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THE JOURNAL SATURDAY

FIRE FIGHTERS.

Lord Mayor Of Norwich At Reepham Inspection.

A CHURCH PARADE.

The Norfolk Fire Brigades' Association held the first church parade of its three years' existence at Reepham on Sunday. A service in the Parish Church preceded an inspection by the Lord Mayor of Norwich (Mr. W. A. Riley). Under the command of Captain T. L. Randall, of Cromer, the brigades assembled in the Market Place before proceeding to the Parish Church. They were led by the Reepham Band, which did so well at Crystal Palace on Saturday.

THE SERVICE

The service was conducted by the Rev. B. P. Luscombe, rector of Reepham and the association's chaplain. He was accompanied by the Rev. T. H. C. Nash (Rector of Felthorpe), the Rev. J. D. Wortley (Rector of Swannington), the Rev. A. Hill (Methodist), and Captain N. Hazell (Salvation Army). Other principals in the procession, besides the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Norwich, were Mr. T. A. Cook, M.P. (president of the association), Mr. H. W. Moulton (of Holt, chairman), Mrs.

SUMMER-TIME ENDS.

Sunday morning marks the end of "Summer Time." Clocks should be put back one hour on Saturday night.

Moulton, Lieut. J. J. Kemp (hon. general secretary), and the churchwardens, Mr. H. Temple Owen and Mrs. Harmer. The church was crowded and a feature of the afternoon was the singing. The organist was Mrs. F. J. Gibbs.

The rector took as his text, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." He said, "I am looking, as your chaplain, upon a vast body of men, whom we can compliment without flattery or exaggeration as firemen. Yet I know there are a number amongst you who seldom go to church or chapel. If I ask why not, as I often do, I know the sort of answer I should get. It would be like this: 'We can get on quite all right without going to church or chapel, and we can do as we think we ought to do without going to hear one of your dull sermons and singing your dreamy hymns.'" Going to church was analogous to the discipline of drilling as firemen. He could lead them to plenty of fires to be fought as Christians, and he would draw their attention particularly to the need of fostering peace in these troublous times. No one could deny but that the threatening flames of war needed quenching, and in that connexion Christians had a great work to perform.

The collection in the church for the National Fire Brigades' Widows and Orphans' Fund produced £5 4s. 9d.

LORD MAYOR'S INSPECTION

In the Market Place, after the service, the Lord Mayor inspected the officers and firemen. In a brief address he spoke of the growing importance of fire-fighting, particularly with the present emphasis on air-raid precautions. Cities like Norwich, he said, often looked after rural areas with their modern fire-fighting appliances, but there was still need for the brigades of the smaller towns and villages, which could attend outbreaks so promptly. He went on to describe fire brigades as a species of land lifeboats, and said firemen frequently left home to take their lives in their hands.

Speaking of the efficiency of the Norwich Fire Brigade, the Lord Mayor mentioned that shortly they would take delivery of one of the latest turn-table escapes, which would be capable of getting to the top of a 100 ft. building. Further, it would have a searchlight, would be able to deliver about 400 gallons per minute, and have first-aid equipment. He added, "I wish you the best of luck in the coming year, and let there be no fires for you to put out." (Laughter.)

Mr. Cook thanked the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress for attending. By their attendance, he said, they had indicated that the citizens of Norwich were mindful of the useful work in respect to fire-fighting which was being performed by their rural neighbours. He desired, on behalf of the fire officers and men present, to congratulate the Lord Mayor upon the success which had attended his year of office. He apologised for the absence of Mrs. Cook, who was County Councillor for the Reepham division, but was glad to say that both his wife and the prospective member of their Fire Brigades Association were doing well. Although their organisation was formed only three years ago they already had a membership of 17 brigades, and they did not intend to rest content until they could say that every brigade in the county, of a certain standard, had been enrolled.

Brigades attending were: Aylsham, Cromer, Downham Market, Dereham, Fakenham, Holt, Hunstanton, North Walsham, Reepham, Sandringham, Sheringham, Sennowe Park, Stalham, and Wymondham. In all there were 115 officers and men. Capt. S. P. Eglinton (Reepham) had made the local arrangements, and Lieut. J. J. Kemp was

