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### THE FESTIVAL.

What happened at the Albert Hall on June 27th is known to all who were present (a very large number), all who listened to the music by wireless, who obtained a copy of the Service Book or read the description of its contents in the last number of the NEWS SHEET. It is not necessary therefore to describe the occasion but only to record a success which exceeded all expectation. The fine musical result was due to the well-disciplined co-operation of all concerned. Especially here we would congratulate the choirmasters on their highly efficient preparation of their singers which made their co-operation effective.

Thanks are due first to the *Daily Mail* whose "far sighted generosity," to quote the Bishop of Winchester's phrase, made this Festival possible. All the arrangements for transport of the choirs and their accommodation for the night worked perfectly. Each singer was supplied with a ticket which gave him full directions for entering the hall, robing and processing. It included a coupon for tea after rehearsal, and another for hotel accommodation if staying the night. Even the number of the omnibus which was to take him from the hall to the hotel in Bloomsbury was shown on this ticket. Everything had been thought of, and this example of organisation will be invaluable when the School of English Church Music undertakes unchaperoned the responsibility of a similar Festival.

Next, the School must thank the Bishop of Winchester, whose address was a practical inspiration to all who heard it. He showed the splendid ideal to be aimed at in Church music, and stirred his hearers to realize that everyone may do something to attain it, whether with their gift of voice, or their gift of money. Would that the gift could be all voice and no money! But that is impossible. The future of the School's work, so well begun, must depend on how many people fill up the blue forms supplied to the audience in their programmes.

The small secretarial staff of the School shouldered the burden of their share in the organisation splendidly. About 2,000 letters and circulars had to be sent out to the 182 choirs who took part. Copies of the music were distributed to each member of the choir through the correspondents (*i.e.*, about 1,300), and a further 2,400 copies were sold to affiliated choirs. The choir tickets, railway vouchers, and other forms were all dispatched in one day. It took eight people a full day's work to prepare that mail. To the local choir correspondents of the choirs who did their parts and refrained from adding unnecessary correspondence to the extra work which the Festival entailed at headquarters, a special word of thanks is due.

Dr. Nicholson would not wish here to be thanked, though most of all the Festival's success was due to him; but the School must express through the NEWS SHEET, its gratitude to Sir Walford Davies, under whose inspiring leadership the audience was "tuned in" by united hymn singing, to Dr. Ernest Bullock of Westminster Abbey, and Dr. Henry Ley of Eton, whose organ playing was an essential part of the Festival's music, to the four priests who acted as Cantors of the service, and to the Bishop of London, who amidst all the pre-occupations of the moment, found time to welcome this Congress of Singers into his Diocese with his presence and his blessing.

## CHOIRS REPRESENTED AT THE FESTIVAL

(Arranged under Dioceses).

### BATH AND WELLS.

Burnham-on-Sea, St. Peter;  
Mells, St. Andrew.

### BIRMINGHAM.

Edgbaston Parish Church;  
Edgbaston, St. James.

### BLACKBURN.

Blackpool Parish Church;  
Blackpool, St. Stephens-on-the-Cliffs; Habergham, All Saints;  
Nelson, St. Mary-the-Virgin.

### BRISTOL.

Bedminster, St. John;  
Knowle, Holy Nativity; St. Mary Redcliffe; Clifton, All Saints; Lacock, St. Cyriac;  
Rodbourne and Corston.

### CANTERBURY.

Folkestone, St. Mary and St. Eanswythe; Lyminge, St. Mary and St. Ethelburga; Rainham, St. Margaret.

### CARLISLE.

Hevershal, St. Mary; Whitehaven, St. Nicholas.

### CHELMSFORD.

Billericay, St. Mary Magdalene; Great Warley, St. Mary the Virgin; Leigh-on-Sea, St. Margaret; Prittlewell, St. Mary the Virgin; Walthamstow, St. Barnabas; West Ham Parish Church; Woodford Parish Church.

### CHESTER.

Cheadle Heath, St. Augustine.

### CHICHESTER.

Arundel, St. Nicholas; Barnham, St. Mary; Bognor, St. John; Brede, St. George; Brighton, St. Mary; Chailey (Heritage Craft School), St. Martin's Chapel; Chichester, St. Paul; Easebourne, St. Mary; Fernhurst, St. Margaret; Ferring, St. Andrew; Groombridge, St. Thomas; Heathfield, St. Richard; Horsted Keynes, St. Giles; Hove, St. Philip, Aldrington, Lewes, St. John sub Castro; Littlehampton, St. James; Woodmancote, St. Peter.

### COVENTRY.

Preston-on-Stour, St. Mary the Virgin.

### DERBY.

The Cathedral; Derby, St. Christopher; Heanor, St. Lawrence.

### DURHAM.

Stockton-on-Tees, St. Peter;  
Whickham, St. Mary the Virgin.

### EXETER.

Broadhembury, St. Andrew;  
Chittlehampton, St. Hieritha;  
Feniton, St. Andrew; Silverton, St. Mary.

