat, but his hearing was quite good.

AN EYE-WITNESS.

Miss Constance Harvey, of Stone-road, Stone, said she was walking on the footpath in Stone-road, Ash Green, towards Stone.

I saw Mr. Graham on the opposite side of the road and coming from the direction of Ash Green Corner (continued the witness). He was near to the channel of the road, and using a flashlight, apparently searching for the small gateway leading to his house. His back was towards Ash Green Corner. I also saw the lights of a car which was then near Ash Green Corner, having come from the direction of Hanford, about 20 or 30 yards behind him.

At the time a motor lorry was approaching from the direction of Stone, and it was by its lights that I could see Mr. Graham. I did not actually see him knocked down, but heard the noise caused by the collision. I ran across the road and found a car had stopped near Mr. Graham. I rendered what assistance I could. I do not remember hearing any hooter.

DRIVER'S EVIDENCE.

Collision Where Road was Darkened by Trees.

Sergeant F. Saunders said there was a rough grass verge, but the gateway abutted practically directly on to the road. It was a very dark night. The spot, which witness had passed only a few minutes before the accident, was darkened by overhanging trees, and the nearest light was 60 yards or more away.

Mr. Stanley George Chadderton, corn miller, of Greenbank House, Springfield, Trent Vale, said he was driving a small saloon car towards Stone, accompanied by Mr. Cyril W. Ball, of Trentham-road, Oakhill. He was travelling at about 20 miles an hour, and on the extreme left of the road. He went over more to the left when he saw the lorry coming. He thought he had dimmed his lights. The

THE FUNERAL OF ARCHDEACON GRAHAM.

Great Assembly at Trentham.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

A great assembly, including many clergy, from all parts of the Diocese of Lichfield, paid an impressive 'ast tribute to the Venerable Malcolm Graham, Vicar of Trentham and Archdeacon of Stoke since 1908, at the funeral at Trentham Church this afternoon.

Archdeacon Graham, who was eighty years of age, was walking near his residence on Wednesday night when he was accidentally knocked down by a motor-car, and he died the same night in Longton Cottage Hospital.

Although the Memorial Service was held in Stoke Parish Church at the same hour, the little church at Trentham was filled long before the service was due to commence, and so great was the number attending that the road to the cemetery was lined throughout by parishioners and other mourners.

The Bishop of Lichfield conducted the service, which was of a simple but impressive character. The prayers were read by the Bishop of Stafford.

The chief mourners were the Rev. Eric Graham (who read the Lesson) and Mr. Kenneth Graham, sons of Archdeacon Graham. Major Graham, another son, is with the 2nd Worcesters at Malta.

The hymns chosen were "Jesu, Lover of my soul" and "Rock of Ages."

A large number of mourners had also assembled at the graveside, and joined in the hymns "Abide with Me" and "May the Grace of God, Our Saviour." The Bishop of Lichfield having conducted the last rites, a long procession filed past the grave, including clergy from fifty-three parishes.

STOKE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The memorial service to Archdeacon Graham at Stoke Parish Church this afternoon was conducted by the Rector of Stoke (the Rev. Preb. D. H. Crick) and the Rector of Hanley (the Rev. H. A. Tamplin), assisted by the Vicar of Tunstall (the Rev. A. M. Coxon), the Rector of Keele (the Rev. B. Grimwood), and the Rev. I. D. Edwards, curate at Stoke.

In his address, the Rector said the late Archdeacon had the heart of a child, in that he exemplified trust and goodwill. He was a man of God furnished unto all good works.

The service opened with the Pilgrim's Hymn, "Who would true valour see," the other hymns being "Jesus lives" and "Let saints on earth." The service closed with Chopin's Marche Funebre.

GREAT ASSEMBLY at the FUNERAL

A newspaper account mentions that: "A great assembly paid an impressive last tribute to the Venerable Malcolm Graham, Vicar of Trentham and Archdeacon of Stoke since 1908, at the funeral at Trentham Church."

Eighty clergymen attended his funeral, which was conducted by the Bishop of Lichfield with the Bishop of Stafford reading prayers.

There were too many mourners to fit into the church and the road to the cemetery was lined throughout by parishioners and other mourners.

The chief mourners were his sons, the Rev Eric Graham, who read the lesson and Mr Kenneth Graham. His eldest son, Major John Graham, was abroad with the 2nd Worcester Regiment in Malta.



Long procession of clergy, headed by the Bishop of Lichfield, at the funeral of Archdeacon Malcolm Graham, at Trentham this afternoon.

IN MEMORIAM



TO THE GLORY OF GOD
THIS VESTRY WAS ERECTED IN 1933
TO THE MEMORY OF
THE VENERABLE ARCHDEACON
MALCOLM GRAHAM
VICAR OF TRENTHAM PARISH
1908 - 1931

A long time was spent in choosing a suitable memorial for such a well-loved man.

**The Graham Vestry at Trentham Parish Church was completed in 1933
and was dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield on 10th September in the same year.**



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<http://trenthamwarmemorial.org.uk/>

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