CAMBRIDGE VICARS TO RETIRE

Canon. E. C. Essex and Rev. R. J. A. Jary

TWO Cambridge vicars—Canon E. C. Essex (Great St. Mary's) and the Rev. R. J. A. Jary, (St. John's, Hills Road) are to retire on April 30th.

Mr. Essex was appointed vicar of Great St. Mary's on September 29th, 1930, and in 1940 became Rural Dean, a post which was taken over by Mr. Jary in May of last year.

Curate of St. Philip's Church from 1914—1919, Mr. Essex also helped as Sunday Curate at the churches of St. Philip's and St. Andrew-the-Less whilst Vice-Principal of Ridley Hall (1923-31). From 1925 he was priest-in-charge and curate of Great St. Mary's so that he has served this church for about 17½ years. He obtained first-class honours in both parts of the Theological Tripos (with distinction in Old Testament) and the Winchester Reading Prize.

During his period of incumbency, Mr. Essex has been the Mayor's chaplain four times. He has also been Proctor in Convocation since 1942. Among other activities he has been one of the Bishop's Mission Preachers, has conducted Clergy Schools, and taken retreat, etc., and was Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Bristol.

On retirement Canon Essex will continue to reside at "St. Martins," Grange Road.

MR. JARY'S 44 YEARS' SERVICE IN DIOCESE.

Mr. Jary, who is 72, will be retiring after 44 years' service in the diocese. Born in North London in 1874, Mr. Jary was up at Fitzwilliam Hall, Cambridge. He was curate of Littleport from 1902 to 1912, when he became vicar of Manea. In 1925 he accepted the Rectorship of Fowlmere, which he held until 1935, when he took over the living of Tydd St. Giles. He has been vicar of St. John's Church since 1938.

His many activities include the secretaryship of the Sunday School Committee for 20 years, membership of the Dilapidation Committee since its formation; and a member of the Diocesan Board of Finance since 1945.

Cambridge Daily News item of 27 January 1947 announcing the retirement of Revd. R. J. A. Jary.