

THE CHIPPING NORTON Deanery Magazine.



For the Parishes of



CHIPPING NORTON.
CHARLBURY & SHORTHAMPTON.
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SALFORD.
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CHASTLETON.

& DAYLESFORD.

JANUARY.

CALENDAR.

1915.

1	F	<i>Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>
2	S	
3	Su	<i>2nd Sunday after Christmas.</i>
4	M	
5	Tu	
6	W	<i>The Epiphany. Magistrates' Meeting.</i>
7	Th	
8	F	S. Lucian, P.M.
9	S	
10	Su	<i>1st Sunday after Epiphany.</i>
11	M	
12	Tu	
13	W	S. Hilary; B.C. Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
14	Th	
15	F	
16	S	
17	Su	<i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany.</i>
18	M	S. Prisca, V.M.
19	T	
20	W	S. Fabian, B.M. Magistrates' Meeting.
21	Th	S. Agnes, V.M.
22	F	S. Vincent, D.M.
23	S	
24	Su	<i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany.</i>
25	M	<i>Conversion of S. Paul.</i>
26	Tu	
27	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
28	Th	
29	F	
30	S	King Charles, M.
31	Su	<i>Septuagesima.</i>

Full Moon, 1st. 0h. 21m. p.m.	New Moon, 15th. 2h. 42m. p.m.
Last Quarter, 8th. 9h. 13m. p.m.	First Quarter, 23rd. 5h. 32m. a.m.
Full Moon, 31st. 4.41 a.m.	

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

(S. MARY THE VIRGIN.)

BAPTISMS.—December 6th, Montecriffa Nelson, son of William and Ursula Bunting.—Dec. 27th, Margaret, daughter of James and Eliza Gertrude Thain.—Denis John, son of John Thomas and Florence Edith Barnett.—December 28th, Gerald Bertram, son of Bertram Edward and Mary Lilley.—December 30th, William James, son of Joseph William Thomas and Eva Annie Benfield (privately).

BURIALS.—December 9th, Constance Mary Smith, aged 14 weeks.—December 10th, Martha Ann Hall, aged 49 years.—December 15th, Matilda Bull, aged 86 years.—Dec. 16th, Frederick George Ackerman, aged 8 years.—December 30th, William Leslie Stickle, aged 15 months.

C.L.B.—Mrs. T. H. Brown has received the following: "Dear Madam, Will you please convey to the ladies who have worked so hard to send us 50 body belts for our C.L.B. Battalion of the K.R.R., my gratitude for their kindness, and assure them that their labour has not been in any sense wasted, but I hope rewarded by the knowledge that every man in the Battalion has now been served out with a belt and has found great benefit from it in the recent hard weather. Yours truly, EDGAR ROGERS, Headquarters Chaplain."

To the list of C.L.B. Lads from Chipping Norton Company now serving with the colours, should be added the name of John Richard Withers (of Portland Place), who was a keen member in Capt. Blair's day; for 9 years he has served with the Oxford, and recently in India won promotion to 2nd Lieut., and is now serving with the 2nd North Staffordshires in the N.W. Provinces. We congratulate his family on the distinction brought to it by the winning of a Commission in recognition of special efficiency.

In reply to the appeal we ventured to make last month for a few games for use on Recreation Night, we are grateful for those kindly sent by Miss Howes and for the loan of an excellent bagatelle board by Mr. T. H. Burbidge.

Classes in preparation for Confirmation on Thursday, February 11th, are now being regularly held. On Sunday afternoons at 3.30 for lads and girls, and at other times by arrangement with the Clergy.

In view of the War in which the Country is so painfully engaged, most people have neither the heart nor the money for the usual festivities that come on after Christmas; a few for children and some others are being held; but most people will feel that money and time had better be now spent in ways more necessary and more serious.

Christmas Day the Parish Church was very bright and the Services as well attended as formerly.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

BAPTISM.—Violet Irene, daughter of Francis Charles and Lizzie Oliver of Finstock.

On Christmas Day, Holy Communion was celebrated at 8.15 and Mid-day. There were about the usual number of Communicants. Evensong was said at 3 p.m., after which carols were sung.

The morning collection on Dec. 6th was given to Princess Mary's Fund for supplying Christmas gifts to the soldiers at the front and amounted to £1.

On Sunday, November 29th, the Rev. A. W. R. Turner preached morning and evening on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's Homes. The collections for these excellent homes amounted to £1 19s. 4d.

We are now able to announce the result of the first three months' working of the Free-Will Offering Scheme. Considering the many calls that have been made upon us lately, the result must be considered very satisfactory.

	Home.			Foreign.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1.		1	0			
2.		1	0			
3.		1	1			
4.	2	10		1	0	
5.	1	1				
6.	3	0		1	0	
7.	1	0		1	0	
8.	6	6		6	6	
9.	1	1				
10.	1	1		1	1	
11.		6	½			
12.	1	1		1	1	
13.	1	1				
14.	1	1		1	1	
15.	1	1				
				1	13	0
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Total for three months - £2 7 7.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 23rd, Mrs. Alderton very kindly distributed the medals and prizes to the school children.

On Boxing Night a very successful concert was given in the Schools. The proceeds which amounted to £1 11s. 3d. were given to the widow of Jesse Shayler, formerly of Finstock. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed to the programme: Mrs. Cary-Elwes, Miss Vera Bois, Messrs. D. Welton, Fred Claridge, Jim Harris, Francis Hunt, G. H. Bois and N. M. Bois, and Master Leary and the Vicar.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

Mr. Anson is, we trust, on the road to the recovery of his health. He was present at School on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Christmas. The prizes were given away by Miss Johnson on Wednesday afternoon, December 24th—when the School broke up for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Blair who is, as is well known, an able, willing and energetic organiser, was busy on Tuesday evening, December 22nd, raffling presents from kind parishioners, in the shape of pigs, turkeys, geese, poultry, rabbits, etc., which were valued at £8, for which he gained £14 for the local Belgian Fund.

Mr. Gerald Watts' Rifle teams have been competing for the Oxfordshire County League. Team A., consisting of himself, Messrs. Blair, L. Bashrod, A. Sole, W. Stubbs and J. Stevens, were drawn against Banbury Britannia, with the result of a win for Churchill who scored 506 points against Banbury's 502 points. Team B., consisting of C. Sanders, H. Salter, R. Dick, and E. Claridge, lost to Banbury Reserves. Team A. shot later on against Kidlington, while Team B. and Deddington B. competed together.

Messrs. W. A. Treweeke's and Blair's Special Constables' Company have been meeting weekly since the 3rd November for drill and instruction in patrol duty.

It is pleasing to hear from two of our elderly village wise men that in their opinion this terrible European War will be at an end next March. Time alone will shew.

The Bishop of Oxford has given formal directions to Mr. Woutner Smith, the Diocesan Surveyor, to re-survey this benefice at the request of the Rector. Sarsden Rectory, together with its extensive farm buildings, is one of the large—if not the largest—Rectories in the County of Oxford. It is important from a clerical point of view that the Five years' Certificate shall be renewed when required. Since December 18th last, this Certificate terminated. In order to guard the Rector's family from financial responsibility in case of his death, it becomes necessary to carry out those repairs which will be specified in the next six weeks, to the satisfaction of Mr. Woutner Smith, when he will sign another Certificate which will relieve the Rector's family from anxiety for the next five years.

Magazine subscriptions have been received from Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Day, Mrs. T. Pearce, Mrs. Joyner, Mrs. Cooper.

A successful C.M.S. Meeting was held in the Schoolroom on December 14th, when Rev. W. Bryan Brown, the Organizing Secretary, gave a lantern lecture. Several new collecting boxes were distributed and much interest was taken. The next morning Mr. Brown attended the School and spoke to the children during the hour for Scripture.

Some of the children were dressed up in Indian costumes, which were explained to the scholars.

The Band of Hope and the Mothers' Meetings have been held as usual this winter.

CHARLBURY.

MARRIAGE.—November 29th, Ernest Margetts, of 22 Gloucester Regiment, and Ivy Tims, of Charlbury.

BURIALS.—December 1st, Donald Shilson, aged 22 years.—December 5th, Joseph Stayte, aged 76 years.—December 12th, Jesse Shayler, aged 43 years.—December 19th, Ellen Stayte, 63 years.

AT SHORTHAMPTON CHURCH.—Dec. 1st, William Jarvis Barrett, of Chilson, aged 49 years.—Henry Bradley, of Waterman's Lodge, aged 61 years.

Much sympathy was shown to the wife and family of Mr. William Barrett, and his funeral was largely attended. He received the Holy Communion shortly before his death; and valued very much the consolations of the Church.

The Bishop of Oxford intends to hold a Confirmation in Charlbury Church, on Monday, March 15th, at 4 p.m., for Candidates from Charlbury, Chadlington, and Chilson, as well as the neighbouring parishes of Finstock, Ramsden and Spelsbury. The Vicar wishes to receive the names of all in Charlbury and Chilson who wish to join the classes, so that we may begin the preparation as soon as possible.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Our Advent collections at Charlbury amounted to £13 1s. 9d., of which £5 5s. came from our Children's Missionary Guild.

CHRISTMAS DAY.—The Church kept up the brightness of the Christmas Festival in the number of Communicants and the Services; and in many acts of kindness shown by our people to their neighbours. But everyone was very quiet, thinking of all the brave men serving their country by sea and land, and of the many sad homes. Shorthampton Church also was nicely decorated.

Mrs. Whinney gave to Charlbury Church two brass Altar vases to complete our set for Festivals.

Our Charlbury working party for the War must by this time have sent about a thousand garments to our soldiers and sailors.

CHARLBURY SCHOOLS.—Mrs. Waller distributed the prizes on December 23rd. The children sang carols very well, and gave a scene from Shakespeare clearly and intelligently.

On St. Thomas' Day, the Vicar and Churchwardens gave "Penon's Charity" (120 loaves of bread) in Charlbury.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 1915, being the day appointed for Intercession on behalf of the Nation and Empire in this time of War, we shall use the Form of Humble Prayer to Almighty God. Our offertories will go to the funds of the Red Cross Society and Order of St. John for the sick and wounded.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

BURIAL.—Dec. 19th, George Coling, aged 71 years.
CHRISTMAS-TIDE.—This usually bright and festive season passed off very well in our village. Of course we felt as others must have done, a difficulty in wishing our friends the familiar "Merry," or "Happy Christmas." The shadows cast by the war naturally made our spirits gloomy. While we were at home, peaceful and surrounded with comforts, we could not forget those whose self-sacrificing lives were being lived under such very different circumstances. It was this thought which helped to mar our earthly joy. But to those who look beyond and above the things of earth, there was still the old joy proclaimed by the angel at the Saviour's Birth. In spite of the absence from home of a good proportion of our regular Church people, forty-four Communicants were present at the celebrations of Holy Communion. The decorations were of a very simple and quiet description; for these we have to thank Mrs. Holbrooke, Miss Berry and Miss Flower, who willingly did what they could. The collections, which were in aid of the Church of England Waifs and Strays, amounted to £1 3s. 6d.

RUMMAGE SALE.—This was held at the Rectory early in December. The amount taken was £2 16s. Thirty shillings of this sum paid off a bill owing for the Mothers' Meeting outing last summer. A guinea has been placed towards the new violet frontal which we hope to have by Septuagesima Sunday, while five shillings was added to the collections made on behalf of the Belgian Refugees.

SCHOOL PRIZES.—Mr. Dormer sends the following names of children who have received prizes:—

- Attendance:* (Maximum 407)
- (1) Ernest Tanner ... 406
 - (2) Lorna Barrett ... 406
 - (3) Frank Shepherd ... 404
 - (4) Ethel Gilkes ... 404
 - (5) Kathleen Norden ... 402
 - (6) Mabel Bridges ... 402
 - (7) Herbert Shepherd 400
 - (8) Fred Tanner ... 400
 - (9) Doris Barrett ... 399

- Proficiency:*
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| W. Cooper. | H. Shepherd. | F. Shepherd. |
| V. Walker. | E. Eden. | N. Cooper. |

- Nature Study:*
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| C. Eden. | H. Barrett. |
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During January there will be (n.v.) celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. on the following days:—

- 1st (Circumcision of our Lord).
- 6th (Epiphany) Intercession and Collection for the Oxford Mission to Calcutta.
- 25th, Conversion of S. Paul.

THE PARISH CHURCH.—"God has set in the midst of you, as the ever present witness and figure of heaven, His Holy House of Prayer. There it stands, built for no earthly purpose, different in shape, and in all things belonging to it, from earthly habitations, speaking only of heaven, and heavenly uses, and

heavenly gifts, and heavenly blessings; the gate of heaven, when we are brought into it as little children to Christ:—the gate of heaven, if so God grant us, when we are brought into it, and pass through it the last time on our way to the grave beside it. And here we meet God. Here we may come on our day of rest and be safe, if we will, from any thoughts but those of the world to come. Here we gather together for no earthly business, but for a purpose of one sort only; and that purpose is the same for which saints and angels are met together in that vast company before the throne of God. If there is a place on earth which, however faintly and dimly, shadows out the comets of God on high, surely it is where His people meet together, in all their weakness and ignorance and sin, in their poor and low estate, yet with humble and faithful hearts, in His House of Prayer."
 —(Dr. Church, sometime Dean of S. Paul's).

During the year which has just closed there have been in this parish six Baptisms, three Weddings, and five Burials.

Special collections have been made in Church as follows:—

National Society	9 7½
G.F.S. (Sick Fund)	2 0
S.P.G.	1 18 0½
Prince of Wales' Relief Fund) ...	12 5 11
Radclyffe Infirmary	4 13 10
Belgian Relief Fund	2 17 0
Diocesan Fund	2 6 0
Church of England Waifs and Strays	1 3 6
Total	£25 15 11

These amounts have been paid and duly acknowledged.

INFANT BAPTISM.—The following striking testimony of a Nonconformist Minister may be of the greatest interest to some of us, and especially to those who still hold doubts as to the practice of Infant Baptism. The Nonconformist Minister in question is a Mr. Joseph Irons. He was minister for thirty-two years of Grove Chapel, Camberwell. In a sermon he said: "If I am asked why I baptize, I answer, because my Bible commands it. (1) If you look at two of the Evangelists, in one of them the Lord Jesus says 'Go, and teach all nations, baptising them.' In the other, 'Go and baptize all nations. It amounts to the same thing. Well, then, I ask the simple question—'Are infants a part of all nations?' If they are no part of all nations, turn them out. Let us have no more to do with them; let us have no more to do with baptising them, training them, teaching them, or anything else if they are no part of 'all nations'; but if they are a part of 'all nations,' there is my Lord's command, 'Go and baptise all nations.' (2) Well, then, again they try to oppose and to war with facts, and assert that there are no instances in the New Testament of Baptism, save and except of adults. If I look at the case of adults, they were every one of them, just such as I should baptize in adult years; that is, they were persons who could not have been

baptized at the *proper* time, in infancy; for there is not, and do mark this particularly, there is not in the New Testament a single instance of an adult baptism of any person who descended from Christian parents. Now *that is a point which ought to settle everything* with regard to this feature of the controversy. In a large company of Baptist Ministers, some time ago, I was assailed upon this point, and I gave them this challenge—"If you will find me a solitary instance of *adult* baptism in the New Testament of any person who descended from Christian Parents, I will give you leave to dip me the next hour." Up started one poor fellow, and exclaimed, "Oh, now I have you then, sure enough." "Very well, then," I said, "open the pool, I am ready, who is it?" "Why, Timothy, his mother, and his grandmother were both Christians." "Very true," I said, "we read of his mother and his grandmother being Christians, but where do we read of his baptism?" The man started, and fell back in his chair. "How is this to be accounted for? We hear of the call by grace of Timothy owned and acknowledged. We hear of his appointment to the Bishopric of Crete, we hear of his ordination, and the solemn charge that was given to him; we hear of everything pertaining to his whole ministry, but not one word about his baptism. Why?" They could not tell, till I told them that his godly mother, no doubt, baptized him at the proper time. I defy and challenge all the Baptists in the world to reply to these things."

Some forty copies of this magazine are issued monthly in the village. All new subscribers should give in their names to Miss Edith Berry or to Mr. Dormer, to whom subscriptions should be paid.

We have heard with much regret of the departure of the Vicar of Chipping Norton next year. Mr. Littledale was formerly a Trustee of the Great Roll-right Charities. Many of us who have enjoyed the pleasure and privilege of his acquaintance will lose a kind friend. Our best wishes for all future happiness go with him and his family.

CHADLINGTON.

January 25th, Conversion of St. Paul. Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

BAPTISMS.—October 24th, Alice Lilian, daughter of F. and F. Pratley.—November 15th, Edward Giles, son of J. H. and R. J. C. Cooper.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese proposes to hold a Confirmation at Charlbury, on Monday, March 15th. It is greatly to be hoped that all who have not yet been Confirmed will take this opportunity. The Bishop is willing to Confirm all over the age of twelve years, after due preparation.

On Wednesday, November 25th, the annual prize distribution was held in the Schools. The prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs. Abraham. Before the prize-giving the children and teachers were entertained at a sumptuous tea, very kindly provided

by Mr. and Mrs. Abraham, to celebrate the occasion of the marriage of their eldest daughter to Mr. Pullen. The bride and bridegroom were not able to be present as they were on their way to India. Appropriate speeches of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham for their kindness, and of good wishes for the happiness and prosperity of Mr. and Mrs. Pullen in their far away home in the East, were made by the Vicar and others. Mr. Abraham responded on behalf of himself and Mrs. Abraham and his daughter and her husband, and gave much sound advice to the children which it is to be hoped they will remember. We are glad to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Pullen have arrived safe and sound in India.

Our Belgian family, consisting of father, mother, daughter and another girl who lives with them, arrived on December 1st. We are most fortunate to have such nice respectable people. They received a warm welcome when they arrived, in the comfortable little home provided for them. The little girl goes to school, and needless to say, is a general favourite.

On Thursday, November 26th, an excellent variety entertainment was organised, and largely given by the Chadlington Boy Scouts on behalf of the local Belgian Refugee Fund. The entertainment was opened by the playing of the Russian, Japanese, Belgian, French and English National Anthems, the audience standing and the Scouts at the salute. The Scouts sang two patriotic songs, and Miss Field sang a new song, "England's Battle Hymn," the Scouts joining in the chorus. Miss Field also sang "Land of Hope and Glory." Mr. J. H. Harvey sang two songs, one of which roused the house to a fervour of patriotic enthusiasm, "It's a long way to Tipperary," England's War Song. A very amusing little act, entitled "The Monkey Scout," was given by three Scouts from Chipping Norton, ably assisted by some of ours, who showed commendable smartness in "First Aid" work. Also two of the Chipping Norton Scouts gave an excellent sparring exhibition. The second part of the programme consisted of a most amusing and clever entertainment, "Mrs. Jarley's Waxworks." We were most fortunate to secure that famous show-woman and her handy man with their clever automatons. The evening closed with a grand Tableau, "Rule Britannia," and the singing once again of the National Anthem. In every way the evening was a great success, and £3 was handed over to the fund. Our congratulations and heartiest thanks are due to all who took part in the concert, especially to those who came from a distance. Also, special thanks are due to Mrs. Leggatt for so kindly and efficiently undertaking the part of "Mrs. Jarley"; and also most particularly, to Miss Whitmore, through whose energy and perseverance the Scout movement was started in the Village, an organisation which is doing excellent work under the able control of the Scout-master, Mr. C. Webb, and his assistant, John Cluff.

SALFORD.

A Christmas, like as the world has never before seen, has come and gone. That greeting, "A Happy Christmas" has had a feeling in it that it has never had before. Those words "Peace on earth" we joy to sing, strike home to our hearts in a way they have never done before. God grant us Thy peace, which passeth man's understanding, let this be our constant prayer especially on the 1st Sunday of the coming year, which has been set apart in nearly every country in the world, as a day of special prayer in this sorely stricken time of War; as a people we have fallen away from God, if with true repentance we bow the knee in prayer before him he will give us our hearts desire.

The Church looked very nice with its Xmas apparel of evergreen and holly, and we thank those who supplied what was required, and those who made such good use of it, naturally we did not decorate so much this year, as in this, as in many things, there is that certain feeling of restraint which the world's War brings upon us.

The service on Xmas Day was at 9.30 a.m. One expected to see a larger congregation on such a great day, if it was on account of the home the Rector will arrange differently. He thanks the Rev. H. J. R. Marston and the Rev. R. P. Burnett for so kindly taking the services on the two Sundays when he was unavoidably absent.

It is most pleasing to hear the sympathetic sounds of the bells, both in our sorrows and in our joys. On Tuesday evening, December 8th, a supper was provided for the ringers and Church helpers, in the Rectory Room, to which about 17 sat down, the Rector presided and was supported by Mr. E. Hill, Churchwarden, Mr. C. E. Taylor having expressed his regret at being unable to be present. Supper being ended, the gramophone kindly lent by Mr. Taylor enlivened the scene, and the many good old songs, well sung by the guests, were much appreciated. Mr. H. Winnett, Sexton, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the excellent supper he had given them, and to those who by their services had helped to make the evening a most enjoyable one.

A Social was held in the Schoolroom on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 3rd, about 60 were present and the proceeds amounting to £1 15s. 3d. were to be devoted towards paying off an old debt on the Church Expenses, £2 6s. 7d. Mr. H. Hurst was not only the originator of the idea but worked hard and successfully in carrying it out, and thanks are due to him and to all those who kindly helped him in various ways, such as taking part in the entertaining, playing accompaniments, providing refreshments, disposing of them, lending crockery, etc., arranging and clearing up the room, and to Miss Woodward and Miss Pearson whose dialogue, "If it isn't one thing it's the other," was greatly appreciated.

The Confirmation classes have begun and are being

held weekly in the Rectory Room, at 7.30 p.m., the particular days of the classes are announced in Church from Sunday to Sunday, the numbers present at the classes have been good, but there are still several in the parish who, the Rector hopes, will not this time neglect another opportunity of receiving a great spiritual blessing and help, which may not come again.

The Coal and Bread Charities have been disbursed, the latter in the Schoolroom, on Thursday, December 24th. The Rector regretted that he was too unwell to be present but Mr. Taylor kindly took his place.

The Rector takes this opportunity of thanking those who so kindly enquired after him during his illness, and he is glad to say he now feels quite well again.

To our list of those serving in the Army and Navy which hangs in the Church porch, should be added the name of Pte. G. Betteridge (Welsh Borderers), who has recently joined Kitchener's Army.

The Rector is pleased to say he has received some kind and helpful subscriptions to the Boy Scouts' Fund, and he hopes soon to have the troop together again.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

On December 13th, the 2nd Sunday in Advent, the service was taken by the Rev. H. J. R. Marston, and a special sermon preached in aid of the Royal National Institution for the Blind.

