

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1936.

## **BANNER REMOVED FROM CHANCEL**

### *Alleged Differences Between Vicar and British Legion*

A stir has been caused in Cowbridge over alleged differences between the Cowbridge branch of the British Legion and the Vicar of Cowbridge (the Rev. Gilbert Williams), which are stated to have culminated in the removal of the British Legion banner, dedicated about four years ago, from the chancel of the Cowbridge Parish Church.

The alleged differences between the vicar and the branch are stated to have originated in regard to the annual memorial service in Cowbridge on November 22, which was conducted by the Rev. B. T. Roberts, the Cowbridge Baptist Minister.

#### **DINNER TICKET RETURNED**

A member of the branch informed a *Western Mail & South Wales News* representative that the vicar had been sent the usual invitation to attend the annual dinner of the branch in Cowbridge tonight, but the ticket had been returned with an intimation from the vicar that he had no desire to accept the invitation.

The vicar, it was stated, had written informing the branch that the British Legion banner had been removed from the chancel of the church, and was now in the vestry.

It was ascertained that the branch had written to the Bishop of Llandaff asking for a ruling on the question of whether a banner which had been dedicated could be removed from the church.

An official of the branch said he could give no information until they had received a reply from the bishop.

Something of a stir was caused in Cowbridge when it became known that the Vicar (the Rev. Gilbert Williams) had removed from the chancel of Holy Cross Church, the Cowbridge British Legion banner, dedicated about four years ago. This action is believed to have been the result of alleged differences between the Branch and the Vicar, which are stated to have originated in regard to the annual memorial service on Nov. 22nd, which was conducted by the Rev. B. T. Roberts (pastor of the Cowbridge Baptist Church). An invitation ticket sent to the Rev. Williams inviting him to attend the branch's annual dinner was returned, stating that he did not wish to be present. The Branch has since written to the Bishop of Llandaff asking if a banner which had been dedicated could be removed from the church.