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PATHE GAZETTE: 42-44. (DUBLIN.)

BISHOP BLESSES THE LAND.

Following ancient custom the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich holds a service at Kirken Lodge Farm with a farm cart for a pulpit. A treasured chapter in religious history and especially to the annals of rural Suffolk, is being re-enacted again in a simple hamstead. The Bishop's procession moves out into the fields for the ceremony of blessing the land so that (to use the Bishop's words) "The earth may bring forth the increase the farmers have worked so hard for." He pauses for a chat with the land girls. The Bishop blesses the land with true reverence, he enters into the care of the maker of all things whether in the heavens above, in the earth beneath or in the waters under the earth. Soon after this picture was taken, rain fell. The crops have been in great need.