The Lord Bishop of Oxford instituted the Rev. A. W. Callis, M.A., to the Rectory of Little Rollright, on Thursday, December 10th, at the Deanery Christ Church, Oxford, the Installation will be arranged at early date.

The Rector thanks the Rev. Dr. Holbrooke for taking the Services on two occasions this month.

CORNWELL.

BAPTISM.—13th December, 1914, Daisy Winifred Biles.

CHRISTMAS.—Our Christmas at Cornwell was a very quiet one, and we missed several of the parishioners who were absent owing to the War, including our kind Squire, Colonel Hall.

The Church was simply and prettily decorated, and the offertories which amounted to £4 5s. 8d., were as usual, presented as a Christmas offering to our excellent Organist, Mrs. George Bowles.

We are glad that F. Hill and H. Cooper, who are on duty with our home forces, were able to pay a flying visit to their families. They both seemed well and flourishing and to be enjoying their military life. They may, we believe, be shortly sent abroad and if so our hearty good wishes will go with them.

Our Sunday School children are looking forward to their annual treat and Christmas tree, which will take place early in the year.

We trust the year which is about to open upon us, may be a happy one to all our parishioners, and above

all trust it may bring victory to our Country and her Allies, and restore peace to the world.

S.P.G.—We hope to have the Rev. H. Kenney, the Organizing Secretary of the above Society, to preach on Sunday, the 10th of January, and our Annual Meeting and Magic Lantern the following Monday evening. Holders of Missionary boxes are requested to send them in to the Rector by the above date.

We trust *all* our parishioners will endeavour to make a point of attending the Services on Sunday, the 3rd instant, when there will be Special Intercession for the Nation and Empire in this time of War. The form of Services will be that sanctioned by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

"A Happy New Year to all."

HOOK NORTON.

BURIALS.—December 9th, Charles Price Prickett, aged 81 years.—December 16th, Edwin Joseph Padbury, aged 57 years.—December 17th, Albert Flint Borsberry, aged 50 years.

Communicants during December, 142.

Collections during same period: Church Expenses, £1 9s. 4½d.; Offertory Fund, 11s. 6d.; Lighting Fund, 13s. 5d.; Sunday School Clothing Club, £2 11s. 8½d.; Poor Fund, 13s. 4d.; Restoration Fund, 9s. 10d.

We regret to announce that Ernest Heritage of this village, a private in the Grenadier Guards, died on December 2nd, as the result of wounds received in action in Flanders, and we desire to express our sincere sympathy with his family in their sad loss. Poor lad! how well we remember him; he was only about 19 years of age, and was getting on so well in the Army, which he joined in January, 1914. Our consolation is that he died a noble and gallant death in defence of his King and Country. We hope that later on his name will be recorded in the Church, never to be forgotten, as a recognition of his services.

The death of Mr. Albert Borsbury has been a sad blow to us all, and he will be long and widely missed. He was a man who was never so happy as when he was rendering somebody else a kindness, and he was always the same, pleasant, courteous and genial. Last Easter he was appointed a Sidesman, and took a real and active interest in his duties, and during the late Mission his services were invaluable. We join sincerely with his sisters in their great sorrow.

We have to thank Mr. Perry-Gore, the Rector of Tackley, for his excellent course of Sermons on the Fridays in Advent on the subject of Heaven, and much regret that the extremely bad weather somewhat diminished the attendance of people.

It was impossible not to feel that the shadow of the War was over our celebration of Christmas this year. The call of country has thinned the ranks of the ringers, the choir and choir and the congregation. Nevertheless the Church was beautifully decorated as usual

by the kindness of a band of ladies, to whom we are deeply indebted.

A beautiful processional cross has been presented to the Church as a thankoffering by a parishioner, to be used at Festivals and on other great occasions.

The prayers of the congregation are earnestly asked on behalf of the Confirmation Candidates. The Confirmation is fixed to take place on Wednesday, February 10th, at 3 p.m., when it is hoped that the friends and relatives of the candidates will endeavour to be present, and indeed all who can get away at that hour.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.

Vicar: W. Collingwood Carter, M.A., Ch. Ch., Surrogate, Rural Dean.

Churchwardens: H. Mawle, E. H. Dee.

Silesmen:

A. Miles, M. Bunting, J. E. H. Parsons, B.A., M.R.C.S., J. Strong, A. Miles (junior), R. Townsend, J. Pittaway (senior)

Clerk: S. Coombes. Sexton: W. Longshaw.

The Vicar being unwell during most part of Advent, the Vicar of Ascot kindly took two Services; and the Rev. G. H. Barrett on the Sundays, and on S. Andrew's Day and the Day of Intercession for Foreign Missions, preached.

On 23rd, the School was well attended by parents of the scholars, and the County Council Prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. Huntington. The songs and recitations were appreciated and the room was tastefully decorated.

Christmas Day was ushered in with the Midnight Peal. At the Choral Service and the second Celebration the Communicants numbered 92. At the Afternoon Service carols were sung and forty-three reward books given to those who had distinguished themselves in Sunday School or at the Diocesan Examination in the Day School and at S. Michael's Home School. As many parents were present at this Service, the Vicar reminded them of the last charge in the Baptism Service, "Ye are to take care that this child be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him."

All the Christmas Services were as usual, and the Church beautified with evergreen wreaths, and the Sanctuary with a mass of pink bloom from the Court, but naturally all feel the dark cloud that overshadows us.

On the Holy Innocents' Day, the School children, numbering ninety-six on the books, were invited to the Court for an afternoon's entertainment by Capt. and Mrs. Huntington, who most kindly provided a splendid Christmas Tree, illuminated in the winter garden, which tree provided good presents for each one. The kind hosts were indefatigable in the whole affair which, as we know, entailed much energy to bring about. It was a great success and very much appreciated.

ENSTONE.

Bishop Corfe will hold a Confirmation in Eustone Church, on Tuesday, February 9th, at 3 p.m., for the parishes of Eustone, Heythrop and Sandford St. Martin. Classes for instruction are held in Church on Mondays, in the afternoon for girls, and in the evening for lads, and at other times as announced. The Vicar will gladly arrange for the separate instruction of older persons. Boys and girls are old enough who are baptised and are come to "years of discretion." No one is too old to receive this means of grace, of which we read in the New Testament.

Sunday, the 3rd of January, 1915, is the day appointed for Intercession on behalf of the Nation and Empire in this time of War. The Services will be at 8 and 11 a.m., and at 6 p.m. Also at Ditchley at 3 p.m. It is to be hoped that the people will follow the example of the King in attending Church on that day. Nations and Empires are made up of individuals. Let each individual make sure that he is on the Lord's side. Then there will be greater reality in the statement of our belief that the Lord of Hosts is with us.

We ask parents to encourage their children in the Temperance and Missionary Study, for which simple examinations will be held on the last Thursday and the last Saturday in March.

We trust the recipients of coal distributed in December have thanked the farmers for their great kindness in carting it free of expense; namely, Messrs. Adams, Bolton, Allen, Tombs, Hawes, Parsons, C. and D. Collett.

It has been a great pleasure to see some of our sailors and soldiers home on leave, short though it has to be. The sight of the brave lads from the trenches, and of others eager to get there, should induce still more to enlist.

H. Claridge, who only returned from India early this year to go on the Reserve, has been killed in action and thus given his life for his Country, for his friends. In India he was Confirmed and belonged to the C.E.M.S. He regularly made his Communion each month while he was at home. He brought home excellent references from his regiment and the C.E.M.S.

Joe Arthur, who was rejected, underwent the necessary operation; he is now in the 2nd Life Guards, and declares the Army a grand life.

Mr. Tracy Philipps is serving his Country in Uganda and has so won the hearts of the natives that they have "adopted" him.

On Advent Sunday evening our new neighbour, the Rector of Heythrop, preached an appropriate and interesting sermon on behalf of the S.P.G. The Vicar of Little Tew officiated at the 11 a.m. service, on December 27th. Our best thanks to both.

The departure of the Vicar of Spelsbury to Devonshire is a great loss. One always found him a kind neighbour, a Christian gentleman, and an

uncompromising defender of the faith and discipline of the Church.

The Church, thanks to all concerned, was again becomingly decorated for Christmas. The Services at 7 and 11 a.m., and 6.30 p.m. were well attended. There were Services also at Ditchley at 8.30 a.m., and 3 p.m. Our Church collections amounting to £4 have been sent to Lord Rothschild for the "sick and wounded." Carols were sung after Evensong on Xmas Day and the following Sunday. The ringers did very well, considering four of their number are away with the Yeomanry. Instead of trudging along with a heavy postman's bag on Xmas morning, our veteran choirman, Edward Capes, was present at Morning Prayer and Eucharist, and very pleased was everyone to see him able to come to Church wearing his medal for long deserving service. We hope he will have good health to enjoy his retirement for many years yet, and help us in the services in God's House.

May we learn in 1915 what goes to make up true happiness; and may peace be restored to the Nations now at War.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

A gloom was cast over the Christmas Services at Fifield by the death of the Parish Clerk, Charles Cummings, who passed away on St. Thomas' Day. His life was spent in the steady doing of duty, and the patient bearing of suffering; thus he won the respect of all who knew him. His character eminently fitted him for the post of Parish Clerk, which he had filled for some 19 years. In Church he took his part in the Services in no mechanical way, but the prayers were evidently a real expression of his own thoughts and feelings. Of him it may be said with truth that he will be missed because his place will be empty. All his sons and daughters were present at the Funeral Service, on St. Stephen's Day, and some of them also at the Memorial Service held after Evensong on Sunday Evening, St. John the Evangelist's Day. At the funeral the choir sang his two favourite hymns, and carried sprigs of rosemary for "Remembrance," which they threw into the grave at the end of the Service. May he rest in peace.

On Christmas Day there were celebrations of the Holy Communion in Fifield Church, at 8.15, and in Idbury Church, at 7 and 10.30. The number of Communicants was very satisfactory.

The appointment of the Rev. I. R. Phelps to be Provost of Oriel College, Oxford, is of great interest to Fifield, for he is much attached to this place and stays at the Merriemouthe as often as he possibly can. I am sure that he has the hearty congratulations of Fifield.

BAPTISMS.—(Fifield). On November 2nd, Florence, daughter, of William and Florence Edith Evans.—George, son of Thomas and Sarah Oakley.

BURIAL.—(Fifield). On December 26th, Charles Cummings, aged 62 years.

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RAMSDEN.
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SPELSBURY.
CHASTLETON.

& DAYLESFORD.

FEBRUARY.

CALENDAR.

1915.

1	M	
2	Tu	<i>The Purification of the B. V. M.</i> Presentation of our Lord in the Temple.
3	W	S. Blasius, B.M. Magistrates' Meeting.
4	Th	
5	F	S. Agatha, V.M.
6	S	
7	S	<i>Sexagesima.</i>
8	M	
9	Tu	
10	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
11	Th	
12	F	
13	S	
14	S	<i>Quinquagesima.</i> S. Valentine, B.M.
15	M	
16	T	<i>(Shrove Tuesday).</i>
17	W	<i>Ash Wednesday.</i> Magistrates' Meeting.
18	Th	
19	F	
20	S	
21	S	<i>1st Sunday in Lent.</i>
22	M	
23	Tu	
24	W	S. Matthias, A.M. Ember Day. Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
25	Th	
26	F	Ember Day.
27	S	Ember Day.
28	S	<i>2nd Sunday in Lent.</i>

Last Quarter, 7th, 5h. 11m. a.m. New Moon, 14th, 4h. 31m. a.m.
First Quarter, 22nd, 2h. 58m. a.m.

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

(S. MARY THE VIRGIN.)

BAPTISMS.—Edith Irene, daughter of Frank Charles Henry and Edith May Williams, 51 New Street.—January 11th, Mary, daughter of Frederick William and Beatrice Louisa Saunders, Alfred Terrace.—January 17th, Kathleen Mary, daughter of Caleb and Matilda Giles, 33 West Street.—January 26th, John, son of John and Norah Allen, 3 Church Lane.

BURIALS.—January 9th, Thomas William Castle, Rock Hill.—January 12th, Elizabeth Longshaw, 15 Middle Row.—January 13th, John Allen, 3 Church Lane.—January 28th, Esther Allinson, Ivy Place.

There has been this month a great deal of illness prevalent in the Parish of the influenza type, and the Vicar has been laid aside with a bad attack, from which he is now recovering. To one and all we wish a speedy recovery to health and vigour again, for after all a good sound body is the greatest blessing to have humanly speaking in this world.

Bishop Corie will (D.V.) administer the Sacred Rite of Confirmation in the Parish Church, on Thursday, February 11th, at 3 p.m. The Clergy request that the candidates may be specially remembered in the prayers of the faithful, that the Divine help may be theirs in these few weeks of preparation and that they may feel their Confirmation to have brought them unfailing Grace for the days to come.

THE CHARITIES.—The Parish Charities have, as at other times, been most carefully administered this year. In respect to the Over Norton Charity, to secure the greatest possible benefit to the recipients, which certainly was the purpose and will of the benefactors, applications were invited on the plan adopted by the municipal authorities. The result was very satisfactory. In several cases no application was made which correct action enabled the Trustees to give much greater benefit to the cases of special need. Mrs. Hitchenman's Blanket Charity and the Phillips' Coal Charity have been administered as well.

The Choir boys had their tea and social on Thursday, Jan. 7th. Afterwards they were entertained at the Picture Palace at the expense of the Vicar and Churchwardens who also gave the tea.

The Mothers' Meeting also had their annual tea and social on January 5th. A good number of games

were played and caused great happiness. The best thanks of all are to be given to Miss Edwards and Mrs. Webb who have the class so much at heart.

Before this month of February is gone we shall have Lent upon us. Special Preachers are coming on the Thursday evenings. The following is the list of Clergy who have kindly promised to come:—

Thursday, February 25th, Rev. W. D. Cartwright, Rector of Aynho.

March 4th, Rev. Dr. H. W. Boustead, Rector of Basingstoke.

March 11th, Rev. W. O. Assheton, Rector of Bilton.

March 18th, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Chaplain Queen Ann's School, Caversham.

March 25th, Rev. W. C. Emeris, Vicar of Burford.

On Good Friday, the Rev. T. P. Field, of Chadlington, will give the addresses at the Three Hours' and on Good Friday night a lantern Service will be given in the Town Hall as in former years.

C.L.B.—Our best thanks are due to Mrs. Reader for so kindly giving us a bagatelle board. Also to Sister Lilly Cork for the offer of one from the Children's Home for special occasions. It never rains but it pours! Last month we thanked Mrs. Burbidge for the same thing. But "every mickle makes a muckle."

RAMSDEN.

The collections on Intercession Day amounted to 7s. 9d. for the Red Cross Society. As the weekly contributions to the Belgian Relief Fund are still being made, the small amount is thus to be accounted for.

ENTERTAINMENT.—The girls of the choir gave a very good entertainment in the Schoolroom on Friday, January 1st, in aid of the War funds. There was a crowded and appreciative audience and the takings after paying expenses amounted to £2. £1 was sent to the relief of Belgians in Holland, and £1 was sent to Mrs. Hammersley for soldiers' comforts. The items on the programme included three dramatic sketches, which were word perfect and very well acted: songs and recitations. Two extra items were supplied by the Vicar of Northleigh and Miss G. M. Hall. The training of the girls and all the arrangements were successfully carried out by the organist, Miss A. E. Hall.

RECRUITING.—The Vicar's son has returned from Ceylon, having given up an excellent appointment to come and enlist. He has joined the Royal Irish Rifles. F. Bunting, G. Newman, H. Panting and H. Cantwell have joined the Berkshires, J. W. Millin, jun., the Oxon and Bucks, since our last report. We wish them all God speed.

BAPTISM.—Jan. 3rd, Robert Henry John Wright.

MARRIAGE.—Jan. 16th, Arthur William Haggitt and Francis May Townsend.

DAYLESFORD.

The School reopened after the Christmas holidays, having been closed for very nearly six months owing to the death of Miss Crewe, and the necessity of finding some one to fill her place. The good work which she carried on for so many years can never be forgotten, and has left an indelible mark on all who came under its influence, and her memory will long be cherished among us. It was naturally a difficult matter to find a successor, but in Mrs. Clarke we believe we have one who will carry on the best traditions of the school with faithfulness and zeal, and she is already doing good work and winning the respect of her scholars. Our best thanks are due to the Rector and Schoolmistress of Adlestrop for so very kindly taking charge of the children during the interregnum.

The Day of National Intercession was duly observed in this Parish, and the Services were well attended. Collections were made for the Red Cross Society, and realized an amount of £5 18s. On Christmas Day collections were made for the Belgian Relief Fund when a sum of £6 3s. was forwarded to the "Daily Telegraph" as our contribution from this Parish.

We are also thankful to be able to announce that in spite of many other urgent calls occasioned by the war, we have been able to send up to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel a larger sum than has ever before been raised in this Parish for this Society, namely £9 1s. 6d. Missionary boxes accounted for £4 7s. 5d. of this amount, a meeting held on December 8th, and addressed by the Rev. A. E. Jerram, Organizing Secretary for the Diocese, for £2 4s. 3d., and an offertory in Church for £2 10s. It will undoubtedly be a hard matter to keep up to this level during this year with the cost of living increasing so greatly, and with the many calls which are likely to be made increasingly upon us all, but we must all try our utmost to avoid any falling off in this most vital part of our duty as members of the Holy Catholic Church.

On Sunday, January 31st, we are to have the privilege of listening to the Rev. H. J. R. Marston, Chaplain to the National Institution for the Blind, who comes to plead for that Institution, Mr. Marston, who is himself blind, will be remembered by many among us as Rector of Icomb for many years.

We were proud and pleased to welcome home to England and to Daylesford Capt. Dudley Johnson who came fresh from the fighting at Tsing-Tau in China. Capt. Johnson greatly distinguished himself in that campaign and more will undoubtedly be heard of his gallant conduct in the near future when the despatches relating to that episode are made public.

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The entertainments of Choir and Ringers, and other Guilds has been arranged at the Vicarage as in former years.

On January 3rd, the day of National Intercession, the Church bells were muffled, and the appointed Services were fully used at the Church and at the Mission Chapel, in addition to the usual Services, except that in the morning the Archbishop's Address took the place of the Sermon, being read from the pulpit. We do not think the congregations were larger on that day than usual. The collections at five Services amounted to £9 13s. 3d., which was sent to the Joint Committee of the Order of S. John of Jerusalem, and the Red Cross Society, for sick and wounded in the war.

The collections at the beginning of the war for the Prince of Wales' Fund amounted to £10 15s. 2d.

For Foreign Missions in 1914, chiefly in boxes, was collected and sent up £10 17s. 7d., and for Home Missions, Additional Curates' Society, £1 4s. 2d.

Many persons showed love and respect for Miss Dalton by attending her burial. She passed into her rest quietly in her sleep. Although full of years, she was always active and cheerful, taking much interest in everything, constantly attending Services at the Church at all hours.

Names are being sent in of Candidates for Confirmation. There are still several who would do well to take advantage of this opportunity, and some of more advanced age who have missed other past opportunities. No age is too great for it where there is repentance and faith. No age is too young after twelve years. The Bishop's permission has to be asked for any *under* twelve years.

We do well to be specially thoughtful of our spiritual concerns in these days of stress and anxiety. The war has many things to teach us.

Men are ready and willing to fight for their Kingdom and Homes in the cause of right. Soldiers of Christ should not be ashamed to boldly confess the faith of Christ crucified our King in Heaven.

BAPTISMS.—November 8th, 1914, Kathleen Winifred Shepherd.—Jan. 17th, 1915, Doris Lillian Hedges.—January 24th, Reginald John Franklin.

BURIAL.—January 21st, Elizabeth Dalton, aged 83.

CHADLINGTON.

BAPTISMS—Dec. 26th, Madeline Nancy, daughter of D. and E. A. C. Lodge.—Dec. 27th, Ida Elsie, daughter of R. and C. M. Betteridge. Jan. 10th, Dorothy May, daughter of H. and A. E. Cullum.—January 24th, Winifred Miriam, daughter of T. A. and E. K. Cooper.

BURIAL.—Dec. 26th, Hannah Robins, aged 66 years. The Services on Christmas Day were well attended and the singing was bright and cheerful. The Church was beautifully decorated, and our grateful thanks are due to all who helped in the work and provided the flowers and evergreens.

February 17th will be Ash Wednesday, or the first day of Lent. As usual in Lent there will be daily Matins and Evensong. On Thursdays, Choral Evensong and Sermon at 7.30 p.m. Fridays, Evensong and Intercessions in connection with the War at 6.30 p.m. Evensong on the other days will be at 5.30 p.m. It is hoped that as many as can will make use of the additional opportunities of public prayer and worship afforded in the Lenten season.

On the 15th of January, after the practice, Mr. C. Webb, on behalf of the Choir and Organist, gave the Rev. T. P. Field a beautifully bound copy of the Cathedral Prayer Book, with music, on the fly leaf of which is inscribed, "The Rev. T. P. Field, with best wishes from the Choir, Chadlington, Charlbury, Oxon, January, 1915." The presentation was a complete surprise to the recipient, so well had the secret been kept. The work of the Choir is always a pleasure and joy, and this is increased beyond measure when it is the good fortune to work with a Choir and Organist who are always ready and willing to try their hardest and give of their best, and to put up with a smile and take it in good part the touchiness of the choir-master—very frequently a peppery kind of person. The Rev. T. P. Field is indeed most grateful for the beautiful and useful gift, and deeply moved by the very kind thought which prompted it; and he will always value the book as one of his most cherished treasures.

On Monday, January 4th, a very interesting Lantern Lecture was given in the Schools by Mr. Sturch, in aid of the local Belgian Refugee Fund. The first part of the lecture consisted of views in Belgium of various scenes of the War, and several slides of different Regiments of the Allied Armies. Many of the views of the Churches in Belgium were from photographs taken by Mr. Sturch himself while touring in the country. In the second part of the lecture pictures of the Training Ship "Mercury" were shown, and a vivid description of the life on board and of the training of the boys was given by one of the Instructors. Another of the Instructors in the third part of the lecture, showed some interesting slides of many ships in our Navy, amongst them some of them now engaged in the War. During the evening the five National Anthems were played—the Belgian

one being sung by our Belgian Refugee Family. Our best thanks are due to Mr. Sturch and his friends for a very interesting and instructive evening.

