

VERY LARGE FAMILIES AMONG THE LINCOLNSHIRE LABORERS

Ten of those have Families of one Hundred and Forty one Children. How they are Encouraged. Lincolnshire's fertile acres gives much Employment.

It is remarkable that although large families are rather the rule than the exception in many agricultural counties the rural population are innumerable households which is continually decreasing.

In Lincolnshire, for instance, there are fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen children, and when a man boasts of twenty offspring no one considers it worthy of more than passing notice.

The Lincolnshire Agricultural Society, with commendable judgment, has offered a prize for many years which is calculated to encourage in ways of careful management those rural laborers who find that their wage of 14s., 15s., or 16s. a week has to feed a family of very large proportions. It awards premiums of £4, £3, £2, and £1 to laborers in husbandry who have brought up and placed out the greatest number of children without having received parochial relief or occupied more than half an acre of land.

This year the result was as follows:

- (1) Thomas Hought, Tealby, Mar- West Reasen, 19 children born, 17 brought up, 12 placed out.
- (2) James West, Covenham St. Bartholomew, Lincoln, 15 children born, 13 brought up, 13 placed out.
- (3) James Sewell, 14 children born, 14 brought up, and 12 placed out.
- (4) Robert Bonner, Lessington, Lincoln, 16 children born, 12 brought up, 12 placed out.

The ten laborers entering for this prize had had an aggregate of 141 children.

"Where have your children gone?" Mrs. Hought was asked.

Mrs. Hought could not remember.

Only the three youngest of the nineteen were hers, she said, for the first Mrs. Hought had died peacefully after having given birth to sixteen. The second Mrs. Hought, a fine, tall woman, apparently about thirty, was nursing the baby, Charles Edward, who was ten months old. Gladys, aged four, and Beatrice, aged two, tugged at her skirts.

"I can't tell you about them all," she said. "You see, you can't think of all their names."

Mrs. Hought, however, managed to remember eleven of the sixteen children who formed the first family. The oldest, she believed, was about forty-five. Two or three of the family are dead.

Summarized, the names and destinies of those members of the Hought family who are not forgotten are as follows:

Leonard, a joiner, works at Doncaster.

Margaret married a shoemaker and lives at Lincoln.

Elizabeth is the wife of a foreman foundry worker employed at Lincoln.

Kate is married to an agent living at Lincoln.

Walter is a fitter in a Lincoln workshop.

Tom, a tailor, works at Lincoln.

Edith, who is unmarried, is a clerk in a Lincoln office.

Lily married a grocer's assistant living at Grantham.

Jessie is a mother's help at Grantham.

Elsie is in service at Halifax.

Florrie married a wagoner and lives at Claxby.

The Hought family is an admirable example of Lincolnshire country folk generally. Tealby is a paradise on a hill. Tree-topped downs decline on to stretches of meadowland and corn, and woods of fir, in which rabbits and squirrels start at your footstep as you pass.

The younger generation preferred the congested towns, however, and have fled from the land. Out of twenty-two young men reared in a row of houses at Nocton sixteen have forsaken the country for the town.

In large families, it is said, some of the older ones have to leave home from sheer lack of accommodation. That is not the chief reason however, the engineering shops at Sheffield, Grantham, and Lincoln seems to have swallowed the young active lives which should have stayed on the land. The army, too, has absorbed much of the ripe young manhood which on the land lives to a green old age and leaves behind it many young lives to renew its strength in other generations.

Where Lincolnshire folk have stayed on the land they have stayed long. There are innumerable bailiffs, shepherds, and wagoners who have lived four and five decades in the service of one family. Continuous service of fifty-seven, fifty-three, and fifty-one years obtained suitable rewards at the Lincoln show last week.

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