

## APPLEBY MAGNA.

Mr. Joseph Lilley, The Beeches, Appleby Magna, in a letter to "The Times," states that an account of the resignation of the Master of the Temple, the Rev. W. Draper, and also of the old Masters and Readers, was "very interesting to me, having for so many years watched the careers of Master and Reader since 1869, Dr. Vaughan being Master, and Canon Ainger, Reader. The latter I was most interested in. He came as curate to the Rev. Mr. Hazelhurst, of Alrewas, near Lichfield, three or four years before his appointment as Reader. I was astonished to hear him read the Lessons, the first time he did duty there. Never before or since have I heard such reading—so plain, so powerful, a melodious voice, it was delightful to hear. My brother and I had the very great pleasure of joining him at parties at the rectory (where he lived) and at a private house for musical evenings. Being fond of music, the rector invited us to join him. The rector and the Rev. Mr. Ainger were wonderful musicians. Mr. Ainger was always the life and pleasure of the parties, full of humour and fun, and also a beautiful singer. I always look on that time as the happiest in my musical life. All the years since first knowing him I have been interested in his work both as Master and Reader, and I was not surprised at his successful, useful life in the high position he attained. I am now in my 91st year and it was such a pleasure to read an account of his wonderful career, having known him so well when a young man."

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