The children attending the Sunday School had their annual winter treat on Thursday, January 14th. After a substantial tea at 4.30, they were entertained by the Rev. E. Ll. Weight with a clever conjuring performance which interested and astonished them greatly. The prizes were then kindly presented by Mrs. Bliss, after which Mr. Howse, of Taston, gave two recitations, and then amused us all with his ventriloquial sketches. Many of the parents came, and all much enjoyed the various entertainments. Our grateful thanks are due to the many who kindly gave donations in money to defray the expenses of the tea and prizes, and also to Mrs. Bliss for providing an orange for each child before leaving. Also we wish to thank all those who helped in getting the tea ready and waiting on the children. Also we wish to thank very heartily both the entertainers who worked so hard and successfully to give us pleasure and amusement.

We hope to have a small Rummage Sale early in March, the proceeds to go to various Parochial Funds.

CORNWELL.

S.P.G.—Owing to an epidemic of influenza which laid up quite a large number of our people, we were obliged at the last moment to postpone the Sermons and meeting on behalf of the above Society. We have now arranged to have our annual Offertories, on Sunday, the 7th of March, and the Meeting the following Monday coming. The Rev. H. Kenney, the Diocesan Secretary, will preach and speak on the occasion, and we hope by that time all our people will be well and able to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The children attending the Sunday School had their annual tea and Christmas tree at the Rectory, on Wednesday, January 20th. They all much enjoyed their little treat, and received many pretty and useful presents off the tree. These, as in past years, were kindly sent by the Rector's sister, Miss Burnett, of Clevedon, Somerset.

CONFIRMATION.—We have six candidates this year for the Confirmation (which is to be held on the 11th of February), two male and five female. Classes are being held weekly at the Rectory.

THE WAR.—Good accounts have come of our volunteers. Harold Cooper and Fred Hill are getting on well, and will probably be sent before long to the front. The former, who has all his life been associated with horses, hopes to be appointed to a Cavalry regiment.

THE DEANERY MAGAZINE.—May we ask those of our subscribers who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the past year to do so on receipt of the present number? It will save trouble if all would either pay for the year in advance, or monthly for each number on delivery.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN

BAPTISMS.—January 17th, Edith Louisa Annie, infant daughter of Reuben and Eva Mary Stringer, of Milton.

BURIAL.—January 3rd, Thomas Giblett, aged 57 years.

Just as the old year was expiring there passed away from Milton, in the person of Mr. T. Giblett, a man universally respected and beloved. For some considerable time he had been unwell, but after a serious operation that he underwent we all hoped that he would have got strong and well and that there were many years in store for him, but it was not so to be. About two months ago his health again gave way and from then till December 31st, he grew gradually worse till death mercifully relieved him of further suffering. Throughout his illness his suffering was borne most patiently, and everything that was done for him was always received so thankfully. A comparatively young man, he accomplished a great deal. As schoolmaster for 31 years in our parish his influence was always for good, and in a really wonderful way he secured and retained the affections of his pupils, many of whom realize that in his death they have lost a good friend. The funeral took place on January 3rd, and despite the torrential rain a large number of people were present. It was very fitting that he should have been borne to the grave by four of his former pupils, all of whom were in khaki, showing they were serving their King and Country in the great crisis through which the nation is passing. They were Privates W. Hopkins and W. Timms, and Gunners H. Rathband and H. Miles.

Mr. Giblett was not only a good efficient schoolmaster, but for many years was the organist at our Church, it was most fitting therefore that the Choir should have sent a most beautiful floral wreath as their token of affection for the departed and sympathy for those related to him. He was also deeply interested in other matters of parochial import, for many years he has carried out most acceptably the office of Assistant Overseer. There were a great number of floral wreaths sent by friends besides the one above mentioned, the Sunday School scholars having sent a very beautiful one. May he rest in peace and may Light perpetual shine upon him.

At Xmas-tide the firm of A. Groves & Sons very kindly thought of how best they could show their appreciation to those men from our Parish who have enlisted, and they accordingly offered to send a load of wood for each soldier to their homes, needless to say this act of thoughtful kindness was deeply appreciated.

Into in December, five of our married men, all of whom have families, felt the call to arms so strongly that they offered themselves for service, and

although they were not all accepted, we feel bound to acknowledge their courage and assure them that we all admire them for the showing of the right spirit, and we shall strive to remember them continually in our Eucharists and prayers. One cannot but feel a great admiration for our Tommys, and it is a real pleasure to have in our congregation every man on leave in his uniform and all reverently joining in the Service. It makes us feel that they are not entering upon that which lies before them in a thoughtless manner but that they are seeking just that strength and courage which is needed—the grace of God.

We are being told and told constantly that our King and Country need all the men they can get. We are also being told by those in authority that every man may yet be needed. This then is no time for hanging back. The time for action is now. A nobler cause cannot be imagined. To give one's self for that cause is an honour, that so many of our splendid soldiers will attain. Why not you? The example of these married men must surely cause some of the young single men to question themselves as to why they do not join.

The Archbishop of York said in addressing a body of the Church Men's Society, "that any young man who neglected to offer himself in the hour of his country's need *without justifiable reason* had a grave responsibility to bear, and what their feeling would be when the war is over and our brave soldiers have returned, it is difficult to say." There are of course many whose positive duty is to remain at home, and for them it is harder to do so than to enlist, but there are others for whom it is difficult to formulate an excuse.

We had our Xmas treats for our Sunday Schools at Milton and Lyneham on December 28th and 29th, and at both places a very pleasant evening was spent, and the children were delighted with their Xmas gifts.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

The Special Intercession Services were held morning and evening on Sunday, January 3rd. The attendance was fairly good, and a collection was made on behalf of the Red Cross Society, amounting to £1 10s. 5d.

On Monday, February 8th, there will be a Mothers' Union Meeting at the Vicarage at 3 o'clock. All members are cordially invited. The speaker will be Mrs. Frewen Jenkin, of Oxford. Tea will be served after the meeting.

On Thursday and Friday, February 11th and 12th, the members of the G.F.S. hope to give their annual entertainment. They are working very hard at a Japanese operetta, "Princess Chrysanthemum." It is to be hoped that their efforts may be as successful this year as they were last.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on February 2nd (Purification of B.V.M.), and on February 24th (S. Matthias).

The following members of the Sunday School have recently received prizes. *Girls*.—Florence Hudson, Mabel Nurden, Beatrice Walker, Doris Howes, Ruth Hudson, Violet Walker, Ellen Cooper, Kathleen Nurden, Mary Walker. *Boys*.—William Cooper, Edward Pratley, George Pratley, Reginald Gittens, Cecil Sole, George Walker, Alfred Blowfield, Joseph Cooper, Gerald Sole, Leslie Sole, William Walker, Eric Shepherd.

These prizes are awarded for learning the lessons given each Sunday, and for good conduct in School as well as attendance. Just now our Sunday School is in a flourishing condition as regards numbers, but another teacher is greatly needed. Surely one more person out of a village of three hundred people can be found, who is willing to assist in this good work!

During the last six weeks we have regularly forwarded to the National Egg collection four dozen eggs for the use of our soldiers. Mrs. Raikes, of Whichford Rectory, and Mrs. Holbrooke have collected these. Grateful letters have been received from headquarters assuring contributors of the appreciation of their kindness. In this Parish we have met with a ready response on the whole to this worthy object; this has been especially noticeable, as it often is, in the case of our poorer friends who teach the lesson—that they who contribute most are not necessarily those who possess most.

The season of Lent is fast drawing near, Ash Wednesday being on February 17th. How shall we spend it this year? Not surely in the half-hearted fashion which has been noticeable in past years. If ever there was a time when we ought to look sin in the face and grapple with it, that time is *now* while our country is plunged in the sorrow and humiliation of international strife. Let each one of us set himself seriously to think about his besetting sins, and to determine by God's grace to abandon them. We have a great deal to think about in this direction, yes, and to be sorry for it we at all realise what our faults are, what they make us now and what they may make us hereafter. It is all very well to speak of the sins of the nation, but are not these the sins of the individual? Each Christian man and woman can show his loyalty and patriotism in other ways than by fighting in the trenches, and this can be done by a strict observance of the Lord's Day, and its Services and the practice of self-denial, and by a life of purity and straightforwardness. Let us examine ourselves earnestly this Lent and see what we have to repent of, but by all means let us repent, and no longer play with conscience.

Each Friday evening at seven there will be a Lenten Service with special Preacher.

We shall all greatly sympathise with Mr. Dormer in his prolonged illness, and wish him a speedy recovery. He has worked hard and conscientiously in the interests of the School and Parish for a number of years, and really needs a considerable period of rest.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY

On Dec. 31st, Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Kettlewell gave a tea to the children in the Day School. The guests did full justice to the excellent food provided, and especially appreciated the iced cake. After tea, there were several dances. The children evidently enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and were delighted with the carefully chosen gifts distributed at the end.

Members of Bible Classes and collectors of Church Stamps were entertained at the Rectory on three consecutive days—namely: girls on January 5th, Fifield boys on the 6th and Idbury boys on the 7th.

Judging by the reports in our contemporary "The Ship," the visitors were satisfied with all the entertainments mentioned above.

Members of the Mothers' Union who attend the Bible Classes had a tea at the Rectory on Jan. 21st.

As, unlike the children, the mothers produce no magazine, they have not the same opportunity of expressing their feelings, but seemed to enjoy themselves as much.

Eight parishioners, who are tenants of Mr. Chambers, desire to thank Mrs. Chambers (senior) for kind gifts of tea and sugar. The Fifield military roll is increased by the names of Lance Corporal Charles Gee, who served through the South African War and returns to his old regiment the 2nd Gloucesters. Walter Davis is now definitely attached to the Sherwood Foresters.

At the Intercession Service on January 3rd, four soldiers in uniform were present at Fifield in the morning, two at Idbury in the evening. Their presence gave special point to the prayers.

The following Sunday School prize list was accidentally omitted in the January Magazine:—*Fifield Boys*: Class Work & Stamp Album—James Gee. Class Work—Frank Davis and Roland Davis. *Girls*: Class work & Stamp Album—Alma Gee, Clara Davis and Francis Evans. Examination—Alice Barnes. *Idbury Boys*: Stamp Album—Arthur Bond and Walter Roberts. Class work—George Bond. Examination—Thomas Bunting. *Girls*: Stamp Album—Beatrice Stringer and Mary Bunting. —Class Work & Examination—Hilda Stringer. Class Work—Alice Gosling. Medals for complete Stamp Albums were presented to James Gee, Frank Davis, Arthur Bond, Alma Gee, Francis Evans, Mary Bunting and Beatrice Stringer.

BAPTISM.—(*Fifield*), on January 3rd, Margaret Sarah, daughter of Henry William and Edith Sarah Cumming.

SALFORD.

January 18th, the Sexagenarians spent an enjoyable evening at the Rectory Room, where an excellent supper had been provided for them by the Rector, Mr. Taylor giving his usual kind help. Some amusing and clever conjuring tricks were performed by a professor from the neighbourhood, after which lantern pictures were shown and songs sang by the guests. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector, the ladies and others for giving them such a pleasant evening.

The Boy Scouts meet regularly and improve in their drill; their outfits are on order. Thanks are due to Mr. Taylor for kindly allowing them the use of a cottage in which they can not only be instructed in scouting but also learn games and how to do fret saw work.

The first milestone of the new year has been passed and the war cloud shows but little signs of lifting. Each time as we enter God's House, and glance at the list of those serving in the Army and Navy, let us hope and pray that more may be added to this roll, so that we may be able to say how splendidly Salford has come forward to help in defending our loved ones and our homes, with a bold determination to fight for right against might.

January 3rd, the day appointed for humble Prayer and Intercession throughout the Empire. May our prayers be found acceptable before the throne of grace. The congregations were good. The offertory 10s. 10d. was sent to the Red Cross Society.

On January 7th, the School children were given an entertainment in the way of tea, presents and games, out of funds subscribed by friends and a Rummage Sale got up by Miss P. Thornton. The Rector kindly presented the prizes, giving a cheery word to the recipients, thanking all those who had helped to give the children the treat and saying how glad they were to see Miss Carver back amongst them.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

The day of humble Prayer and Intercession was observed on Sunday, January 3rd, as in all other places of worship, on behalf of the Nation and Empire in the time of War, and the offertory 4s. 6d. was forwarded the Red Cross Society.

On Tuesday, Jan. 12th, the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter, M.A., R.D., inducted the new Rector, the Rev. A. W. Callis, M.A., late Rector of Sproughton, Suffolk, and for many years Headmaster of King Edward's School, Bury St. Edmunds. The Service took place at 3.30 p.m., when the pretty little Church was well filled. Evensong was said by the Rev. Dr. Holbrooke, the Rector read the lesson, and then the Rural Dean gave an interesting address, after

which he proceeded with the ceremony assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Williams, the Churchwarden and patron. The Rev. E. Ll. Weight kindly conducted the musical part of the service; the Rev. J. A. Burnley was also present. After the service the Clergy and visitors were entertained at the Manor House.

ENSTONE.

BURIED.—January 14th, Mary Jane Huckin, aged 68 years.

Sunday, January 3rd, was duly observed at Enstone Church as a day for Intercession on behalf of the Nation and Empire in this time of war. The Psalms, Lessons, Epistle and Gospel, and Intercessions were most appropriate and helpful. A continued use of the Intercessions should be made in private devotion. The Morning Lessons were read by the Viscount Dillon and Sub-Lieutenant C. Foulkes.

The Enstone Army and Navy list now contains 58 names. Wilfred Huckin has joined the Life Guards; Frank Sheffield, the Royal Field Artillery; and a place has been found for Tom Drinkwater in the Royal Flying Corps. There are not many young unmarried men now left behind at Enstone.

In the "Times" we read that the farmers are now having "the time of their lives." We hope this is true at Enstone, in spite of the prospect of a scarcity in labour. Some remedy may have to be found in women turning out to work and boys leaving school at an earlier age. Details have been published this month about elementary education, shewing the average cost of each child to the country to be over £5 a year. And yet for the most part their one desire is to leave the land. What makes farm work unattractive?

We are eagerly looking forward to the Confirmation to be held by Bishop Corfe, in Enstone Church, on Tuesday, Feb. 9th, at 3 p.m. The preparation is most interesting and happy work. For the five weeks ending January 30th, it has meant as many as 40 instructions. We need perhaps less preaching and more definite instruction. We hope that there will be a large general congregation on February 9th, to shew sympathy with those to be confirmed, and that afterwards they may be helped by the example they see in their elders, their *loyalty* to Christ and His Church, and their diligence in religious duties.

There will no doubt be much in the February number of our Magazine "The Sign," about the forthcoming season of Lent. It should be carefully read and put into practice.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISMS.—January 13th, Rosie, daughter of Richard Henry and Emily Jane Tooley (private baptism).—January 17th, Charles Edwin, son of Charles Ernest and Annis Ellen Reynolds, of Cornbury.

AT SHORTHAMPTON CHURCH.—Jan. 24th, Elizabeth Annie, daughter of Thomas and Ada Robinson, of Chilson.

MARRIAGE.—December 31th, Julius de Gorrequer Delmege, Assistant District Commissioner, Uganda, and Margaret Mary Shilson, of Charlbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmege sail for Uganda at the end of January; and the good wishes of all their friends go with them.

BURIALS.—January 4th, Lily Louisa Skuse, aged 2 years.—January 13th, Ann Simpkins, aged 72 years.—January 15th, Rosie Tooley, aged 4 days.—January 23rd, Thomas Arthur Rawlings aged 64 years.

On Sunday, January 3rd, the Day of Prayer for the War, our offertories were given to the Red Cross Work, and amounted to £8 15s. 1d., at Charlbury, and 15s. 2d. at Shorthampton.

At Charlbury we had a Special Men's Service in the afternoon, arranged by C.E.M.S., at which we said the Special Litany: and again at the Evening Service the Special Litany was used.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.—We wish to give our best thanks to Mr. Charles and Mr. William Fellowes, of the Officers' Training Corps, Winchester College, for drilling and instructing our boys on several days of the week during their holidays. Some 20 lads attended. Everything went on with great keenness, in spite of the bad weather. Mrs. Fellowes very kindly entertained all the boys at tea.

SHORTHAMPTON CHURCHYARD.—The ground is almost full of graves. Mr. Vernon Watney, of Cornbury Park, has most kindly given to the Church an adjoining piece of land as an addition to the Churchyard.

CONFIRMATION ON MARCH 15TH.—Our classes are now in good progress at Charlbury and Shorthampton: and we shall have a good number of candidates to present to the Bishop.

THE WAR.—Some 65 men from Charlbury are now serving: Albany Allen, Ernest Howes and George Moble, have joined the Royal Field Artillery, and gone to Cosham for training. Lieut. Robert Fellowes, of the 60th Rifles, has been in the firing line in the trenches. Sergeant John Whitaker, of H.M.S. Inflexible, took part in Naval battle off the Falkland

Islands. Capt C. R. Payne, R.N., writes, from South of the Equator, describing Christmas Day on board ship in time of War—officers and men being as happy as ever.

HOOK NORTON.

BURIAL.—January 4th, Harold Hopkins, aged 2 years.

Communicants from January 1st to 25th, 92.

Collections during same period: Church Expenses, £2 1s. 11½d.; Offertory Fund, £2 9s. 11½d.; Lighting, 10s. 3½d.; Sunday School, 10s. 10½d.; Choir, 13s. 1½d.

The Services on the Day of Humble Prayer to God on behalf of our Nation and Empire and our Allies in this time of War, on January 3rd, were well attended considering what an exceedingly wet day it was. Continuous prayer was maintained throughout the day between the Services by the aid of twenty-seven people who succeeded each other at intervals of a quarter of an hour.

The Confirmation is to take place on Wednesday, February 10th, at 3 p.m., when we hope to present 20 female and 16 male candidates. The prayers of the congregation are asked on behalf of the candidates, and especially that they may have the grace of perseverance and moral courage, and may be steadfast unto death.

Ash Wednesday this year falls on February 17th; the special Lenten Services will be held on Thursdays at 7 p.m., and the Preachers will be announced in due course.

An Association for providing hospitality for Belgian Refugees has been formed in Hook Norton. Mr. Littleboy has kindly placed a cottage rent free at the disposal of the Association, and all other expenses will be defrayed by the members of the Association, who have each guaranteed a proportion of the money required.

The Choir and Ringers had their annual supper at the Rectory on New Year's Eve, and the Sunday School children's tea and entertainment took place at the School on the Wednesday after Christmas. We are very grateful to Mrs. John Harris and all the other ladies who so kindly co-operated in providing this latter treat, and also to all those who so generously subscribed in money or in kind.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting is to be at Chadlington, March 27th. A Model Lesson will probably be given by Miss A. Walker. A lecture will be given on "The effects of the Norman Conquest on the Church."

The Midsummer meeting is fixed to be at Shipton, on June 12th, and the third meeting will be at Charlbury, on October 2nd or 9th.

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CHARLBURY & SHORTHAMPTON.
CHADLINGTON.
CHURCHILL & SARSDEN.
CORNWELL.
ENSTONE.

FIFIELD & IDBURY.
HEYTHROP.
HOOK NORTON.
FINSTOCK.
LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.
GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

SALFORD.
MILTON & LYNEHAM.
RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
SPELSBURY.
CHASTLETON.

& DAYLESFORD.

MARCH.

CALENDAR.

1915.

1	M	S. David, Abp.
2	Tu	S. Chad, B.
3	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
4	Th	
5	F	
6	S	
7	☉	<i>3rd Sunday in Lent.</i> S. Perpetua, M.
8	M	
9	Tu	
10	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
11	Th	
12	F	S. Gregory, B.C.
13	S	
14	☉	<i>4th Sunday in Lent.</i>
15	M	
16	T	
17	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
18	Th	S. Edward, K.M.
19	F	
20	S	
21	☉	<i>5th Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday).</i> St. Benedict, Ab.
22	M	
23	Tu	
24	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
25	Th	<i>Annunciation B.V.M.</i>
26	F	
27	S	
28	☉	<i>Sunday next before Easter (Palm Sunday).</i>
29	M	<i>Monday before Easter.</i>
30	Tu	<i>Tuesday before Easter.</i>
31	W	<i>Wednesday before Easter.</i> Magistrates' Meeting.

1st, Full Moon, 6h. 33m. p.m. 8th, Last Quarter, 0h. 28m. p.m. 15th, New Moon, 7h. 42m. p.m.
23rd, First Quarter, 10h. 48m. p.m. 31st, Full Moon, 5h. 38m. a.m.

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Parochial Notes.

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Surrogate for granting Marriage Licences.

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A. J. Bolwell,
for Chipping Norton.
Capt. Daly, for Over Norton.

Lay Evangelist—Capt. T. H. Brown (Church Army), 59 New Street.

Sexton and Clerk—Hubert E. Cook, 7 Church Street.

Organist and Choirmaster—Ernest C. Cook, 1 Market Street.

CHIPPING NORTON.

BAPTISMS.—February 6th, John Claude, son of Claude Alexander and Nancy Birts.—7th, Leonard Henry Frederick, son of William Ernest and Maud Mary Perry.—8th, Cicely Emily, daughter of Henry and Emily Woods (*Privately*).—12th, Arthur, son of George Albert and Florence Ravenhill.—13th, Margaret Mabel, daughter of Reginald William and Jeannie Cameron Slav.—14th, Kitty Mavis, daughter of Harold Alfred and Mary Kate Woodruff.

BURIALS.—February 4th, Thomas Deacon, aged 65 years.—4th, Charles Hieatt, aged 76 years.—17th, John Allen, aged 7 weeks.—18th, Denis William Hurst, aged 10 months.—25th, Richard Powell, Over Norton, aged 74 years.

On Monday, Feb. 15th, the children of the King's Messengers' Guild gave an Entertainment in the Town Hall. The *Oxfordshire Weekly News* gave the following account of it:—

"There was a good audience, and the excellent programme was fully appreciated. The first half took the form of a musical play entitled 'The Sleeping Beauty,' and was sustained by the members of the Children's Guild. The characters were as follows: of Popyland, Master Percival Goodman; Queen Karosia (the sleeping beauty), Miss Violet Empson; Prince Egir, Miss Fanny Gee; Lord High Chamberlain, Master Fred Fletcher; the Fairy Spiteful, Miss Ethel Harrison; Fairies: Misses Eva Gibbs, Edna Cyphus, Margaret Hodgkins, Mona Woodward,

Kate Aldridge, Olive Betteridge, Connie Tilling; Villagers: Master Albert Goodman, Master Tom Harris, and Master Leslie Woodward. The legend of the Sleeping Beauty is too familiar to need any detailed synopsis. It is only necessary to say that the old story that recalls memories of more youthful days was unfolded in a most interesting manner. The play commenced with the christening and the curse of the fairy Spiteful. The scene in the room in the turret, where the injury by the spindle instead of causing death resulted in sleep for a century, was presented in truly realistic style, whilst the appearance of the Prince and his breaking of the spell with a kiss followed in due course. The children played their parts in quite an admirable manner, and the picturesque dresses and suitable scenery combined to give a most artistic display. They all did well, but perhaps special praise is due to Miss Fanny Gee for the intelligent manner in which she interpreted the character of the Prince. The training of a number of children for such a performance entails a great deal of patient instruction, particularly if anything like the perfection achieved on this occasion is to be realised. This task devolved upon Captain and Mrs. Brown who were responsible for the production, and they are heartily to be congratulated upon the success of their venture. Not only were the arrangements entirely in their hands, but they also made the costumes and decorations, which added considerably to the general effect. The musical items were well given, and reflected credit both on the children and their tutors.

