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Death of a Cuddesdon 'character'

MANY bishops and Cuddesdon-trained priests attended the funeral in Cuddesdon village church yesterday of Mrs. Florence Davie, eighty-three-year-old widow of the former domestic bursar and manciple of Cuddesdon Theological College. The Bishop of Lincoln (Principal of the College from 1944 to 1952) conducted the service. F.W.T.F. writes :

"Florence Davie was on the domestic staff of Bishop Gore when she married David, the assistant butler of the College. From then on, for the more than fifty years of married life, the Davies' home became a friendly meeting-place for all Cuddesdon students. One diocesan bishop did his courting there.

"Although never officially on the College staff, Florence Davie frequently stepped into the breach in emergencies. On one occasion she did all the cooking and almost all the nursing single-handed during an influenza epidemic.

Chocolate cake

"During the last three years since the death of her husband, old students had called at her cottage as they did in her husband's time. Archbishops, bishops and priests caught up on news of their contemporaries. She also kept abreast of affairs by reading the *Church Times* from cover to cover each week. Present students knew the value of Florence's friendship, and the quality of her cooking and her famous chocolate cake!

"Florence Davie was quite a character in her own right—very forthright, quite outspoken (even to the episcopate) and full of a great but simple faith. Cuddesdon College and village were her life, and she was present in her place at church until a week before her somewhat sudden death."

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My dear Sue,

It was so good to talk to you
on Wednesday about your Father -
What a great example he has set
to all and how much you will
miss him. It must be a comfort
to know that the end came as he
would have wished and that you
had done so much for him, not
just in the last months but all
the time he was with you at
Lickham.

For me it is Cuddesdon which
holds my memories of him &
indeed your mother - staying
with you at Manor Farm,
waiting with the milk churns

en route to school - the Palmers
are a very important part of my
childhood (the first time I saw
television was with you at the
the Coronation) and I'm so glad
we can continue to share ^{MEMORIES} the day.
I entirely forgot to ask you
about flowers & then I spoke to
my mother and said I would
ask Mary & send Richee flowers,
but I had to rush up to London
so I enclose a small memento
for you to give to a charity your
Father would wish to help.

You will be sad & feel a big
gap in your life but I'm sure
Beet's presence will always be
with you. You have my prayers
and love and I know you will
find comfort in Christ. With affection
Anne