

Christening of the Heir to Quex 27 April 1918

There was a representative and influential congregation at the Parish Church, Birchington, on Saturday morning, when the Bishop of Dover (Dr. Walsh) officiated at the baptism of the infant son and heir of Major P.H.G. Powell-Cotton and Mrs Powell-Cotton of Quex Park. Those present included the estate tenants and a large number of the wounded soldiers from Quex. The infant received the baptismal name of Christopher, and his sponsors reached the remarkable total of over thirty God-parents. After the ceremony there was an interesting gathering at the Park, where the Bishop, the members of the family, the God-parents, the tenants and others took part in the planting of an oak tree in honour of the happy event. A silver christening mug, the gift of the employees, was presented on their behalf by Mr. J. Cornford.

With characteristic kindness, Major and Mrs. Powell-Cotton presented new shillings to the elder school children at Birchington and new sixpences to the younger ones, while similar money gifts were dispatched to the children at the Manston Cottage Homes. Packets of grocery for the widows and aged women of Birchington and for the female inmates of the Poor Law Institution at Minster, with tobacco for the old men, were also included in the day's bounty, while the aged poor of Thanet who were inmates of the Tenterden Institution were not forgotten. All the employees on the estate were presented with War Sayings Certificates.



Planting of the Oak tree to celebrate the Christening of Christopher Powell-Cotton, the son and heir to Major & Mrs Powell-Cotton