We are pleased to be able to state that the financial result of the effort was most satisfactory. The net profit amounted to £9. As the proceeds were to be divided, the Queen Mary's Work for Women Fund, in which the Mayoress has interested herself, will benefit to the extent of £4 10s., and the Children's Guild will receive a similar amount."

In consequence of the Vicar's impending resignation Capt. Brown is to be transferred to Ulverston, Lancashire, and will enter upon his new duties with the best wishes of all who have come in contact with him during his six months valuable work in Chipping Norton.

For Confirmation on February 11th, thirty-two candidates came from Chipping Norton among the seventy-seven who were presented, and Bishop Corfe was good enough to also give an address at the Evening Thanksgiving Service to a considerable number of candidates and their friends.

The Thursday Lent Address on "Prayer," by the Vicar of Aynho, was much appreciated, and we look forward to the remaining visits promised by the Vicar of Basingstoke, the Rector of Bilton, the Chaplain of Queen Ann's School, Caversham, and the Vicar of Burford.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY BAPTISM.—February 6th, Eileen Millicent Busby,—Feb. 9th, Frank Pargeter, Kathleen Pargeter, John Haynes, Alban Joe White, Violet Eveline Veal, Gwendoline Veal, Winifred Isabel White.—February 21st, Louis Phillippe Garson.

CONFIRMATION.—February 10th, John William Hall, Hubert Wilfrid Heritage, Cyril Sidney Walter Heritage, Stanley Ward, Baden Harry Turnock, Alban Joe White, John Woodward, William Simms, James Herbert Gardner, Albert Edward Embra, Frank Pargeter, Harry Pudbury, George Henry Eden, Harold Wyton, Frederick Stratford, John Haynes, Doris Andrews, Violet Veal, Gertrude Collins, Winifred Isabel White, Annie Woodward, Elsie Busby, Phyllis Archer, Eva Gardner, Nellie Gardner, Annie Wyton, Phyllis Simms, Harriet Buckland, Lilian Simpson, Hilda Phipps, Annie Colman, Ellen Savage, Alice Savory, Doris Davis, Daisy May Borsberry,

HOLY MATRIMONY.—February 20th, George Hart and Sarah Ann Brain.

BURIAL.—February 22nd, Walter Henry Alcock, aged 63 years.

Communicants from January 31st, to February 21st, 126.

Collections during same period: Poor Fund, 11s. 6½d.; Restoration Fund, 14s. 2d.; Church Expenses, £2 8s. 10½d.; Offertory Fund, 16s. 1d.; Lighting Fund, 10s. 8d.; Red Cross Society, £1 14s. 4½d.

The Confirmation took place on Wednesday, February 10th, on a most beautifully sunny day, for which we were most thankful. There were 35 candidates from this parish, 16 male, and 19 female.

The Bishop of Oxford himself was unable to come as he had to attend the meeting of Convocation in London, and his place was taken by the Right Rev. Bishop Corfe, formerly Bishop of Corea. Everybody was impressed by the exceedingly kindly and affectionate nature of the address which he delivered, which was based on three words taken from the concluding Collect of the Confirmation Service, "direct," "sanctify" and "govern." and we trust that what the Bishop said may be long remembered by the candidates. We were very fortunate in being able to secure a full attendance of the choir, and would desire to express our grateful thanks to the Brymbo Steel Coy., Lord Dudley's Ironstone Coy. and the Hook Norton Brewery Coy. for so kindly giving their employes leave off duty at the sacrifice of their convenience, and we should like them to know how much we feel their kindness added to the completeness of the Service and the happiness of the occasion.

We have determined to hold the usual Sale of Work on behalf of Foreign Missions, which takes place every other year, in spite of the War, and it will take place on the Friday after Easter, April 9th,

in the School. We hardly expect, of course, that it can be as successful as in former times, but we have thought it best not to abandon it as Miss Rushton's Working Party has been long at work in preparation for it, and also because the needs of those who are working in the Foreign Mission Field are now, as all will understand, especially great and serious, so that we feel it impossible to refrain from doing what we can. Hook Norton has a wonderful way of rising to an occasion and surprising even itself, so that the present writer for one would not be at all surprised if the Sale were even more than ordinarily successful. Gifts of plain or fancy articles for sale will be gratefully received by Miss Rushton, and any contributions for the Refreshment Stall will be very welcome, as the ladies hope to provide tea on the occasion.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on March 25th (Annunciation of Mary).

As already announced there will be Evening Service on Fridays during Lent at seven. We shall hope to see good congregations. The following Clergy have kindly consented to preach Sermons:—

February 26th.—Rev. B. I. Littlewood (Asst. Curate of Blockley).

March 5th.—Rev. A. W. Callis (Rector of Salford).

March 12th.—Rev. A. Shildrick (Vicar of Milton-under-Wychwood).

March 19th.—Rev. R. P. Burnett (Rector of Cornwell).

"Welcome, dear Feast of Lent: who loves not Thee,
He loves not Temperance, or Authority,
But is compos'd of passion.

"The Scriptures bid us fast; the Church says, Now;
Give to Thy Mother what thou wouldst allow
To every Corporation." *George Herbert.*

On the days immediately preceding Good Friday there will be Morning Prayer at 11 a.m. and Evensong at 7 p.m. At the Thursday Evening Service there will be an Address to Communicants. Good Friday Services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

There has been much sickness in the Parish during the last six weeks. Amongst the School children colds have been very prevalent, while all our teachers have in turn been on the sick list.

We have to announce that both William Cooper and Frank Bennett are serving their King and Country. Both are married men of middle age and have readily responded to the call of duty. Well done!

Mr. and Mrs. Hall are very kindly giving a wheeled bier to the Parish. A gift of this kind will supply a long standing want. It will greatly help to do away with that unseemliness which is often inevitable when a coffin is borne on the shoulders of bearers. As a Parish we shall be very grateful to the donors of what is a real necessity though a sad one.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.

Vicar: W. Collingwood Carter, M.A., Ch. Ch., Surrogate,
Rural Dean.

Churchwardens: H. Mawle, E. H. Dee.

Sidesmen:

A. Miles, M. Bunting, J. E. H. Parsons, B.A., M.R.C.S.,
J. Strong, A. Miles (junior), R. Townsend, J. Pittaway (senior)

Clerk: S. Coombes. Sexton: W. Longshaw.

The Confirmation will be held by the Bishop of the Diocese on March 15th, at 2 p.m. It is hoped that many will attend that Service and offer up their prayers for those looking for the great gift.

Many have been laid up with influenza.

The Special Services on Friday evenings in Lent are held as usual, and on Wednesday evenings at the Mission Chapel. The Rev. E. C. Freeman, Rector of Hook Norton, and one of the Diocesan Mission Preachers will kindly preach here this Lent.

On the Wednesday, Ember Day, the Diocesan Home Mission Litany Intercession was used.

We regret to hear of the death of Lindo Rainbow, the youngest son of Robert Rainbow, reported in the Roll of Honour. We do not know where the family are now living or we would write for particulars.

John Wright, Oxon and Bucks Light Infantry, has distinguished himself by winning a medal, being 5th out of ten in an eight mile cross country competition, regimental sports, and he is now in training for a championship competition with other regiments.

William Franklin has joined the Public School Batt. Middlesex Regt.

Sidney Hyde has volunteered for some motor transport Service Corps as driver, and has passed his medical examination.

We believe Alan Coombes has returned to the front, and that Thomas Shayler and Hubert Watts are in Egypt.

Lately the scores on Thursday night have averaged over 19 out of a possible 25. On February 4th, forty bulls were scored.

BAPTISMS.—January 31st, Gladys May Vowles.—February 14th, Lilian May Winfield.

MARRIAGE—Feb. 16th, Victor Harry Honeybone and Louisa Elizabeth Pittaway.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISMS.—Feb. 16th, Kenneth Sidney, infant son of Sidney and Catherine Edginton, of Lyneham.

MARRIAGES.—Feb. 5th, Frank Davies, of Chipping Norton to Elsie Mary Barnes, of Milton,

BURIALS.—February 6th, Elizabeth Burman, of Milton-under-Wychwood, aged 40 years.

On Monday, March 15th, a Confirmation Service will be held at Shipton at 2 o'clock. We have been basily engaged for the past several weeks in preparing our Candidates. We hope to have about 20 from Milton and Lyneham. We trust the members of our congregation will remember these in their prayers.

On Wednesdays during Lent, a Special Service is held, and we hope that the two Services in one week—the Special Intercession Service on Friday, and the Lenten Service on Wednesday, will be well attended. It would be regrettable if the numbers hitherto attending the Friday evening Service were reduced, we scarcely think they will, because we look upon the season of Lent as one calling for special effort.

On Wednesday, the 24th, we held the Service of Intercession for the Oxford Diocese and Home Missions and were gratified to see so many present.

The Vicar would be glad to hear of any one desirous of taking a Missionary box. It is quite possible that the war may reduce the income of some of our large Missionary Societies, and we want to do our share in preventing this, so we hope that there may be many yet in our parish who will send in a request for a box.

SALFORD.

HOLY BAPTISM.—February 14th, Dorothy May, daughter of Joseph and Rose Gertrude Invine.

BURIAL.—Charles Watkins, aged 70 years.

CONFIRMATION.—On Thursday, Feb. 11th, Bishop Corfe held a Confirmation in Chipping Norton Church, when the following 19 candidates, who had been prepared by the Rector, were presented:—*Females*: F. M. Coleman, B. Cox, L. E. McDowell, G. Newman, E. Thornton, F. Tidmarsh, R. E. Bolter, L. M. Wallington, K. M. Wallington, A. I. Hiett, J. Hiett, E. G. Newman, E. R. Wallington, R. Wallington. *Males*: W. T. Giles, W. F. Jacques, W. A. Wallington, U. Watkins, G. C. Woodward. We were very glad to see such a nice large number from the parish. They had been most regular at the classes, and we trust that the Almighty will shower many a blessing upon them, on their becoming full members of the Church, and on their entering upon that great bond of brotherly love and fellowship, so that they may be enabled to fight the battle of life as good soldiers of Christ. We were also glad to see them all with the exception of one (unavoidably absent) joining with 10 others at Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday in Lent. We trust that they will become regular attendants at the Lord's Supper, and so carry out His dying command, "This do in remembrance of me." We feel sure, that the day was a joyful one and may it ever be remembered as such. The majority of the candidates were driven to Chipping Norton, and they all returned to the Rectory for refreshments, and an instructive lecture on the sacred subject of the day.

On Sunday, March 7th, the Sermon at Evensong, will be preached by the Rev. H. Kenney, who will tell us about the great work done by the S.P.C.

LENT.—On Ash Wednesday there was a short Service at 12 o'clock and again at 7 p.m. with an address. During the season there will be Services on Mondays at 10.30 and Wednesdays at 7 p.m., when a special preacher will come if possible. We have to thank the Rev. R. P. Burnett, Rector of Cornwell, for addressing us on February 24th. We hope that all who possibly can will attend these Services, so that the lessons and warnings of the solemn season of Lent may not be lost to us. Fasting does not mean abstaining from food only, but self denial generally such as giving up a little time to some good work, there are many ways of doing this for instance, the Rector is trying to improve the condition of the Churchyard, God's Acre, perhaps some may like to come and give him a helping hand.

In many Churches one finds a list of former Rectors and Patrons going back for hundreds of years. Why should we not have such a one at Salford? The Rector will be glad of any assistance in making the list as complete as possible.

SERVING WITH THE COLOURS.—To the list which we published in December last we are able to add the following.—Pte. G. Betteridge, Welsh Borderers; Pte. Reginald Hiett, Army Service Corps; Pte. Samuel Betts, Army Veterinary Corps; Trooper G. W. Hurst, Oxford. Yeomanry; Pte. Charles Winnett, R.A.M.C.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

An impressive Confirmation Service was held at the Chipping Norton beautiful Church on February 11th, when Valerie Clark was confirmed, the blessings that this sacred rite bestows upon us depend so much upon ourselves. She has our best wishes for her spiritual welfare.

It is hoped that before long we may have placed in the Church a list of former Rectors and Patrons, and the Rector will be glad of any assistance that will enable him to make the list as complete as possible; he has already come across the name of one who seems to have been Rector in 1224.

It has been suggested that if any are at a loss to find a suitable way of carrying out the spirit of the Lent self-denial, they might try and improve the condition of the Churchyard during their leisure time.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

BURIALS.—Feb 2nd, Eli Holifield, of Finstock, aged 47 years.—February 11th, Frederick Jesse Hoare, of Fawler, aged 20 months.—February 26th, Charles Edward Hadland, of Finstock, aged 68 years.

The Special Preachers for the Week-day Services are as follows:—

Friday, March 5th.—Rev. W. Hornagold Wright, (Vicar of Northleigh).

Thursday, March 11.—Rev. O. M. Jones, (Vicar of Hinksey).

Friday, March 19th.—Rev. T. P. Field, (Curate of Chadlington).

Thursday, March 25th.—Rev. A. E. Negas, (Vicar of Forest Hill).

Wednesday, March 31st.—Rev. F. E. Foster, (Vicar of Swinbrook).

We hope the parishioners will make a special effort to attend these Services.

The members of the Finstock and Fawler Girls' Friendly Society gave their annual entertainment at the Schools, on the evenings of February 11th and 12th. The girls worked very hard and the production of the Japanese operetta, "Princess Chrysanthemum," was crowned with success. The operetta was preceded by a little play called "Aunt Jobson" in which the characters were excellently taken by Ella Dore, Rose Wearing, Martin Kite and Emily Woodward. The room was well filled on both nights with very appreciative audiences, the amount taken being £25 17s. 6d.

CHADDLINGTON.

March 25th, the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

Lent Preachers:—Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. :—

March 4th.—Rev. A. Cary Elwes, (Vicar of Finstock).

March 11th.—Rev. W. J. Palmer, (Vicar of Eustone).

March 18th.—The Vicar.

March 25th.—Rev. T. C. Tanner, (Vicar of Spelsbury).

HOLY WEEK.—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Matins, 11 a.m.; Evensong and Reading, 6.30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY.—8 a.m. Matins, Litany and Ante-Communion; 12 to 3 p.m. the "Three Hours Service," conducted by the Rev. E. Ll. Weight, Asst. Curate of Chipping Norton. 7 p.m. Evensong, Sermon, and the "Story of the Cross."

EASTER EVE.—8 a.m. Matins and Ante-Communion. 6.30 Choral Evensong.

EASTER DAY.—7 and 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins, Sermon and Holy Communion; 6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

MONDAY and TUESDAY in EASTER WEEK.—8 a.m. Holy Communion.

March 15th. Confirmation by the Bishop of Oxford at Charlbury Parish Church at 4 p.m. Our prayers are desired for all the candidates who will then be confirmed, and especially for those from Chadlington. There will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

Holy Week and Easter will soon be here. Let us make good use of this Lent to prepare ourselves for entering upon the solemn ending of this Holy Season in the right spirit. It is hoped that all Churchpeople, especially all Communicants, will make a resolution to come to at least part of the "Three Hours" Service on Good Friday. At this time of national sorrow and suffering, when the Cross is pressing heavily upon the life of the Nation as well as the individual, the latter in greater or less degree, but none are free from the burden, what attitude can be more appropriate than that of standing and kneeling beneath the Cross? Remember that it was not until "Christian" reached the Cross of Christ that he was freed from his heavy burden. The Cross has still its ancient power, and what was true of "Christian" is true now of the Nation and of each individual of whom the Nation is formed—only, "let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is."

On Easter Day there will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7 and 8 a.m., and during Morning Prayer. The Prayer Book tells us "that

every Parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter shall be one."

We desire to record with gratitude the gift of a handsome brass Font Ever which has been presented to Chadlington Church by Mrs. and Miss Fairbank, in memory of the late Mrs. Schofield.

We hope to have a Rummage Sale in the Reading Room on Thursday the 11th inst. from 2 to 4.30 p.m. All contributions will be gratefully received, and should be sent to the Reading Room on Wednesday as soon after 10 a.m. as possible. Admission, twopence each. Proceeds for Mothers' Meeting, Choir and other Parochial Funds.

CORNWELL.

CONFIRMATION.—The following Candidates from Cornwell were Confirmed at Chipping Norton on Thursday, February 11th, by the Right Rev. Bishop Corfe:—Harry Silman, Percy William Silman, Florence Alice Silman, Elsie May Silman, Edith Mary Webb, Beatrice Dix. We hope to see them all at the Holy Communion on Easter Day, and trust they will be regular Communicants for the time to come, "and continue Christ's faithful Soldiers and Servants unto their lives' end."

S.P.G.—We hope to have our annual Sermons and Offertories on behalf of the above Society on Sunday, the 7th of March. The Sermon in the morning will be preached by the Rev. H. Kenney, Diocesan Secretary. There will be a Meeting and Lantern Lecture by Mr. Kenney, the following Monday night at 6.30. We hope all who possibly can will make a point of attending both the Services and the meeting. Holders of Missionary Boxes are requested to send them in to the Rector without delay.

LENT.—We trust all who can will endeavour to attend Church regularly during this specially solemn Lenten Season. We have all much to repent of and many sins to confess, while we have surely much to pray for as regards our own Country and the World at large; blessings for our Army, Navy and their Allies; victory over our cruel and powerful foes, and "peace on earth and goodwill to men"; once again in God's own good time, "Let us pray."

DAYLESFORD.

It is with very real sorrow and a genuine feeling of loss that we record the death of Alice Sargent, which occurred on Tuesday, Feb. 16th, after two or three months illness of a painful and distressing nature, borne with the utmost patience and fortitude. The loss to the whole Parish is a very real one and will be universally felt and deplored, for Mrs Sargent had won the affection and respect of one and all, not only by her unfailing kindness and consideration shown to all her neighbours, but also by reason of those traits of character and disposition which inevitably attracted the love and admiration of all who were brought into contact with her. Not the least remarkable of these was her great unselfishness which led her at all times and very noticeably in her last illness to make nothing of her own discomfort and suffering for fear of distressing those about her, and caused her invariably to consider the welfare and convenience of others "even though it were to her own hindrance." She was a real lover of her church, and a most regular and devout attendant at all its Services, her enforced absence from which, owing to her illness, she regarded as one of her greatest trials. She will be greatly missed by all in Daylesford, as well as by very many outside its boundaries, but she leaves behind her a fragrant memory which will long be cherished and revered by all those amongst whom she lived, to whom she had endeared herself by her constant sympathy and many acts of kindly consideration. The greatest sympathy is felt and expressed by all for Mr. and Miss Sargent and the other members of her family—three of whom are in distant parts of the world, and another absent on duty in the service of his King and Country—in their great loss; and Mr. and Miss Sargent desire it to be known how deeply touched they have been by the many expressions of sympathy they have received from their Daylesford neighbours, and how very greatly they appreciated the affection shown by them for Mrs. Sargent, which was evidenced by the very beautiful wreath of flowers sent by them for her funeral, which they valued as much as any that were received. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon, February 19th, and was very largely attended, the Church being quite full while many remained outside.

There was a large number of floral offerings,

testifying to the wide-spread respect and affection in which the deceased lady was held.

The usual Lent Service is being held on Wednesday evenings, and it is hoped that all will make a real effort to attend it regularly. Surely, *this* Lent, if never before, at a time when our Country is passing through the deep waters, we should endeavour to make the utmost use of every opportunity afforded us of turning to our God, laying our needs and anxieties before Him in earnest prayer, and seeking pardon for all our past sins, and grace to amend our lives.

The Intercession Service is also held regularly on Monday and Friday evenings. The attendance at these Services seems rather to have fallen off of late. Do not let us cease to "cry mightily unto God" for all that we so sorely need with respect to this terrible war.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

We are thankful to find that we have now a sufficient number of names to put up in the Church Porch, a list of soldiers connected with Idbury.

The list is as follows:—

HARRY DUESTER (wounded), Gloucesters.
 JOSEPH RICHARD WILKINS (served through Campaign), Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry.
 FREDERICK SAM SODEN Corporal, Royal Field Artillery.
 IVO BOND, Royal Field Artillery.
 ERNEST BOND, Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry
 ARTHUR HENRY MASON, do. do.
 DANIEL HAROLD BOND, do. do.
 WILLIAM NORMAN BENFIELD, do.
 HAROLD MATTHEWS, Major, (Canadian Contingent, recently gone to the front.)

Ernest Field, of Fifield, is now on active service and Lance-corporal Charles Geo, has started for the Front.

A Special Lenten Service with Address is held at Fifield on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.

We hope to hold the annual Services in connection with the Mothers' Union on Lady Day as usual. The name of the Special Preacher will be announced later.

Owing to illness at the Rectory we have not been able to hold Meetings for the (probationary) Boy Scouts, but we hope to resume them very shortly.

ENSTONE.

BURIED.—February 22nd, Emma Lanchbury, aged 76 years.—February 24th, William Cooper, aged 80 years.

On February 18th, news was received, with much regret, that William George Knight Winfield (Boy Telegraphist) had gone down in H.M.S. Clan Mc Naughton with all on board. It was only in January that, finding himself at Liverpool with 36 hours leave, he paid a flying visit to his home. He was a favourite with all; and had been a great help in our Choir and the classes for Missionary and Temperance Study. He was already confirmed and a Communicant before he left us for the Navy, where he was turning to good account the two years that he had won at Burford Grammar School.

Our Army and Navy list now contains 63 names. Collins, Messer and F. Hunt have offered themselves, but for some reason or another they were sent back—an experience hard for a patriotic lad to bear.

Mrs. Emma Lanchbury will be much missed by those who were privileged to know her or enjoy her friendship. As long as health and strength allowed she was a regular worshipper in our Church which she loved and we can ill afford to part with such a loyal Churchwoman and devout Communicant.

William Cooper, well remembered by many, reached a good old age. Several years ago, the deaf old man's kindly concern for his wife, bedridden and dying, impressed upon the present writer the wonderful simplicity of heart hidden beneath a rough exterior.

The Rector of Heythrop came down and preached for us on Quinquagesima Sunday Evening, thinking that the Vicar had quite enough to do. He is—and it is a most kind offer—preaching a course of Sermons on the Sunday Evenings in Lent.