### GLOUCESTER.

Cheltenham, St. Matthew.

### GUILDFORD.

Busbridge, St. John Baptist;  
Farncombe, St. John Evangelist; Frimley, St. Paul; Great Bookham, St. Nicolas; Headley, St. Mary.

### HEREFORD.

Tenbury, St. Michael's College.

### LEICESTER.

The Cathedral; Leicester, St. Peter.

### LICHFIELD.

Hanley Old Church; Myddle, St. Peter; Wombourne, St. Benedict; Wombbridge, St. Mary and St. Leonard.

### LINCOLN.

Blyton, St. Martin; Bourne Abbey; Gainsborough Parish Church; Gainsborough, St. John the Divine; Spalding, St. John Baptist.

### LONDON.

Chelsea, Christ Church; Cockfosters, Christ Church; Ealing, St. Saviour; East Finchley, All Saints; East Twickenham, St. Stephen; Hamilton Terrace, St. Mark; Hampstead, St. Saviour; Hanwell, St. Mellitus; Holborn, St. Sepulchre; Hornsey, St. George; Munster Square, St. Mary Magdalene; Muswell Hill, St. James; Perivale Parish Church; Poplar, All Saints; Red Lion Square, St. John; Turnham Green, Christ Church; Westminster Abbey Special Choir.

### MANCHESTER.

Salford, St. Clement.

### NORWICH.

King's Lynn, St. Margaret;  
Great Yarmouth Parish Church;  
Lowestoft, St. Peter, Kirkley.

### OXFORD.

Abingdon, St. Helen; Brill, All Saints; Chieveley, St. Mary the Virgin; Fenny Stratford, St. Martin; Hardwicke, St. Mary; Loudwater, St. Peter; Stewkley; St. Michael; Wing, All Saints; Wolvercote, St. Peter.

### PETERBOROUGH.

Northampton, St. Paul.

### PORTSMOUTH.

Carisbrooke Parish Church, Isle of Wight; Newport Parish Church, Isle of Wight; Ryde, Isle of Wight, St. John Oatefield.

### RIPON.

Kirkby Fleetham Parish Church.

### ROCHESTER.

Beckenham, St. James; Bexley Heath, Christ Church; Bickley Hall School Chapel; Bickley St. George; Bromley, St. Mark; Chelsfield, St. Martin; Dunton Green, St. John the Divine; Hildenborough, St. John Evangelist; Northfleet, St. Botolph; St. Mary Cray, St. Mary;

Chislehurst, College of St. Nicolas.

### ST. ALBANS.

Arkley, St. Peter; Aspley Guise, St. Botolph; Bushey, St. James and St. Paul; St. Albans, St. Saviour; Turnford, St. Clement; Welwyn Garden City, St. Francis of Assisi.

### ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH.

Bramfield Parish Church; Bury St. Edmunds, St. Mary; Cavendish, St. Mary the Virgin; East Bergholt, St. Mary; Ipswich, St. Mary le Tower; Ixworth, St. Mary; Newton Green, All Saints; Risby, St. Giles.

### SALISBURY.

Baydon, St. Nicholas; Bemerton, St. John; East Stour, Christ Church; Gillingham, St. Mary; Morgan's Vale, St. Birinus; Salisbury, St. Paul; Wimborne, St. John.

### SHEFFIELD.

Goole, St. Paul; Sheffield, St. Oswald.

### SOUTHWARK.

Eltham, Holy Trinity; Rotherhithe, Christ Church; Southfields, St. Barnabas; South Beddington, St. Michael and All Angels; Tulse Hill, Holy Trinity; Wimbledon, Christ Church.

### SOUTHWELL.

Nottingham, St. Cyprian.

### TRURO.

The Cathedral; St. Ives Parish Church.

### WINCHESTER.

Boldre, St. John; Boscombe, St. John Evangelist; Bourne-mouth, St. Peter; Bramley, All Saints; Bransgore, St. Mary; Burley, St. John Baptist; Eastrop, St. Mary; Lymington, St. Thomas; Lyndhurst, St. Michael and All Angels; Mattingley Parish Church; Milton, St. Mary Magdalene; Ringwood, St. Peter and St. Paul.

### WORCESTER.

Bengeworth, St. Peter; Hales owen, St. John Baptist; Worcester, St. Mary; Wychbold, St. Mary the Virgin.

### YORK.

Bainton, St. Andrew.

### WALES.

Bangor Cathedral; Bangor, St. James; Buckley, St. Matthew; Holyhead, St. Seiriol; Llandegai, St. Tegai; Porthkerry, St. Curig; Rhosemor, St. Paul; St. Asaph Cathedral; Trevechin, St. Cadoc.

### SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, St. John Evangelist; Falkirk, Christ Church; Glasgow, St. Mary's Cathedral; Rosslyn Chapel.

### IRELAND.

Larne and Inver Parish Church; Waterford Cathedral.