There will be a Special Lenten Service on the Fridays in March at 7 p.m. The notices about Holy Week and Easter will be given later on.

We shall all thankfully remember the Confirmation held at Enstone on Feb. 9th, by Bishop Corfe. The Bishop had served for many years in the Royal Navy before becoming Bishop of Korea in 1889. The Ashanti War medal was pinned on his scarf. In his Address to the Candidates he reminded one of the late saintly Bishop of Lincoln. At the Vicarage he was kindness itself and we were sorry to part with him the next day. The Vicar presented 14 lads and 12 girls—but for illness there would have been another girl. The Vicars of Sandford St. Martin and Little Tew were with us, and also the Rector of Heythrop in the evening. The cold prevented the Bishop from attending the Evening Service—no doubt, a great disappointment to the large congregation. The candidates, Choir and Ringers had tea at the School, being kindly looked after by Mrs. T. Hawtin, Mrs. Arthur and Mrs. W.

Huckin. It was a great pleasure to have the bells rung so well before and after both Services. On the following Monday at Great Tew, in his Address the Bishop said, "Be loyal to the Church of your Baptism, Never think of leaving the Church of England. I do not suppose you will. But you will be tempted to do so." Now one has the pleasure of going on again with both male and female candidates for the Confirmation at Christ Church on the Monday before Easter. On behalf of the young people we plead again for the kindly sympathy and constant good example of their parents and elders.

The Viscountess Dillon kindly lent her motor for the Bishop—an additional comfort to him when he learnt that the Vicarage pony had not been driven in harness since the second Saturday in December, through want of leisure and scarcity of labour.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISM.—January 31st, Edith Laura, daughter of William and Edith Eden, of Ditchley.

We are very sorry to hear of the death of the Rector of Stonesfield, on February 22nd. He was to have preached at Charlbury on March 10th.

ST. MARY'S, CHARLBURY, LENT, 1915. Special Sermons:—

On Wednesday, March 3rd, the Vicar of Finstock. Monday, March 15th (Confirmation), the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

Wednesday, March 17th, the Reverend Dr. Burney, Canon of Rochester Cathedral.

Wednesday, March 24th, the Vicar of Spelsbury.

Ash Wednesday was a day of unfavourable weather. At the Evening Service, when we used the Special Form of Intercession for the War, 70 people were present. A special card of Prayers and Services for Lent has been distributed in Church.

This Lent and Holy Week, 1915, must have a very special call to all thinking people to seek the help of God. A fresh and deeper meaning is put into our Prayers, Litanies, and Scriptures in times of anxiety. No doubt this time of war ought to arouse the wish to pray for others among those who hitherto have not responded to the opportunity. The Church bell calls to prayer. This year no one would desire to say "I hear it: but refuse to come." So many who are far away by sea and land have a claim on our prayers.

The Confirmation by the Lord Bishop of Oxford in Charlbury Parish Church is arranged for Monday, March 15th, at 4 p.m.

We were glad to see the names of fourteen Chaplains mentioned in the last list in despatches for gallantry and distinguished service in the field; and to read the special appreciation of the arduous work of the Chaplains generally which General French has put on record.

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CHARLBURY & SHORTHAMPTON.
CHADLINGTON.
CHURCHILL & SARSDEN.
CORNWELL.
ENSTONE

FIFIELD & IDBURY.
HEYTHROP.
HOOK NORTON.
FINSTOCK.
LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.
GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

SALFORD.
MILTON & LYNEHAM.
RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
SPELSBURY.
CHASTLETON.

& DAYLESFORD.

APRIL.

CALENDAR.

1915.

1	TH	<i>Thursday before Easter.</i>
2	F	<i>Good Friday.</i>
3	S	<i>Easter Even. S. Richard, B.</i>
4	S	<i>Easter Day. S. Ambrose, B.</i>
5	M	<i>Monday in Easter Week.</i>
6	TU	<i>Tuesday in Easter Week.</i>
7	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
8	TH	
9	F	
10	S	
11	S	<i>1st Sunday after Easter.</i>
12	M	
13	T	
14	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
15	TH	
16	F	
17	S	
18	S	<i>2nd Sunday after Easter.</i>
19	M	S. Alphege, Abp.
20	TU	
21	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians, Assessment Committee and Rural District Council.
22	TH	
23	F	S. George, M.
24	S	
25	S	<i>3rd Sunday after Easter. S. Mark, E.M.</i>
26	M	
27	TU	
28	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
29	TH	
30	F	

8th, Last Quarter, 8h. 12m. p.m.
14th, New Moon, 11h. 36m. a.m.

22nd, First Quarter, 3h. 39m. p.m.
29th, Full Moon, 2h. 19m. p.m.

APRIL

Notes for the next Magazine should be sent not later than on APRIL 25th, to the EDITOR, CORNWELL RECTORY, CHIPPING NORTON.

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

Vicar—Rev. G. A. Littledale, M.A.,
Surrogate for granting Marriage
Licences.

Assistant Priest—Rev. E. L. Weight.

Churchwardens—Austin Webb.

A. J. Bolwell,
for Chipping Norton.
Capt. Daly, for Over Norton.

Lay Evangelist—Capt. T. H. Brown (Church
Army), 59 New Street.

Sexton and Clerk—Hubert E. Cook, 7 Church
Street.

Organist and Choirmaster—Ernest C. Cook,
1 Market Street.

BAPTISMS.—March 7th. Norman Balfour, son of Henry and Sarah Busby—March 7th, Dennis Robert, son of Albert and Beatrice Moulder.—Alice Mary, daughter of W. Henry and Alice Lamb.—March 11th, Helen Irene Elizabeth, daughter of Albert Henry and Lily May Rawlings Fowler.—George William, son of Frederick and Rose Bayliss.—March 21st, Donald, son of Robert William and Maud Hall.

BURIALS.—March 24th, George Pearce, aged 89 years.—Edward Killeby, aged 80 years.—March 30th, William Thomas Holloway, aged 52 years.

The Annual Easter Vestry is to be held on Thursday in Easter Week at 7 p.m. in the Parish Church Room, and is to be followed by a Meeting of Communicants of either sex above 21 years of age (called "Qualified Electors") for the purpose of electing 16 Laymen to serve on the Ruri-decanal Conference for three years. The following notes, taken from the Diocesan Magazine of January last, will be of interest in connection with the above meeting:—

"SCHEME FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF THE LAITY.

Adopted by the Representative Church Council,
9th and 10th July, 1914.

SECTION I.—GENERAL RULES. Church Assemblies.

1. The Laity are represented (i) in Parochial Church Councils, where duly constituted; (ii) in Ruri-decanal Conferences; (iii) in Diocesan Conferences; and (iv) in the Provincial Houses of Laymen, the members of which also constitute the Lay House of the Representative Church Council.

2. All representatives, to whatever assembly they are elected, must be actual lay communicant members of the Church of England above 21 years of age, but, except in the case of Parochial Church Councils, need not belong to the body of electors, or reside within the area, by or for which they are elected. No candidates may be elected at any election who have not previously served, or consented to serve, in the capacity for which they are candidates. All representatives must be of the male sex, except that the representatives on a Parochial Church Council may be women. Representatives on Parochial Church Councils must belong to the body of electors.

SECTION II.—PAROCHIAL ORGANISATION & ELECTIONS.

3. In these rules—

"Qualified electors" in a parish are the following lay members of the Church of England—

(1) Persons above twenty-one years of age resident in the parish who—

(i) Either—

(a) are actual communicants of the Church of England; or,

(b) have been baptized and confirmed and are admissible to Holy Communion, and do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Church of England; and

(ii) have signed the declaration set forth in the First Schedule to these rules.

(2) Non-resident electors who, under these rules, are for the time being entered on the electoral roll of the parish.

Electoral Roll.

7. In every parish the Parochial Church Council or, if none, the minister and churchwardens (if any), shall form a roll of electors on which persons claiming to be qualified electors in the parish shall, if their claim is allowed, be entered; and they shall remain on the roll so long as their title to be qualified electors in the parish continues."

Another visit from our friend the Rev. Edw. H. Whitley, who since 1891 has been deeply attached to work among the Aborigines in his father's old Diocese of Chota Nagpur, has been much welcomed, nay more, has proved a little godsend during Holy Week, when illness had unfortunately laid by one of our staff. We were especially grateful for his three addresses on Good Friday.

Owing to many being busy on Government work on Easter Monday, and to the inability of the Railway Company to give facilities for excursions, the usual Church Lads' Brigade Field Day has been abandoned. We hope for better luck later on.

All good wishes to Capt. and Mrs. Brown in their new work at Ulverston on which they enter after Easter.

The resignation of the Vicar, which was to have taken place soon after Easter, has been postponed for a few weeks.

CHURCH WORKING SEWING PARTY.

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Sale of Garments	...	10	0	0	Lennington Guild	18	18	0	
					Balance	...	1	4	3
	£24	0	0			£24	0	0	

SALFORD.

HOLY BAPTISM.—March 7th, Annie Bessie, daughter of George Arthur and Rose Mary Ann Giles.

The end of the month has brought us to the end of Lent, and we trust that the season has not passed without some profit to our souls. The average attendance at the Wednesday evening Services of over 30 has been fairly good. This year we have added to our prayers, special prayers for our King, our Country and our Sailors and Soldiers; may they all be accepted at the Throne of Grace! The hymns have been such as to attune our hearts to the solemnity of the occasion, and we trust that the words of those who so kindly came to preach to us have not been spoken in vain. Thanks are due to the following who were so good as to give us the pleasure of hearing them: the Rev. J. A. Burnley, Rector of Chastleton; the Rev. E. L. Weight, of Chipping Norton; the Rev. G. A. Wheeler, of Kingham Hill; and the Rev. Dr. Holbrooke, Rector of Great Rollright.

On March 7th, at Evensong, the Rev. H. Kenny preached on behalf of the S.P.G., telling us of the great work the Society was doing, not only in bringing the heathen to the knowledge of God, but also in providing Churches and Ministers for those near and dear to us who have gone to find homes and employment in foreign lands. The offertory, 6s. 4d., has been forwarded to the Society.

We have this year established what we call a Churchyard Sunday, and we hope it may prove a success. It fell this year on Palm Sunday, the Sunday following our Dedication Festival, St. Mary the Virgin. In spite of the downfall of snow, there was a good congregation at Evensong, when the Rector spoke of the many lessons to be learnt in God's Acre and our duty to make it as neat, tidy and as beautiful as possible, not only to the honour and glory of God but also because of the love and respect that we should have for those who lie there. The Churchyard Cross, the gates, the walls, the yew trees, the tombstones, and the grassy mounds all have a lesson for us, let us learn it. We do not begrudge time spent on our own gardens, surely we should be glad to spend a little on God's Garden. It is pleasing to find that already several of the little memorial mounds have been trimmed, but money is required to keep the rest

of the grass in good order, to repair the walls and to keep the paths neat and tidy. The offertory amounted to 12s. 8d., but this is not enough for the purpose, so it is hoped that those who were unable to present their offerings on the day, will send a contribution to the Rector for the Churchyard Fund, which he will be pleased to acknowledge.

EASTER DAY.—The Services will be 7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 9.30, Matins, followed by Holy Communion; Evensong, 6 p.m. A Service of preparation will be held at the Rectory Room, at 7.30 p.m., on Easter Eve, April 3rd.

THE BOY SCOUTS.—The Salford troop will join the attacking party on Little Compton on Easter Monday, and will wear a white muslin band round the right arm.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

We are glad that the improved numbers of the congregation have been maintained, the average of 17 is fairly good, and we greatly hope that the men of the parish may be able to join their wives and families in the worship of Almighty God who is the giver of all good things. It is pleasing to find that Mrs. Barnes, who although only a visitor, has been giving some of her time for the benefit of the Church, and we regret that time is drawing near when she must leave us for her home in America. An opportunity for setting to work on the Churchyard has not yet presented itself, but we trust it will do so before long. The box for receiving offerings for the Church is now in a satisfactory state for doing its work, and we are glad that someone has already found out its use.

IDBURY AND FIFIELD

The only alteration to note this month in our Military list is that Mr Guy Horsman Bailey is now on active service.

On Lady Day there was a Corporate Communion of the Mothers' Union at 8 a.m. Celebration; but there were hardly as many members present as usual. The Service on the following afternoon was very well attended. The Vicar of Milton-under-Wychwood gave a most helpful address. Intercessions were made for the soldiers from the two parishes, most of whom are sons of members.

The Fifield Branch of the Mothers' Union has lost one of its original members in Mrs. Casemore who not long survived her husband. The funeral was attended by nearly all her sons and daughters with their wives and husbands and by a large number of members of the Mothers' Union who sent a wreath in token of their respect. The family desire to express their thanks "to each member of the Mothers' Union who so kindly contributed to the cost of the beautiful wreath."

Much sympathy is felt with Mrs. William Evans at the death of one of her twin sons.

BURIALS.—(Fifield). On March 5th, James Evans aged 23 Months.—March 12th, Mary Casemore, aged 74 years.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISM.—March 7th, 1915, Mabel Kathleen, infant daughter of Ernest Thomas and Lizzie Hedges, of Milton.

BURIAL.—March 4th, 1915, Walter Joyner, aged 41 years, of Milton.

At the Confirmation held at Shipton, on March 15, the following Candidates from the parish received the Apostolic rite of laying on of hands:—

Flossie Lillian Bridges, Gladys Louise Miles, Lillian Mace, Winifred Boorman, Bertha Amy Steed, Lillian Townsend, Mary Eliza Jane Tidmarsh, Amy Sarah Duester, Annie Elizabeth Packer, Martha Green, Sophie Broom, Winifred Emily Evelyn Wiggins, Ella May Packer, Henry Leslie Steed, Arthur Broom, Maurice Broom, Ewart Salter, Clarence Hubert Duester, Frank Thomas Slatter, Horace Belcher, Ernest Arthur Clemson.

We were very glad to welcome many of the newly Confirmed at Lyneham, on Sunday, March 21st, and we hope on Sunday next, or by Easter Sunday at the latest, all will have made their first Communion. We trust also, that it will not be with these, as with so many, that when the first Communion is made they will think that all that is necessary will have been done, but rather we earnestly hope that they will have already made up their minds that they will be regular at the Lord's Table, and after due and careful preparation will allow nothing to keep them from having their spiritual life nourished and sustained by participating of that Holy Food, which our Lord Himself has specially proved for them. We feel sure that a very grave responsibility rests upon the parents in this matter, and a greater help could not be provided for these young soldiers of Christ, than for the parents to make the effort to accompany their children. One can readily understand when the children observe the indifference of the parents in such a matter as this that they naturally think that if it is of so small importance that the parents absent themselves it cannot be of great moment if they too became lax, and then a habit of regular absence is formed and like all evil habits is very hard to break away from. We therefore earnestly hope that we shall be able to welcome many parents that have hitherto been regular absentees from this Holy Feast with their children, and that they from henceforth will be regular Communicants.

We shall soon be having Easter upon us again, bringing with it the joyous news of a Risen Lord, proclaiming throughout the length and breadth of Christendom, the assurance that the sacrifice made by Christ has been accepted by the Father, and that through His work the Kingdom of Heaven has been opened to all believers. How this glad message will be received by us will depend very largely how

we have observed the great penitential season of Lent, and may we not specially say how the death day of our Lord and Master has been observed. No one with any right feelings can possibly look upon Good Friday as a day in which to engage in frivolous pleasure and amusement. It is the anniversary of the death day of our Lord, and if we desire, as I hope we do, to keep it aright we shall try to enter in sympathy with Him into His sufferings. Is it too much to hope that this year of all years, will see our Churches thronged with devout worshippers?

After Easter our parish will be called upon with all parishes in the Diocese, to make provision for the Organization of a Parish Council, but as much preliminary work has to be done, we are not able to say much more about it at present, but on the Sunday after Easter and before a Meeting for the purpose of organization is held, the Vicar will bring the matter before the congregation.

The Services on Good Friday will be as follows:—

Ante Communion at 8.
Mattins, Litany and Sermon at 11.
Evensong and Address at Lyneham at 3.
Evensong and Address at Milton at 7.

The Collections at all Services will be for the Mission to the Jews.

The Services on Easter Day will be:—

Holy Communion at 7 and 8, and after the Mid-day Service.
Mattins and Holy Communion at 11.
Evensong and Sermon at Lyneham at 3.
Evensong and Sermon at Milton at 6.30.

The Collections at all Services will be given towards providing Clerical help when necessary.

HOOK NORTON.

Communicants from February 28th to March 28th, 1915.

Collections during same period: Poor Fund, £1 4s. 6½d.; Restoration Fund, 18s. 8½d.; Church Expenses, £1 14s. 9d.; Offertory Fund, 12s. 8d.; Nursing Association, £1 0s. 5½d.

HOLY BAPTISM.—February 28th, Edwin Francis, son of Walter Cyril and Annie George.—March 7th, Eva Ellen, daughter of Frederick William and Elizabeth Gorton.—Charles William, son of Charles and Lucy Emma Cross.

We owe our very best thanks to our Lenten Preachers for so kindly coming to us on the Thursday evenings in Lent:—the Revs. A. Shildrick, T. D. Raikes, Dr. Holbrooke, W. J. Palmer, and C. E. Blencowe, and we should like them to know how greatly their Sermons were appreciated.

The Vestry Meeting will take place as usual on the Friday after Easter.

CHADLINGTON.

BAPTISM.—March 7th, Florence May Elizabeth, daughter of C. and M. E. Slatter.

BURIAL.—March 20th, Dorothy May Callum, 8 months.

The Bishop of Oxford held a Confirmation at Charlbury on Monday, March 15th, at which 85 Candidates, including some from neighbouring Parishes were presented. Twenty-three Candidates from Chadlington were confirmed:—Gwendoline Jessie Empson, Alice Irene Cooper, Grace Mary Cooper, Nellie Maud Florence Bond, Edith Beams, Evelyn Doris Cooper, Beatrice Cooper, Lily May Stowe, Gladys Mary Kitchen, Dorothy Alice Pratley, Violet Florence Beddow, Edith Ellen Betteridge, Olive Teresa Kitchen, Jemima Fidler, David Lodge, William Lionel Hatton, Daniel Richard Simmonds, Earnest Charles Betts, Joseph William Cooper, Cecil Edward Pratley, Herbert James Pratley, Thomas Henry Coles, Wilfred Cooper. All the Candidates have been most regular in their attendance at the classes of preparation extending over a period of ten weeks. By the time this issue appears they will, we trust have made their First Communion and we hope and pray that they will continue to be regular Communicants.

A successful Rummage Sale was held on March 11th, at which £4 10s. was taken. The sum was divided as follows:—Hire of Room, 2s. 6d.; Mothers' Meeting, £1; G.F.S., 10s.; Working party, 17s. 6d.; Sunday School, 10s.; Choir Fund, £1 10s.

The memorial window to Caroline Harriette Maud Schofield by Messrs Powell, given by Colonel Schofield, was dedicated on Sunday, March 14th.

It is a beautiful series of pictures. The centre lights represent the first Message of the Angel to the mother of Our Lord, which we commemorate on Lady Day, teaching us that our Saviour took human nature: and next the Angel message on Easter Day to the woman at the tomb of life immortal. The lights below represent:—

St. Agnes who was martyred under Diocletian 303 A.D. at the age of 13. The lamb at her feet is a sign of her innocence, at one time her day was specially observed as a holy day for the women of England.

St. Columba has the white horse, which came up to him with signs of sorrow on the day of his death in 597 A.D. "He was loving to all: his countenance was always cheerful and holy: and he was gladdened in his inmost heart with the joy of the Holy Spirit."

St. Frideswide is represented with the red ox of Oxfordshire. At Oxford she taught the ignorant and nursed the sick. She died in 730 A.D. Her tomb is in the Cathedral.

St. Francis of Assisi is seated with the birds around him. He had a great power over animals. The night he died, in 1226, a

multitude of larks came about the place where he lay. "Gloom and depression he thought akin to sin."

The significance in a country place of a window where the lamb, the horse, the ox, the birds are depicted, as the companions of representative Christian Saints during their time on earth, is plain. Kindness to bird and beast and prevention of cruelty were leading aims in Mrs. Schofield's life. The window is a very beautiful gift to the Church.

CORNWELL.

BAPTISM.—Sunday, 14th March, Barbara Mary, daughter of George and Mabel Ellen Thornton.

S.P.G.—We had our annual offertories for the above on Sunday, the 7th March. The Sermon in the morning was preached by the Organizing Secretary, the Rev. H. Kenney, and in the evening by the Rector.

We had our meeting and magic-lantern lecture the following Monday evening. Mr. Kenney gave a most interesting Address, and the pictures were much admired. We have to thank the Rector of Salford for kindly lending his lantern for the occasion, and coming over and manipulating it for us. The collections were as follows:—Offertories, £1 11s. 10½d.; Meeting, 9s. 4¼d.; Missionary Boxes, 5s. 2½d.; Total, £2 6s. 5½d. The sum of £2 6s. 6d. has been forwarded to the local secretary, the Rev. A. Shildrick.

We are glad that three new Missionary boxes are asked for, and trust the results will prove satisfactory. Any one else desiring a box can have one by applying to the Rector.

HOLY-WEEK AND EASTER.—There will be Divine Service daily at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. during Holy-Week, and we trust all who possibly can will make a point of attending. The present year is surely one that calls for special prayer, and we should all try and watch with Christ.

We trust our Easter Services may be well attended, and all our parishioners (including those recently confirmed) who are of age, will make their Easter Communion either at 8 a.m. or after the Morning Service. The offertories on Easter Day will be devoted, as in past years, to the Services of God's House.

THREE MEETINGS.—We hope to hold our annual Vestry Meeting on Saturday evening, at 6.30; immediately after which the annual Parish Meeting for appointing Overseers etc., will take place. A third meeting will follow, to elect Representatives at the Ruri-decennial Conference. According to the new rules, all parishioners, male and female, who are 21 years of age and are Communicants, have votes at the last meeting. A list of voters is being prepared in accordance with the above requirement.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.

Vicar: W. Collingwood Carter, M.A., Ch. Ch., Surrogate,
Rural Dean.

Churchwardens: H. Mawle, E. H. Dee.

Sidesmen:

A. Miles, M. Bunting, J. E. H. Parsons, B.A., M.R.C.S.,
J. Stroug, A. Miles (junior), R. Townsend, J. Pittaway (senior)

Clerk: S. Coombes. Sexton: W. Longshaw.

March 15th, the Confirmation was duly performed in Shipton Church at 2 p.m. There were 37 candidates from Shipton, 25 from Leafield, 22 from Milton, 1 from Churchill who was prevented by illness from attending at Chipping Norton, eighty-five in all. The Church was full and the Bishop's two Addresses were well listened to. It was specially pleasing to find Ringers to welcome the Bishop, and the Choir were present to assist in the Service. Many persons remarked on the beauty of the hymns. Seven Choir boys were confirmed.

The Bishop had to leave after the Service for a Confirmation at Charlbury. The Vicars of Leafield and Milton were present, and the Rector of Fifield acted as Chaplain and carried the Pastoral Staff. Those confirmed had tea together in the Beaconsfield Hall. I hope those confirmed all meet at the Altar on Easter Day and regularly in their lives ever after.

Frank Coombes has joined the Royal Engineers, Henry Turner the Royal Field Artillery, George Smallhouse the Oxfordshire Hussars.

Our list now numbers 63 names.

BAPTISM—March 21st, Edward Thomas George Aldridge.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

LAY REPRESENTATIVE.—A Church Parochial Meeting will be held on Easter Monday at 7 p.m., at Churchill School, to elect our Representative to the Diocesan Conference, also to elect six to serve on the Parochial Church Council. A roll of the qualified electors is being prepared. A cordial invitation is given to all Church members to be present. The Parish Churchwardens will be elected and the Church accounts will be presented and audited. Sidesmen too will be appointed for the year ensuing. In order that young people who have been confirmed and are over 16 years of age may also be invited to be present. At arriving at the age of 21 they will become qualified electors by signing a declaration, which form can be obtained from the Secretary of the Parochial Council.

The meeting at SarSDen will be held on Wednesday in Easter Week, at 7.30, at the Estate Office, when the foregoing remarks apply except that 4 will be elected to the Parochial Council.

The Services on Easter Day will (D.V.) be as follows:—

7.15, Holy Communion at Churchill.

8.15, Holy Communion at SarSDen.

11, Morning Service at Churchill with Sermon.

12, Holy Communion at Churchill.

3, Afternoon Service at SarSDen with Sermon.

6, Evening Service at Churchill with Sermon.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.—Contributions for year ending March 31st, 1915:—SarSDen, £1 2s.; Churchill, £1 8s.; Church Missionary Society, ditto, SarSDen and Churchill, £5 7s. 4d.

Mr. Dick begs to tender the grateful thanks of our wounded soldiers and sailors for the gift of fresh eggs sent weekly from the parishioners of SarSDen and Churchill to the National Egg Collection, London. From the 20th January to the 17th March, both dates inclusive, we have sent 60 dozen eggs, which tends to show how many can help one common object. Our effort is only 6 dozen per week, but the response has been so generous that one week we sent 12 dozen.

It is very gratifying to think that we who are not able to go and fight, for various reasons, are pleased to help in this great struggle by sending to those who have been wounded in the war a donation of fresh eggs to assist them in a speedy recovery.

Any one who has fowls and cares to send 2 or 3 per week or per month as the case may be, will help to swell the aggregate of fresh eggs from the combined parishes, for a cause which is in great need.

SCHOOL NEWS.—Mr. Arthur Hassall is appointed temporarily to take the place of Mr. Claridge who recently left us.

The Easter holidays were curtailed to two days, as the School had been closed for a month in February.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The prizes, the generous gift of the Earl of Ducie, were distributed on Sunday, March 22nd. The delay was caused by Mr. Anson's illness and the recent closing of the School. 12 Prayer Books and 20 Reward Books were distributed by Miss Johnson, and the Rector expressed his acknowledgment of Lord Ducie's kindness continued year by year, and gave a few words of wise council to the children.

The School Missionary boxes were opened recently opened. The Church Missionary Society total was 2s. 6d. (one quarter); Rangoon Mission, 8s. 10s.; Church of England Waifs and Strays, 9s. 4½d.

CHOIR NEWS.—We were very pleased to welcome back to the Choir Mr. Arthur Parker of the Royal Horse Artillery, who was here on sick leave.

Mr. George Treweweke has returned home after an absence of nearly five years in Canada. He returned somewhat unexpectedly, but we heartily welcome his return. He has developed new ideas from his enlarged experience which will no doubt be useful to him at home.

Reginald Trinder hopes to return to Canada next

month (April). He has been at home since Xmas Eve.

Miss Hardy, of Winchester, writes to Mrs. Johnson a letter of thanks to the teachers and girls of Churchill School for sending a nice parcel of comforts to the "York and Lancaster Regiment." Her brother, Captain Hardy, says "the men are most grateful."

The Rural Dean, Rev. W. Collingwood Carter, has kindly sent photographs of Rev. C. Barter, 1817-1868, and Canon Carter, 1868-1903, Rectors and Rural Deans, which are hung up in the Vestry of Churchill Church.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISMS.—(at Shorthampton Church): March 7th, William Thomas, son of William George and Ethel Clark, of Chilson.—March 14th, Winifred, daughter of Roderick Wilson and Hilda May Moss, of Pudlicote.

BURIALS.—March 2nd, George William Mobley, aged 53.—(at Shorthampton Church): March 17th, William Partlett, of Eastington, aged 48.

The Bishop of Oxford confirmed 85 candidates at Charlbury, on March 15th. Of those 61 were from Charlbury with Chadlington and Shorthampton, 4 from Finstock, 10 from Ramsden, and 10 from Spelsbury. The Bishop wore his mitre and vestments. The Clergy present were the Vicar of Charlbury and the Rev. T. P. Field, and the Vicars of Finstock, Spelsbury, and Northleigh. The Bishop gave two Addresses of great interest; speaking of the Service for Confirmation, its place in the life of Christians from the early days of the Church, the gift of God's Holy Spirit, the meaning of a fresh start all through life, the power to choose what we know to be right, perseverance, regularity in coming to the Holy Communion, our own example—God's care for us at each step in our life—Baptism, Confirmation, Communion, the need of claiming and using the gifts and help which belong to us as His children.

We were glad to see a full Choir of men and boys on a week-day afternoon. The Bishop expressed himself as much pleased with everything he saw. Certainly our candidates had eight weeks of very steady and careful instruction and preparation, and give every promise of claiming their place as full members of Christ's Church.

THE WAR.—Lieut. Robert Fellowes, of the 60th Rifles, took part in the battle of Neuve Chapelle on March 10th. While gallantly leading the men of his company at a German trench he was seen to fall. He is believed by his regiment to have been killed, but his body has not been found. The truest sympathy of us all is felt for his father and mother and the family at Ranger's Lodge in their anxiety and suspense. His faith in God and affection for

His House were leading traits in his character, and gave him the courage and care for his men of which his comrades write.

Capt. R. G. Bowen Colthurst, Leinster Regiment, was killed in action on March 15th. His wife is daughter of Rev. C. F. C. West, for many years Vicar of Charlbury. Every sympathy is felt by her friends here for her and her four young children.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

The Services on Good Friday will be as follows:—Matins, Litany and Ante Communion, 11 o'clock; Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 o'clock.

On Easter Sunday, celebrations of Holy Communion, 7, 8.15 and mid-day.

Our best thanks are due to the following gentlemen who have been kind enough to come and preach to us at our Lent Services:—the Rev. W. H. Wright, Vicar of Northleigh; Rev. O. M. Jones, Vicar of Hinksey; Rev. T. P. Field, Curate of Chadlington; Rev. A. E. Negus, Vicar of Forest Hill; and the Rev. F. E. Foster, Vicar of Swinbrook.

Through the generosity of the majority of the people in Finstock, the Vicar has been able to send £10 to the Belgian Relief Committee, and hopes soon to send a further £5.

The Free-Will Offering Scheme has now been in working order for six months during which time we have collected £3 8s. 10½d. for the Church at Home, and £1 9s. 9d. for the Church Abroad, making a grand total of £4 18s. 7½d. Considering that we started the scheme at a very unfavourable time, I think we have done well. I hope that we may be able to keep up the regular weekly contribution and that the numbers of those taking the envelopes will steadily increase. The Vicar can supply envelopes to any one willing to take them.

Free-Will Offering for Dec., Jan., Feb.

	Home Sec.			Church Abroad.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1.	1	1	—	—	—	—
2.	—	6	½	—	—	—
3.	1	1	—	—	—	—
4.	2	3	—	8	—	—
5.	1	1	—	—	—	—
6.	3	3	—	1	1	—
7.	1	1	—	1	1	—
8.	6	6	—	6	6	—
9.	2	4	½	—	—	—
10.	1	1	—	1	1	—
11.	—	6	½	—	—	—
12.	1	1	—	1	1	—
13.	1	1	—	—	—	—
14.	1	1	—	1	1	—
15.	1	1	—	—	—	—
	16.	1	0	—	—	—
	17.	1	1	—	—	—
	18.	1	1	—	—	6½
	19.	6	½	—	—	6½
	20.	6	½	—	—	—
	21.	6	—	—	—	5½
	22.	9	—	—	—	—
	23.	9	—	—	—	—
	24.	1	2	—	—	—
	25.	1	0½	—	—	—
	26.	1	1	—	—	1 1
	27.	1	1	—	—	—
		£1	15	10		15 2½

Total for Sept., Oct., Nov. ... 2 7 7
 Total for Dec., Jan., Feb. ... 2 11 0½
 £4 18 7½

OXFORD DIOCESAN FUND.

As the time is coming when we shall all have our attention directed towards fulfilling our obligations to the O.D.F., perhaps a few words about that Fund will not be unwelcome, and may do something towards endowing a greater interest in it.

It will be remembered that last year was the first year that the Fund and its objects became generally known in our Deanery. Individual parishes had contributed towards it, but last year the whole Deanery took the matter up, and it ought to be of interest to every Churchman to know what the result was.

From the second report of the Board that was presented to the Diocesan Conference on March 15th, we call the following:—

"The various parishes in the Diocese were asked to raise the sum of £4,400. This sum was divided amongst the three Archdeaconries as follows:—

The Archdeaconry of Oxford	£1383	} £4433
" Berks	£1700	
" Bucks	£1350	

The Archdeaconry of Oxford consisting of 10 Rural Deaneries was asked to raise the sum of £1383. This sum was allotted to the various Deaneries as follows, and the following table will show the actual results.

Deanery.	1914 Apportionment.		Amount received.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Aston	81	0 0	82	5 10
Bicester	84	0 0	76	6 3
Chipping Norton	105	0 0	94	6 7
Cuddesdon	107	0 0	135	17 4
Deerlington	156	0 0	98	14 8
Henley	168	0 0	160	0 2
Islip	65	0 0	38	10 10
Oxford	420	0 0	376	17 4
Witney	108	0 0	90	13 5
Woodstock	89	0 0	91	7 8
	£1383	0 0	£1245	0 1

It will be seen from the above that 3 Deaneries contributed more than the apportionment, whilst the remaining 7 fell short.

The results in the Cuddesdon Deanery call forth our admiration and we feel also that Aston and Woodstock have done nobly. There is however a somewhat serious falling off in some of the remaining seven Deaneries, and perhaps it would be unwise to offer any criticism on these but we may be permitted to draw attention to the results in our own Deanery.

Our apportionment was £105 os. od., and we lacked getting this amount by £10 13s. 5d.

It is more than gratifying that seven of the parishes contributed more than their apportionment and five were deficient a small amount, whereas from two of the parishes nothing was received but this was on

account of circumstances that will not be likely to recur.

So on the whole considering that this first year was essentially experimental we may feel that we have made a good beginning, and we shall be very much surprised if in the year 1915 we have to record so much as a penny short of our apportionment.

Of course we recognise that there are many pressing claims at the present, the war which is still being waged, calls for many acts of generosity and much self-denial, we should feel it a great privilege to respond generously to these claims, especially as it is from the material standpoint the only way open for us to take our share of the burden, but we must not allow these claims to close our hearts and pockets to the appeals made for carrying on the great and all important work of our Church. As Church-people these appeals have a distinct claim upon us, and we dare not close our ears to them.

This year the apportionments remain the same for the various Deaneries, and only in a few cases has the apportionment of the parishes in our Deanery been altered.

We therefore commend the objects of the O.D.F. to the very serious consideration of our readers.

"A good pull, and a strong pull, and a pull altogether" will accomplish good results.

Let us see that our Deanery this year raises the amount required.

It has been felt if a Balance Sheet could be issued that the ordinary person could grasp, a much greater interest would be manifested in the Fund. There can be no doubt that there is much truth in this, but it appears to be somewhat difficult for this reason. That the Board of Management pledges itself to give grants to various Societies and good works in advance, consequently when the Abstract of Receipts and Payments is issued, it frequently looks as if there was a large balance in hand, whereas the balance in hand is only sufficient to cover those grants for which the Board has become responsible. For example in appendix iii. of the Report there appears to the credit of the Board the sum of £4259 15s. 9d. in January, 1915, and it might strike some people that with such a balance no further funds would be needed, but if we look at the report, page 5, we see that grants to the amount of £3705 os. od. have already been allocated, and it is from this £4259 15s. 9d. that these must be met, so it does not leave a very large margin to play with.

We may rest assured that the Board of Management exercises the wisest supervision over the funds, and are striving to make the amounts it has to handle do the most efficient work possible.

It would be a really good thing if some of the readers of the Deanery would from time to time give their views on this matter in our Magazine.

THE CHIPPING NORTON Deanery Magazine.



For the Parishes of



CHIPPING NORTON.
CHARLBURY & SHORTHAMPTON.
CHADLINGTON.
CHURCHILL & SARSDEN.
CORNWELL.
ENSTONE.

FIFIELD & IDBURY.
HEYTHROP.
HOOK NORTON.
FINSTOCK.
LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.
GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

SALFORD.
MILTON & LYNEHAM.
RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
SPELSBURY.
CHASTLETON.

& DAYLESFORD.

MAY.

CALENDAR.

1915.

1	S	<i>S. Philip, A.M. and S. James, A.M.</i>
2	S	<i>4th Sunday after Easter.</i>
3	M	Invention of the Cross.
4	Tu	
5	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
6	Th	S. John E. before the Latin Gate.
7	F	
8	S	
9	S	<i>5th Sunday after Easter (Rogation Sunday).</i>
10	M	Rogation Day.
11	T	Rogation Day.
12	W	Rogation Day. Magistrates' Meeting.
13	Th	<i>Ascension Day (Holy Thursday).</i>
14	F	
15	S	
16	S	<i>Sunday after Ascension Day.</i>
17	M	
18	Tu	
19	W	Meeting of Board of Guardians. S. Dunstan, Abp.
20	Th	
21	F	
22	S	
23	S	<i>Whitsun Day.</i>
24	M	<i>Monday in Whitsun Week</i>
25	Tu	<i>Tuesday in Whitsun Week.</i>
26	W	Ember Day. S. Augustine, Abp. Magistrates' Meeting.
27	Th	Ven. Bede, P.
28	F	Ember Day.
29	S	Ember Day. The Restoration.
30	S	<i>Trinity Sunday.</i>
31	M	

6th, Last Quarter, 5h. 23m. a.m.
14th, New Moon, 3h. 31m. a.m.

22nd, First Quarter, 4h. 50m. a.m.
28th, Full Moon, 9h. 33m. p.m.

Notes for the next Magazine should be sent not later than on MAY 25th, to the EDITOR, CORNWELL RECTORY, CHIPPING NORTON.

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

Vicar—Rev. G. A. Littledale, M.A.,
Surrogate for granting Marriage
Licences.

Assistant Priest—Rev. E. L. Weight.

Churchwardens—Austin Webb,
A. J. Bolwell,
for Chipping Norton.
Capt. Daly, for Over Norton.

Sexton and Clerk—Hubert E. Cook, 7 Church
Street.

Organist and Choirmaster—Ernest C. Cook,
Deputy Organist and Choirmaster—

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

BAPTISMS.—April 4th, Edith Emily, daughter of
Henry Robert and May Hall.

MARRIAGES.—April 5th, Harvey Young of Boynton
and Nellie Hall of Chipping Norton.—Alfred George
Aider of Summertown, Oxford, and Marlin Louisa
Hewett of Chipping Norton.—April 10th, Edward
Eden of Kingham and Kate Durran of Chipping
Norton.—April 24th, Frederick George Rose of
Nigg Camp, Rosshire, N.B. (on active service), and
Gertrude Harris of Chipping Norton.—April 26th,
John Fletcher of Chadlington (on active service)
and Barbara Howard of Chipping Norton.

BURIALS.—April 3rd, Dorothy Lydia Woods, aged
11 weeks.—April 6th, George Beardmore, aged 80
years.—April 21st, Caroline Lock, aged 83 years.—
April 22nd, Rachael Taylor, aged 79 years.—April
24th, Mary Ann Bowen, aged 69 years.

On Easter Day there were three celebrations of
Holy Communion and the total number of Com-
municants 218. The 8 o'clock celebration was

and the choir acquitted themselves very
well. Our best thanks are due to Mr. Crowther
for training the lads, and also and very especially
to the choirmen who on Easter Day made great
trouble to be present at the celebration, some having
to travel from good distances. The Easter Festival
this year has brought to many a home the personal
hope of Immortality beyond the grave. Many of
our best and noblest are sleeping on the battlefield.
Others have been taken away from our homes. And
it is when we come face to face with death, as we

have this year more especially, that we yearn for
the hope which Easter Day brings—the hope of
Immortality beyond the grave. That hope means
re-union and recognition. Death is swallowed up
in victory in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On Low Sunday the C.L.B. had their Church
Parade, and it will be remembered that this Sunday
is the day upon which we welcome to Church our
Territorials and Reservists. But this year the call
of King and Country finds them either in France
waiting to take their place in the firing line or en-
gaged in defence at home. Little did our brethren
realize last Church Parade that on Low Sunday,
1915, they would be engaged in this warfare. We
pray for them every day in the Church at 12
o'clock, and although absent and in danger, they
are not forgotten, but are commended to the protec-
tion of God, Who is able to work the best for each
one of us.

On Thursday, 15th, the Archdeacon of Oxford
held his visitation. Evensong was said at 4 o'clock
and directly afterwards the Archdeacon delivered
his charge. He spoke of the war and how it has
united village life. He laid great stress on the
necessity for adequate insurance of Church property.
There was a very good attendance of Clergy and
Churchwardens, who were afterwards entertained
to tea at the White Hart by the Archdeacon.

Our Training Corps are to be congratulated on
the work they did in collecting old newspapers for
the Prince of Wales' Fund, and which brought to
the fund the sum of 8/9. Every little helps.

Mrs. Wilkins and Miss Pryer have undertaken
again the Waifs and Strays work of collecting this
year. The Lenten savings amounted to £9, which
is a very good amount considering the calls on the
purse on account of the war. Our best thanks are
due to these ladies for so kindly superintending the
work.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m.
on Ascension Day, and Evensong and Sermon at
7.30 p.m. Will all Churchpeople take note of these
Services.

OXFORD DIOCESAN MISSIONARY FESTIVAL.—The
Annual Missionary Festival will be held this year
at High Wycombe, on Wednesday, July 14th. The
Lord Bishop of Lichfield will preach at the Festival
Service at 12 noon. The Afternoon Meeting will be
held at 3 p.m. in the beautiful grounds of Wycombe
Abbey. A special feature will be an open-air
"Service of Witness" at 7.30 p.m., which will be
addressed by Canon Scott Holland, and preceded by
a Procession of Men at 6.45 p.m. Hospitality for
Wednesday night will, as far as possible, be provided
for those coming from remote parts of the Diocese.
The prayers of all are earnestly asked for the
Festival, as this year it will give the Diocese an
opportunity of expressing its undying faith in the

cause of our Lord Jesus Christ in the world, notwithstanding the stress and strain of war. Full particulars will be announced in due course.

During the Vicar's absence from home I hope to have the assistance of the Rev. A. M. Hertzberg, of Oxford.

E. LL. WEIGHT.

The Annual Easter Vestry Meeting for the purpose of passing the accounts of the Churchwardens, also the election of Churchwardens and Sidesmen for the ensuing year, was held at the Parish Room on Thursday evening, April 8th, when there were present the Vicar (in the chair), Messrs. Austin Webb and A. J. Bolwell (Churchwardens), W. E. Morrison, J. S. Hall, A. F. Gear, Sidney Lewis, W. I. Mann, M. K. Pearson, A. J. Woolliams, F. W. King, and others.

The accounts were presented and showed a balance due to the Churchwardens of a little over £15, the year being commenced with a balance in hand of £9 12s. 7d. There were a few more subscriptions still to come in, on the receipt of which it is hoped the adverse balance will be liquidated. The offertories for church expenses amounted in the year to £80 5s. 3d. compared with £95 19s. last year. This may be largely attributed to the increase of the special offertories, which amounted to £48 13s. 4d. The appeals which were made for the Red Cross Fund, the Belgian Refugees, and the Prince of Wales' Fund realised nearly £25. The Easter collection reached the total of £63 3s. 4d. which was about the same as last year.

The Vicar, in proposing the re-election of the Churchwardens for Chipping Norton and Over Norton, said it would be a great help to the Vicar, when appointed, if the present Churchwardens would consent to accept office for another year.

The Churchwardens expressed their willingness to continue in office, and were re-appointed.

The sidesmen were re-elected, Mr. A. G. Felthouse taking the place of Mr. A. R. Hurtwell.

Referring to his impending resignation, the Vicar announced that he had that day promised to accept the living of Stoke Lyne, near Bicester, which had been suggested to him by the Archdeacon of Oxford. Mr. Littledale added that he had for some little time felt that it was desirable that the responsibilities of so important a post as Vicar of Chipping Norton should pass into more energetic hands, and that he could not conceal the great sorrow it would be to him to relinquish the chief work and happiness of his life.

The two Churchwardens expressed in very kind terms the general regret that would be felt at the severance of connection with Chipping Norton that had lasted over 28 years. At the conclusion of the vestry meeting, attention was specially drawn to the

renewal suggestion of the Charity Commissioners that a new scheme for pooling the charities, and excluding the Churchwardens' official connection as trustees and the resolution of 1913 was re-affirmed with emphasis, viz.: "That in the opinion of the parishioners of Chipping Norton in vestry assembled, the charities of Chipping Norton and Over Norton under the management of the Churchwardens, have been ably and economically administered, and that it is undesirable, in the interests of the beneficiaries, that the management should be separated from the Churchwardens' office, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Charity Commissioners."

Following the vestry, a meeting of Communicants was held to elect 16 men to the Ruri-Decanal Conference for the next three years. The following being duly elected: The Churchwardens (3) and sidesmen (8) as above, and Messrs. J. George, H. Hartley, J. R. Hill, J. Hartwell and Dr. C. Birts, with a supplementary list for filling vacancies as they occur, Messrs. F. H. Moore, T. Smith and Caleb Wilkins.

SALFORD.

HOLY MATRIMONY.—On April 3rd, Alfred George Taylor, son of James Taylor of this parish, was married by the Rector, to Martha Elsie Messenger, daughter of William Messenger, of Hook Norton.

—At St. Michaels' Church, Abertillery, on April 24th, the Rev. Hiram Rees, Vicar, celebrated a marriage between Alan Groves Betts, of Salford, and Ellen Williams, of 16 James Street, Abertillery, Monmouthshire.

The Great Festival of Easter was observed with as much joyfulness as was becoming considering the awfulness of this world-wide War that is going on. The flag was hoisted from the Church tower, the bells gave forth their mingled sounds of joy and sadness, the Church was very nicely decorated by those parishioners who undertake the decorating so ably and so well. There was a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. and after Mattins at 9.30 a.m. The total number of Communicants was 45 and it is earnestly hoped that the number of those who desire to carry out the Lord's command will go on steadily increasing.

On Wednesday, April 21st, at 2.30 p.m., after months of prolonged and most acute suffering, Caroline Josephine Callis, the wife of the Rector, was laid to rest in our peaceful Churchyard. The Funeral Service was conducted by the Rev. J. Callis, M.A., the Rector's brother, assisted by the Rev. A. F. Bellman, M.A., Rector of Kiddington. The hymns "On the Resurrection Morning" and "The day thou gavest Lord is ended," were feelingly sung by the large number of kind sympathetic parishioners, school children and friends present, amongst them the Rev. R. P. Burnett, Rector of Cornwell, and the

Rev. H. Burnley, Rector of Chastleton. Rev. E. Ll. Weight, of Chipping Norton kindly presided at the organ and played at the conclusion of the Service in Church the Funeral March by Chopin, a favourite composer of deceased. The bearers were Cyclist A. E. Callis and Lieut. M. C. Callis (sons of the Rector), and Messrs. Thornton, Rose, Winnett and Cross. It was regretted that Lieut. H. V. Callis, the Rector's 3rd son, who is in India could not be with them. Some beautiful wreaths were sent by relatives, friends, parishioners and the school children.

On the Sunday following, Sermons were preached by the Rev. J. Callis, and the bell ringers showed their kind feeling by ringing a half-muffled peal.

Sunday, April 18th, Rev. R. P. Burnett kindly officiated.

At a duly convened Vestry Meeting held in the Rectory Room on April 10th, at 7 p.m. the following were present, the Rector presiding: Messrs. C. E. Taylor, W. Hill, W. Phillips, H. Winnett, T. Hill and A. Cross. The accounts were presented and passed showing an adverse balance of £2 8s. 11d. The Rector nominated Mr. C. E. Taylor as his Warden and it was proposed by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Winnett and carried that Mr. W. Hill be Parish Warden. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Taylor for carting the coke, and he and Mr. Phillips kindly promised to carry out the carting for the ensuing year. As the adverse balance was left when the late Rector resigned it was proposed that one or two gentlemen interested in the parish be written to and asked if they would kindly assist in wiping out the debt. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to those who had kindly acted as Churchwardens for the past nine months.

On April 22nd, a meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom, Mr. Fawdry presiding, when it was proposed by Mr. T. Giles, seconded by Mr. C. E. Taylor and carried that the Rev. A. W. Callis be elected Chairman of the Council. Mr. G. Fawdry was elected Vice-Chairman and Messrs. Ilawes and J. J. Thornton Overseers.

We congratulate Mr. V. E. Toulmin on being gazetted 2nd Lieutenant to the 4th Northamptonshire Regiment and wish him every blessing and protection in his service for King and Country, he has recently been very energetic in training our Boy Scouts, and we are glad that Mr. A. Rose has become assistant Scout Master. The Scouts have been invited to sell programmes at the coming Agricultural Show at Chipping Norton. They had a most enjoyable field day on Easter Monday at Little Compton, but it is hoped that on the next occasion they will have a little more control over their exuberant spirits.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

HOLY BAPTISM.—April 11th, Horace Albert, son of Albert Edward and Linda Elizabeth Woodward.

The Church was prettily decorated on Easter Day. There were nine Communicants, when the newly-confirmed member of the congregation made her first Communion. The Rector's wife after a very long and most painful illness was called to her rest on Saturday morning April 17th, and was buried in Salford Churchyard. The Service on the following day (Sunday) was kindly taken by the Rev. Dr. Holbrooke, and on the next Sunday the Sermon was preached by the Rev. John Callis the Rector's brother.

ENSTONE.

BAPTIZED.—Thursday before Easter, Sidney son of Sidney and Florence Elizabeth Hawes.—Easter Eve, Charles John King, son of William and Bertha Blanche Tombs.

BURIED.—April 8th, Ellen Elizabeth Heatt, aged 67 years.—April 10th, John Akers, aged 39 years.—April 14th, Maria Roper, aged 68 years.—April 26th, George Simmonds, aged 86 years.

At the Easter Vestry, the Churchwardens (Messrs. James Allen and W. Bennett) and the Sidesmen (Messrs W. Hathaway, G. Glover and G. Bennett) were re-appointed. The accounts shewed a balance due to the Bank of £19 17s. 6d. This is our first adverse balance since the debt at Easter 1904 was wiped out. The heating apparatus installed in October, 1913, at a cost of £73, had to be all paid for this April. One could not worry the congregation about it, least of all since the War began, and considering the special collections for "Empress of Ireland," "National Relief," "Red Cross" and "Radcliffe Infirmary" amounted to £24 18s. 0d. In several other ways, since the War began, appeals have been generously met throughout the parish. One afternoon recently the Vicar chanced to give an account of the Easter Vestry to a kind friend, and lo! the next day a cheque for £10 well nigh took away his breath. This will help to reduce the adverse balance.

Two years ago with £21 13s. 6d. in hand we were hoping to do something to the Church roof. The collapse of the heating apparatus deferred this hope.

However, "one thing at a time" is a good motto for ourselves as well as the Government. The congregation, we trust, will see to these little matters, so that our Churchwarden will not have to plead poverty when he next appears before the respected Archdeacon at his Visitation.

We must change the subject or else our readers will get angry; like the working man after he was married, who heard nothing but 'money' every time he went home.

At the Parochial Church Meeting held on April 15th, Messrs James Allen, W. Harling and T. Huwain were elected as representatives to the Ruri-decannal Conference.

This year we expect a better effort to be made in the due observance of the Rogation Days. The War has given a wonderful depth of meaning to our daily prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread." And I pray unto God, that He will send us all things that be needful both for our souls and bodies.

In this latter half of April we have entered upon the severe part of the conflict. "The original plan of campaign, which has been in abeyance during the winter months, is apparently being resumed, and once again we are defending the French harbours from which the enemy hope to assail these Islands. It is within a brief distance from the French shore of the Channel that this tremendous conflict is raging. What more striking or more terrible object lesson could we have than this, that all the searchings of hearts which have filled the most reflective amongst us, and all the demands for fresh efforts which they have made are abundantly justified?"

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

BAPTISMS.—At Sarsden, on Easter Day (born 28th February, 1915), Charles William, son of Charles Henry and Cicely May Bradley, Sponsors: Father, Henry George Gunston and Hilda Middleton.—At Churchill, on April 18th (born February 12th, 1915), Dorothy, daughter of Frederick Charles and Ada Elizabeth Baber, Sponsors: Parents and Isabel Pegler.

BURIALS.—April 12th, Alice Mullington, aged 76 years.—April 21st, Emma Wilks, aged 68 years.

The Easter Vestry Meeting was held on April 5th, when Mr. Robert Dick was appointed Rector's Churchwarden, and Mr. William H. Peachey the People's Churchwarden. Messrs. G. Edmonds, W. A. Treweeke, Ferriman, F. Widdows, were appointed Sidesmen for the year ensuing. The Churchwardens' accounts were presented, audited and passed, shewing a balance of £2 odd. The Rector thanked the Church officials for the good work they had done during the year ending last Easter.

The first Parochial Church Meeting was then held. The roll of the qualified electors was read—consisting of 150 names for the parish of Churchill. Mr. Giles Edmonds was re-appointed as parish representative to the Ruri-decanal Conference. The following were elected to the Church Parochial Council:—Mrs. Ella Edmonds, Mrs. Anson, Miss Treweeke and Miss Burdett, Messrs. Anson and Cooper-Harris. It was decided to have meetings on the 1st Mondays in July, October, January and after Easter. The first four mentioned will be responsible for the management of the Deanery Magazine for Churchill, which refers to the distribution and collection of payments.

The collections made in Church for the Poor and Sick Fund and for the Choir Fund will be administered by these ladies. Mrs. Ella Edmonds has been appointed Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Anson and Mrs. Edmonds have been appointed

to choose the annual prizes for the Sunday School Fund.

The Churchyard accounts were presented, shewing a balance of £11.

The Vestry Meeting at Sarsden was held on April 7th, at the Estate Office, when Mr. J. M. Blair was re-elected Parish Churchwarden. The Parish Church Accounts were presented and passed, shewing a balance in hand of £3. The first Parochial Church Meeting was held. The roll of qualified electors was read, comprising over 50 names. Mr. Vine was appointed Parish Representative for the Ruri-decanal Conference. The following were elected to the Parochial Church Council: Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Tuson, Messrs. Taylor and Arthur Cox. The Management of the Deanery Magazines for Sarsden and the collections for the Poor and Sick made in Sarsden Church were placed in their hands. Meetings to be held in the 1st weeks of July, October, January and after Easter. Mr. Blair was appointed Secretary and Treasurer.

A meeting of the Churchyard Committee was held on April 2nd. It was decided to ask for contributions from the parish for the upkeep of their good work that was begun 4½ years ago. The Churchyard to-day is a very pleasing contrast to what its state was five years ago. The funds naturally diminish when no subscriptions come in, only 5/- has been received by the Treasurer during the last two years. It was decided that the matter should be placed before the Church Councils of Sarsden and Churchill next July, with a view to their becoming the proper authorities for collecting these subscriptions.

SCHOOL NEWS.—In the Needlework Competition at Oxford, we are pleased to announce the success of seven girls out of the ten entered. Five received first prizes, viz.: Margaret Ackerman, Freda Ferriman, Caroline Wearing, Gladys Bushrod. One received a second prize, Milly Betteridge and Dela Beck and Florence Widdows received third prizes.

EASTER EGG COLLECTION.—The children brought 203 Eggs which were sent to the Radcliffe Infirmary and Eye Hospital for the patients.

The Easter holidays this year were restricted to Good Friday and Easter Monday only.

Mr. Hassall, Supply Teacher terminated his engagement on April first. Ethel Lambert has been appointed Monitor temporarily. We regret there are still one or two families with measles.

G.F.S.

A class was held by Mrs. Giles Edmonds during part of the winter for the members and candidates. They made the following articles: 6 shirts, 6 vests, 9 scarves, 14 pairs mittens, 1 pair socks, which were sent to the Red Cross Society and to soldiers connected with the village who were serving abroad.

A collection was made in aid of Queen Mary's "Work for Women" and 10s. was sent to the Fund.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.

Vicar: W. Collingwood Carter, M.A., Ch. Ch., Surrogate,
Rural Dean.

Churchwardens: H. Mawle, E. H. Dec.

Sidesmen:

A. Miles, M. Bunting, J. E. H. Parsons, B.A., M.R.C.S.,
J. Strong, A. Miles (junior), R. Townsend, J. Pittaway (senior)

Clerk: S. Coombes. Sexton: J. Steed.

Those who attended the Sunday School Teachers' Meeting at Chadlington on March 27th found a pleasant welcome, and admired the new stained glass window, of which an eloquent description was given by the Vicar.

The Holy Week Services were conducted as usual. On Maundy Thursday, our old friend the Principal of Fishponds, Bristol, gave an address concerning preparation for Holy Communion, and all the preaching was done by him until Easter Day evening at the Church, the Mission Chapel and St. Michael's Home Chapel. We feel sure that many found help by his Discourse at the Three Hours' Devotion, and at other times. Though suffering from over work at Bristol, nothing was withdrawn from his energy and earnestness.

On the Day of Days the Church was made beautiful with flowers, and the Services brightened with Festival music, and fresh Communicants welcomed, who received Confirmation lately, so that the number shewed an increase on all former years at the Holy Mysteries. May they all continue in Holy obedience.

The annual Vestry Meeting was held as usual on the Tuesday, when the Churchwardens and Sidesmen were re-elected to office. We regret that owing to illness Mr. Walter Longshaw has resigned the office of Sexton which he had held for many years. Mr. John Steed has been appointed to that office.

On the 7th was the marriage of Mr. Page and Miss Stallard. The Service was choral and there was a large attendance. The Rev. C. J. Whitehead, Vicar of South Newington, assisted at the Service.

In the evening the meeting for the election of the Parochial Representatives to vote for the eight Deanery members for the Diocesan Conference was held in the School. The Churchwardens were elected as representatives.

12th.—The Vicar attended the gathering of Archdeacons and Rural Deans at Cuddesdon to consult on Diocesan business.

15th, was the Archdeacon's Visitation at Chipping Norton for the election of Churchwardens.

By the wish of the Bishop, S. George's Day this year was specially observed. There was a special Collect Epistle and Gospel authorized by the Bishop for the Communion at 8 o'clock, and in the evening was a Special Intercession for the Country. Being

Friday, the usual Prayer for our armies was combined with it—and the names of those gone out from us read out.

BURIAL.—March 30, Ellen Maria Rollings, aged 36.

CORNWELL.

EASTER.—Our Easter Services were very well attended, in spite of the absence of a good many of our parishioners. The Communicants numbered 36, viz:—24 at the early and 12 at the mid-day Celebration. The offertories, which came to just £2, were given as usual to the fund for Church Expenses. The little Church looked very pretty and we thank those kind friends who assisted in the decorations and sent flowers. We were glad to see all those who were recently confirmed at the Holy Communion, and trust they will continue to be regular in their attendance to their lives end.

THREE MEETINGS.—On Saturday evening the 10th of April, three meetings were held, viz:—

(i) The Easter Vestry Meeting: The Rector re-appointed Col. A. N. Hall as his Churchwarden for the ensuing year, thanking both him and Mr. Bowles for all their kind help and sympathy. Mr. George Bowles was unanimously re-elected Parish Churchwarden, for (we believe) the 39th time. The Churchwardens' accounts were submitted to the meeting, examined and passed. It was unanimously agreed that a Church Fund should be started, as owing to the War and other causes there was a deficit in the Church Accounts. Mr. Stowe kindly undertook to collect for the same, and we are glad to report that his efforts have proved very successful. There had been some extra expenses during the past year, such as the rebuilding of the Church Chimney, while very liberal help had been given to various deserving objects. The following among others have received assistance, viz:

Prince of Wales' Relief Fund	...	5	12	7½
Belgian Refugees' Fund	...	6	0	0
S. P. G. ...	...	2	6	6
Radcliffe Infirmary.....	...	2	15	0
S. P. C. K. ...	...	12	7	
Oxford Diocesan Societies	...	1	7	6
Bonus Coal and Clothing Club	...	4	0	0
Bonus Childrens' Clothing Club...	...	1	1	4

£23 15 6½

(ii) The Annual Parish Meeting:—Colonel A. N. Hall and Mr. George Fawdry were unanimously re-elected Overseers for the current year.

(iii) A special meeting of Adult Communicant Parishioners, at which Mr. George Fawdry and Mr. W. H. Stowe were elected Lay Representatives at the Ruri-decanal Conference for the ensuing three years.

CHADLINGTON.

MARRIAGE.—April 5th, Plender James Hughes and Minnie Cooper.

BURIAL.—April 16th, Edward Charles Cooper, aged 6 months.

There will be celebrations of the Holy Communion on: Ascension Day at 8 a.m.; Whitsunday at 7 and 8 a.m. and during Morning Prayer; Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun Week at 8 a.m.

On the 15th of this month the Bishop of the Diocese hopes to consecrate the new addition to the Shorthampton Churchyard.

The Services on the Thursday evenings in Lent and during Holy Week and Good Friday were well attended. We wish to express our gratitude to all who so kindly came to preach at the Special Services.

The Rev. E. Ll. Weight, owing to a severe attack of influenza, was unfortunately unable to give the Addresses at the "Three Hours' Service" on Good Friday. The Vicar very kindly came instead, and we are most grateful to him for so doing.

At a Confirmation held on March 29th in the Cathedral at Oxford by the Bishop of the Diocese, Albert William Yeatman, from this parish, and Percy James Bartlett, from Shorthampton, were confirmed.

The number of Communicants on Easter Day was 119; the collections throughout the day were on behalf of the Church Expenses and amounted to £5 7s. 10d. The Services were well attended and the singing bright and hearty. The anthem—composed by the late Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, a native of Sierra Leone—was well rendered. The Church was beautifully decorated with the generous gifts and loans of flowers and plants; and we are most grateful to all who, in their various capacities, helped to beautify the Church and the Services this Easter Festival.

Subscriptions to the Bellringers' Fund amounted this year to £4 10s. 6d., which with the balance of 6s. 4d. from last year just covered the amount to be paid to the ringers in accordance to the number of their attendances. We are very grateful to all who so kindly subscribed, and also to the ringers who made very regular attendances and put in some good work and were getting well together. But now the War and work away from home have claimed seven of the regular ringers, which is a large drain upon the ringing resources of a small village.

On Saturday, March 27th, the Ruri-decanal Sunday School Association held its quarterly meeting at Chadlington. The meeting, held at the Schools, opened with prayer and a hymn. Then Miss Walker, from Wokingham, the Diocesan Expert, gave a most interesting and instructive model lesson to a mixed class of infants.

The Rev. E. Ll. Weight was unable, owing to illness, to read his paper; but once again the Vicar came to the rescue and gave a most interesting lecture on the new window in the Church. The interest was increased by the lecture being given in the Church. Choral Evensong followed. Then the members returned to the Schools for tea, which brought a most pleasant and instructive afternoon to a successful conclusion. It was a great pleasure to be allowed the honour of receiving and entertaining the members of the Association, and our grateful thanks are due to all who provided and arranged the tea for their efficient help.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISM.—April 11th, Frederick William, son of Frederick Thomas and Emma Cross.

MARRIAGE.—April 12th, Frank Richard Widdows, of the Royal Field Artillery, and May Mabel Cross, both of Charlbury.

CHARLBURY AND THE WAR.—At present 80 (officers and men) from Charlbury are serving with H.M. Forces, of whom 44 are at the front. There are also those serving from Chadlington, Shorthampton and Cornbury, who number probably another 50.

EASTER, 1915.—This Eastertide was one of the best for many years in number of Communicants. The same appears to be true of most places in England. Probably there is a real wish at home to be at our best: and to be steadfast in our prayers for those defending us by sea and land.

The Easter Offering was £26 17s. 3d. The Vicar wishes to take this opportunity of thanking all his kind friends.

At the Easter Vestry, the total Offertories in Charlbury Church for all objects for the year were shown to be £223 1s. 5d. The Churchwardens for the ensuing year are Mr. J. A. Bowl and Mr. A. E. Allen: and the Sidesmen Messrs. B. Luker, W. Wilson, H. Price, H. G. Elkington, E. J. Baldwin, H. Tame and G. W. Lane.

At the Parochial Church Meeting which followed, the two Churchwardens and the first three names of the Sidesmen were elected representatives from Charlbury to the Ruri-decanal Conference.

Our Church Roof Fund is now £59 2s. 2d. This sum is additional to the amount £241 13s. 3d. spent on work in the year 1912.

SHORTHAMPTON CHURCH.—The new piece of ground, as an addition to our Churchyard, has been given by Vernon J. Watney, Esq. It has been nicely walled in and prepared. The Lord Bishop of Oxford has fixed Friday, May 14th, at 5 p.m., as the time for consecrating the ground.

DAYLESFORD.

The Easter Festival brought us its message of hope and comfort which nothing can diminish or alter and was celebrated with customary and due rejoicing. The Services were well attended, and the number of Communicants was well up to the average for Easter. The Church was appropriately and becomingly decked with the choicest flowers, and the strains of the familiar Easter hymns awoke feelings of chastened joy in many hearts; and though we could not but miss the presence of some who were with us last Easter, we could thank God for the "sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to Eternal Life" in which they were even now resting, and look forward to the dawning of "the last and brightest Easter Day" when we hope to meet them once more.

It has, unfortunately, been found necessary to close the School for a time owing to an outbreak of measles among the children. We hope the epidemic will soon pass.

It was pleasant to see some of our soldiers home on leave and taking their old places in the choir which for one Sunday presented quite a respectable appearance once more. The life of soldiering, if one may judge from appearances, seems to be a remarkably healthy one.

The Easter Vestry meeting was held on Saturday, April 17th. Mr. Charles Sargent was elected Churchwarden for the nineteenth year in succession, and we sincerely hope, not for the last time. The accounts were examined and passed, and found to be in a satisfactory state, there being a balance in hand of over £12 after paying all expenses. The collections for Church Expenses keep up at a good level, and the average number of coins collected on each occasion shows no falling off.

At the Parish meeting held subsequently, Mr. Charles Sargent was again elected Overseer for the Parish for the ensuing year.

MARRIAGE.—On Monday, April 5th, Edwin Thomas Dix, of Daylesford, and Jane Day, of Barton-on-the-Heath. Our best wishes to the newly-married pair.

BAPTISMS.—On Sunday, April 18th, Beatrice Florence, daughter of Ralph and Edith Eliza Baylis; also Horace Percival, son of Alfred and Ann Elizabeth Green. The Mothers in the above cases are sisters, which lent an additional interest to the ceremony.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Members are asked to note that owing to the War it has been thought better to abandon our Annual Festival this year. We feel sure that the reason for this decision will be fully understood by all our members. It is hoped that the Day of Intercession, which falls on June 17th, will be very carefully observed this year. Opportunities will be given to

members in most of the parishes to join in special Services on or near that day. It may be possible, and we hope will be done in two or three cases, for associates to arrange for neighbouring parishes to meet together for tea and a quiet Service in Church. Please remember that we must not desert the Sick Fund at this time, if members will give what they usually spent at Festivals for that object, either as an offertory in Church or to their Associate, it will be in no danger.

FLORA A. WAY,
Branch Secretary.

At the close of the last meeting a book containing an illuminated address, together with the names of all members of the Branch, was presented to Mrs. Lee, and also a comfortable arm-chair, which the Associates had contributed to purchase. Miss Matthews of Fifield spoke a few kind words as to the work that Mrs. Lee had done for the Branch during the 11 years of her Secretaryship. Mrs. Lee is deeply grateful for the kind thought of the Associates and for their useful gift, and she wishes to make known through this Magazine her great appreciation of these and also of their hearty co-operation in the G.F.S. work of the Deanery during past years. All are glad to welcome Miss Flora Way, who now occupies the position of Branch Secretary in Mrs. Lee's place, and is sure to carry on the work in a thoroughly efficient manner.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

On March 27th, the first meeting of the year was held at Chadlington. About 70 were there, representing some ten parishes; we were fortunate in having such fine weather as to allow so many to come. Miss A. Walker, the Diocesan expert, gave a model lesson to a class of six infants, that number being, she said, the ideal for a Sunday School class. The subject of the lesson was the "Entry into Jerusalem," and the children showed by their keenness in answering and by their free drawings, that they were much interested. The lesson seemed to come through them to the teacher. In the absence of the Rev. H. Weight through illness, the Rev. J. D. Payne gave in the Church a most interesting description of the new window, given in memory of the late Mrs. Schofield by her husband. His account of the four figures in the lower part of the window (St. Agnes, St. Columba, St. Frideswide and St. Francis of Assisi) was made to centre round the love of animals common to all of them, and we were also reminded of the joyousness which so much characterised them. St. Columba's influence, Mr. Payne told us, had even, through his pupils, reached Chadlington. At 4.15 there was Evensong; and at 5 o'clock, tea, when thanks were given to the Rev. T. P. Field and Miss Field and to the Vicar for making the meeting so happily successful.

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JUNE.

CALENDAR.

1915.

1	Tu	S. Nicomede, P.M.
2	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
3	Th	[Corpus Christi].
4	F	
5	S	S. Boniface, B.M.
6	S	1st Sunday after Trinity.
7	M	
8	T	
9	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
10	Th	
11	F	S. Barnabas, A.M.
12	S	
13	S	2nd Sunday after Trinity.
14	M	
15	Tu	
16	W	Meeting of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
17	Th	S. Alban, M.
18	F	
19	S	
20	S	3rd Sunday after Trinity. Translation of S. Edward, K.M.
21	M	
22	Tu	
23	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
24	Th	Nativity of S. John Baptist.
25	F	
26	S	
27	S	4th Sunday after Trinity.
28	M	
29	Tu	S. Peter, A.M.
30	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.

4th, Last Quarter, 4h. 32m. p.m.
 12th, New Moon, 6h. 57m. p.m.

20th, First Quarter, 2h. 24m. p.m.
 27th, Full Moon, 4h. 27m. a.m.

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CHIPPING NORTON.

Vicar—Rev. G. A. Littledale, M.A.,
Surrogate for granting Marriage Licences.

Assistant Priest—Rev. E. Ll. Weight.

Churchwardens—Austin Webb.

A. J. Bolwell,
for Chipping Norton.
Capt. Daly, for Over Norton.

Sexton and Clerk—Hubert E. Cook, 7 Church Street.

Organist and Choirmaster—Ernest C. Cook,

Deputy Organist and Choirmaster—

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

BAPTISMS.—May 2nd, Henry Walter, son of Charles William and Sarah Jeffries—Rhoda Helen, daughter of Henry Anthony, and Annie Hern.—Dorothy Kate, daughter of Reuben and Bertha Coleman.—May 31st, George William, son of Alfred Anthony and Emily Maria Pratt.

MARRIAGES.—May 20th, Thomas Moodey Cragg, of Aldershot (on active service), and Janet Matilda Walker, of Chipping Norton.—May 31st, Arthur James Miller, of Shorncliff Camp (on active service), and Sarah Harrison, of Chipping Norton.

During the Vicar's holiday the Rev. A. M. Hertzberg of Oxford, assisted on three Sundays. His visit was much appreciated.

On Thursday, May 6th, a Rural-decanal Conference was held at the Vicarage, Shipton-under-Wychwood, for the Clergy of the Deanery.

We are sorry such bad weather prevailed for the Agricultural Show, which must have affected considerably the financial outlook.

ASCENSION DAY.—The Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m., but sad to say there were too few Communicants. The children of the Schools were catechised at 11.15 in Church. The attendance at Evensong was extremely bad. No doubt it will be urged the Agricultural Show and the bad weather had something to do with the poor observance of the day. But is it not a pity to make use of such excuses and forget the duty we owe to the Church and her claims.

The C.E.M.S. Corporate Communion was celebrated

on the Sunday after Ascension Day. A good number of members communicated

The services on Whitsunday were very bright and hearty. The number of communicants at 8 o'clock was very good indeed and there were amongst them no doubt many visitors. In the afternoon the children had a special service and made their offering of "Whitsun farthings." Altogether 115 farthings were collected and these will be sent to the Diocesan Fund. At Evensong the preacher was the Rev. Canon Curtis of the Diocese of Idaho, U.S.A. The choir also rendered very nicely an anthem.

On Friday, 28th, the Band of the 3rd Batt. O. & B. L.I. visited Chipping Norton for recruiting purposes and we are glad to learn that some good has been done by this visit

Some of our own C.L.B. lads are joining the colours, amongst whom are Donald Bunting and Andrew King. Good luck lads!

We remember too, "Jimmy" Aldridge (an old C.L.B. boy of our Company) who was killed in action a few days ago and laid down his life for his King and Country.—R.I.P.

E. LL. WEIGHT.

CORNWELL.

There is little local news to chronicle this month. Our thoughts and minds have been chiefly devoted to the War and all its terrible consequences, and Cornwell continues to "do its duty." Our Squire, Colonel Hall, is now in camp busy with training soldiers. Mrs. Hall is arranging for a "Red Cross" Crusade in the Village on Saturday, the 5th of June. Major Crocker has left for the front. Harold Cooper, and Albert Pearce are doing their work well there, and the last accounts of both were good. We regret to hear of Mr. Charrington's brother having been terribly wounded, though he is getting on as well as could be expected.

Our deep regret is called forth by the dangerous illness of Frederick Hill, who has been lying between life and death at Portsmouth for some weeks past. We trust and pray his young life may be spared to his parents, Parish and Country. Though troubled with a weak heart, he nobly volunteered for service at the beginning of the War and has been in training and hoped to go to the Front. He still keeps in good spirits and hopes for the best. He came to Cornwell for a few hours at Easter, and though arriving only at half-past 10 on Easter Eve, was at the Early Communion with his family at 8 the next morning. His family for several generations have been connected with Cornwell, and he was both a pupil and teacher in our Sunday School. They all have our sincere sympathy.

SPELSBURY.

CHURCH SERVICES.

<i>Sundays.</i>	Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays after Mattins; 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays, 8 a.m. Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 6 p.m. Sunday School in the Schoolroom, 10.20 a.m. Catechizing in the Church, 3 p.m.
<i>Saint Days.</i>	Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
<i>Week Days.</i>	Mattins, 8 a.m.

BAPTISMS.—Feb. 9th, Florence Gertrude, daughter of George Bertram and Emily Elizabeth Stowe, of Taston.—April 11th, George Robert, son of Harry and Emily Harris, of Spelsbury.—May 16th, Margaret Jennie, daughter of Alexander Claude and Margaret Bayliss, of Taston.

BURIALS.—January 28th, Rhoda Rooke, aged 74 years.—February 20th, Winifred Elsie Cox, aged 16 months.—April 8th, Sarah Stayte, aged 90 years.

Church Collections April 11th to May 19th inclusive: Church Expenses, £3 15s. 10½d.; Sick and Needy, 6s. 6d.

The following Parishioners are engaged in the service of their King and Country. Your Intercessions on their behalf are desired. William John Ball, Francis Isaac Carter, Alfred James Cross, William Wakefield, Frank Edward Mitchell, Lionel Cooper, Raymond Hathaway, Spencer Salter Sturdy, Ailsworth Vere Hitchcocks, Herbert Joe Howes, Lionel Pratley, Basil George Sturdy, Harry Harris, George Bertram Stowe, Frank Hill Lodge, Sydney John Howes, Arthur Harling, Ernest Benfield, Herbert Thomas, Spencer Cooper, Hubert George Harrison, Frank Trinder, Victor Lodge, Alfred Cooper, Charles Bishop, Harold Sturdy.

THE CHURCHYARD.—Your Vicar is grateful for the ready response made by members of the congregation to his appeal for aid in the up-keep of the Churchyard. A busy company of willing helpers has wrought a transformation there. "*Laus Deo.*" Active service of this kind is the most helpful, but those who cannot give this can still help by subscribing to the Churchyard Fund.

There are many things which call for attention both with regard to the fabric of our Parish Church and to the comfort of the worshippers there. The present being a time of so many calls upon our purses is no time for launching any ambitious or comprehensive scheme. But two matters are urgent before the return of the dark and cold days of winter, viz., improved heating and lighting. With a view to raising the necessary Funds, a Sale of Work and Jumble Sale, Bowling for a Pig, and Public Tea, etc., will be held in the Vicarage Grounds, on Thursday, June 24th, commencing 2.30 p.m. I trust Parishioners and neighbours will support this effort.

It is proposed that notes of Spelsbury doings shall appear month by month in the Deanery Magazine, and the Vicar will be glad to have the names of those

who may wish to become subscribers in order that he may make the necessary arrangements for distributing it in the Parish.

ENSTONE.

BAPTIZED.—May 2nd, Albert George Kitchener, son of Albert Edward and Annie Margaret Stevens.—May 9th, Harold Arthur, son of Frank and Sarah Ann Stevens.

BURIED.—May 19th, Emma Paish, aged 66 years. Saturday, June 5th, is to be observed throughout the County of Oxford as a *Red Cross Day*. "There are so many amongst us who cannot fight, who are earnestly seeking an outlet for their devotion to their country; here at any rate is one, a means of direct participation in the noblest work. No appeal can be so moving as that which pleads for assistance in carrying out the task of alleviating the last sufferings of those who are laying down their lives that freedom may live, and of restoring to health those whose bodies have been torn and shattered by war as it is to-day. There are numbers who are giving more than their lives, to whom no skill can give back the whole of their activity and strength; much, however, may be done, even in a war where the wounds are so terrible as in this, by prompt medical and surgical aid. Motor Ambulances, for example, which it is one of the special purposes of the Fund to provide, have, as evidence proves, "made all the difference to our wounded." There are the victims also of the latest device of an enemy who does not hesitate to use whatever the science of devilish destruction can invent. The great struggle of the past weeks has in every way thrown an unprecedented strain upon the resources of the two Societies (British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem); and no excuse is needed for urging this appeal afresh. The flow of gifts must not only increase, but maintain that increase, if the work is to go on developing with the need for it. Many of the public, realizing this, are now giving regular contributions to the Fund. In this war, not of armies but of nations, there can be no diminution or cessation of the stream of generosity; there is need for every shilling which can be given, and every shilling, as the giver may be proud to know, is the direct means of bringing relief to some sufferer for his country."

The end of May finds our Enstone Army and Navy list somewhat more than 70 names.

Our Tower was represented at the Ringers' Guild Meeting at Leafield on May 15th.

On Saturday, May 22nd, Mrs. Bell was confirmed at Cuddesdon, a place dear to memory in the history of the English Church.

Arthur Hawtin has again won certificates for the Missionary and Temperance Study.

The Bishop's letter was read on May 2nd, with reference to the King's example.

SALFORD.

Before leaving home for a temporary change, which the Rector felt that he needed, he was thanked by a Recruiting Sergeant for preaching a Sermon on what a duty and a responsibility rested upon all those who could possibly do so to join the colours, and he is very glad to hear a rumour that a good number has now come forward. He heartily congratulates them and prays that God's blessing may rest upon them, and that His arm of protection may be with them in their endeavours to help and defend our King and Country and all dear to us, in so righteous a cause, against a most savage and cowardly an enemy that brought about this terrible world-wide war. On the 18th of this month a 100 years ago, the battle of Waterloo, in which we shared a great victory, brought to an end a great war, and it was then fondly hoped that this would be the end of wars among all professedly Christian nations. There were then 70 and 80 thousand on either side. How terrible to find that in June, 1915, there are millions of brave and splendid fellows called upon to fight most terrible battles against professedly Christian people about 60 miles from our shores.

We congratulate Private L. G. Toulmin of the Hon. Artillery Co., now in hospital on the Continent after five months trying experiences in the trenches, on his being gazetted 2nd Lieut. in the 5th Suffolks, and we hope he may soon be well enough to come home and take up his commission.

June the 5th is Flag Day, which has for its object raising funds for the Red Cross Society, and we hope that those kindly collecting in the village will have every encouragement and success.

The Rector is now taking charge of the Parish of Thurlby where he finds a most beautiful Norman Church and kind and congenial people. He hopes that the Vicar, the Rev. J. S. Pettifor, is enjoying his visit to Salford.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

After enjoying a little change, which he is now making in Lincolnshire, the Rector looks forward to seeing his Parishioners again. He is very glad Mrs. Williams has kindly undertaken to collect for the Red Cross Society on Flag Day, June 5th, and he feels sure that all will do what they can to support her in the grand cause.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISMS—April 25th, Thomas Shadrach Frank, son of Frederick George and Grace Thornton, of Fimstock.—May 16th, Percy John, son of Percy and Rose Berry.

MARRIAGE.—May 17th, Ernest Joshua Timms, Seaman in H.M. Navy, and Ada Hassell Ashmore, of Fawler.

The Consecration of the addition to the Churchyard at Shorthampton Church by the Lord Bishop of

Oxford, took place on May 14th, at 5 p.m. We were most fortunate in having a fine day. The Bishop, who wore his mitre and vestments, was accompanied by his Chaplain and the Rural Dean, the Vicar and Rev. T. P. Field, and the Choirs of Charlbury and Chadlington. The Bishop gave his Address in the Church. He spoke of the wall paintings at Shorthampton, the value of the Parish Church in each village and town in England, how the war had made us all prize much more the permanence of Church and State, the value of the faith and comfort which remain amidst all that changes, the meaning of Consecrating and setting apart from profane and common uses ground to be the resting place of the dead, that the blessing of God may sanctify and keep it holy. The Service of Consecration in the open air was of great beauty, the procession round the boundaries of the ground, the Psalms, Hymns and Prayers and the Consecration of the ground. There was a good congregation present. Mr. Vernon J. Watney, donor of the ground, Mr. C. A. Fellowes and Mr. A. E. Barrett, Churchwardens, took part in the procession. The Bishop was greatly pleased with his visit.

CHARLBURY CHURCH.

On Ascension Day, we had an early peal on the bells as again on Whit-Sunday Morning. Our numbers of Communicants at the Whitsuntide Festival were good. All our three Churches were beautifully decorated, and the Festival well observed throughout the day. Easter, Ascension, Whitsuntide, have had a special message of comfort to us all in these anxious times of war.

DAYLESFORD.

It has been found necessary to close the School for a time owing to an outbreak of measles among the children. The cases have been numerous, but all are now convalescent, and the School will be reopened on Monday, 31st May. Owing to this and other interruptions, it will probably be found advisable to postpone the Diocesan Inspection which is usually held in June.

We have to thank Miss Jackson, of Kingham, and Mr. F. Goddard, of Kingham Hill, for very kindly coming to our assistance by acting as Organists during the illness of Mrs. Grisewood which prevented her from occupying her usual post for two or three Sundays recently.

Daylesford responded liberally to an appeal made by Mrs. Eyres Monsell, wife of the member for South Worcestershire, for a Motor Ambulance to be presented by the County for use at the Front. All who were asked subscribed most willingly, and the sum required, viz., £600, was exceeded to a considerable extent. A letter of grateful thanks has been received from Mrs. Eyres Monsell in acknowledgment of the subscriptions sent from Daylesford which amounted to £6 10s. 9d.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISMS.—March 28th, Walter, infant son of Walter and Elizabeth Freeman of Milton.—April 2nd, Frederick Arthur, infant son of Herbert James and Alice Boshier of Lyneham.—April 4th, Norman Sidney, infant son of Escott Sydney and Millicent Emily Townsend.

MARRIAGES.—April 10th, Alfred Payne of Sandow, Isle of Wight, to Alice Miles of Milton.—May 1st, William Mark Dale of Milton, to Ellen Burson of Fifield.

BURIALS.—May 13th, Sarah Widdows, formerly of this parish, aged 51 years.

Last month through the forgetfulness of your correspondent no news from Milton appeared in the May number. He has proffered sincere apologies for this omission. The Easter Vestry meeting assembled in the Vestry and on motion an adjournment was made to the Iron Room. A fair number of parishioners was present, but not so many as we should like to have seen. The usual business was transacted. The Churchwardens' accounts were submitted and passed and ordered to be printed and distributed in Church. We most sincerely hope that this Balance Sheet was thoroughly digested by our congregation, for it very clearly reveals that in the coming year we shall be called upon to make an earnest effort to enlarge our revenue, this being essential in view of large expenditure being necessary. Our heating apparatus is not yet completed and before the winter comes, this must be done if it be at all possible. We recognise that we are living in times when money is not very plentiful, but despite the many calls upon us, we must see to it that our Church offerings are not deficient for the purposes, they are intended to accomplish. We were obliged to put in a drain from the furnace room which was a much heavier expenditure than we had hoped, and we shall be obliged to ask our good people to try and meet this liability or at least a part of it in the near future. The following officers were elected:—The Vicar appointed Mr. R. Hartley as his Warden and Mr. H. E. H. Way, who has done such excellent work in the past year, was unanimously re-elected People's Warden. In accepting this office for another year, Mr. Way said he felt it was almost incumbent upon him to accept the office for this year, on account of our financial standing, but he thought that at the next Easter Vestry some other member of the Church should be fully prepared to accept office, as he thought it was a good means for stimulating interest in the work of the Church in the parish, and it was generally felt that it was not altogether right to expect one man to shoulder the grave responsibility every year, at the same time it was felt that when we had a really first class officer it was a bit rash to make any change. The Vicar expressed his regret that Mr. Bunting, who had for

a number of years been the Vicar's Warden, was compelled through ill-health to sell his business, which necessitated his leaving the parish and consequently enforcing his resignation, and he also expressed the hope that a change of air and fresh scenes and a less laborious life would effect a marked change for the better in the health of our friend. We shall miss both Mr. and Mrs. Bunting very much, as they both were always ready to assist in every Church work and desirous to further in every way the progress of the Parish. The following Sidesmen were then duly elected:—Mr. A. Pratley, Mr. J. Silman, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rickett, Mr. G. Groves, Mr. Burch, Mr. Timms and Mr. Bond. Mr. R. Pratt and Mr. Henman were then elected for Lyneham.

On April 13th, a meeting was called to take steps to form a Parochial Church Council. Those who were present signed papers qualifying them to act as members of the Council. We were all more or less in the dark as to what the actual work devolving upon this body would be, but we felt that if we made a beginning at once, we should be better able to go on next year. We felt that one thing at least was given the Council to do and that was to elect Representatives to the Decanal Conference and consequently this was proceeded with with the following results:—Mr. H. E. H. Way, Mr. R. Hartley, Mr. G. Groves, Mr. T. Hopkins, and the following were elected as alternatives: Mr. Burch, Mr. Silman, Mr. Barker, Mr. Timms and Mr. G. Mayman. The Meeting then adjourned.

The Corporate Communion for the Girls' Friendly Society will be held on June 17th, at 8 o'clock, when the offertory will be given to the Society. We hope all interested in the work, as well as all members residing in the Parish will be present. Two of our Red Cross Contingent have left us to take up nursing our wounded soldiers. Our best wishes go with them, and our earnest hope that their services will not be required for long.

CHASTLETON.

At a Parochial Church Meeting, C. T. Richardson, Esq., and Mr. R. Gingell were elected representatives from Charlbury to the Ruri-decanal Conference.

On Whit-Monday the first competition of the recently formed Rifle Club took place at Chastleton. Thanks to the admirable way the committee (Messrs. R. Gingell, D. Clarke, C. R. Marshall, W. Newman, A. C. Corbett) carried out their duties, together with the enthusiasm of the members, the meeting was a great success. Mrs. Richardson, of Chastleton House, kindly provided tea for the members and friends which was much appreciated. The membership of the Club is over 46, including 10 honorary members now serving in the Army. The prizes for men were gained by Mr. B. Newman and Mr. D. Clarke. Ladies: Miss M. Newman.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

HOLY MATRIMONY.—May 22nd, James Wyton Williams and Lily Harris.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated (D.V.) at 8 a.m. on

June 11th, S. Barnabas.

" 24th (Nativity of S. John Baptist).

" 29th (S. Peter).

There will also be a celebration on June 17th for members of the G.F.S. The offertory will be given to the Sick Fund of the Society.

CONCERT.—On Friday, June 11th, we hope to give a small concert in the Schoolroom, consisting chiefly of patriotic items. The proceeds will be given to the Red Cross Fund. It is hoped that all will make an effort to take tickets and support so good a cause. For further particulars see bills.

On June 20th, the Vice-Principal of Brasenose College (Rev. Dr. Bussell) has kindly offered to preach and take the Services in this Church, thus enabling the Rector to take a few days holiday—the third Sunday off in eighteen years. Dr. Bussell has been Bampton Lecturer at Oxford and select preacher before the University. There has been for hundreds of years a close connection between the College and the Parish, and it is only fitting that the pulpit of our Parish Church should be occupied by a member of that Body in whose hands the presentation to the living lies.

We still hold a weekly Intercession Service for our soldiers and sailors, but alas! the congregations are lamentably poor. The War is far from the end but nevertheless we are already beginning to show signs of falling back into ways of indifference. It should not be so. Just because we have heard of no serious reverse to our troops and Allies of late, does it follow that we shall hear of none? Or, because our friends and relatives are now unharmed and safe, are we to cease praying for them? It is astonishing how quickly we become accustomed to our surroundings even when these are of a distressing nature. We have no right to conclude that all will be well with us, and that just because we have been merely holding our own of late, we can calmly lay aside spiritual privileges and duties with the idea that we have done what is required of us. All this seems of a poor kind of faith, if not of folly, on the part of a Christian. Let us remember that they who have power with God are those who wrestle with Him in prayer. One of our greatest needs to day is an increase of faith. It is just because we have so little real faith that our lives are so prayerless. But until we bring ourselves to realize the necessity of prayers to a God who *does* hear and answer them, we shall continue to miss more than we can ever imagine in our own lives, as well as in the lives of those for whom we ought to pray.

To believers in supernatural manifestations the following stories (the truth of which the tellers vouch) may be of interest:—

"A certain Brigade of a Highland Regiment was fagged out at the end of the day; nay, so exhausted that to meet the Germans just then was a terror to them. All of a sudden the word of command rang out from the superior Officer in Gaelic. The men, as if inspired, hearing their own beloved tongue, spurred themselves on to great efforts, fell on the Germans, and routed them. Late in the night a private said to his officer, "I didn't know, Sir, that you knew Gaelic." "Nor do I," replied the officer, much amazed. "I never spoke a word of Gaelic in my life." "Aye, but you did, Sir, and all the men heard it."

Also a soldier recently told the writer of the above in all sincerity that a flight of angels had intervened between the sight of his regiment and the German troops. His officer to whom the story was afterwards told, remarked, "It's true—I couldn't have believed it. But, yes, it's true. I saw it with my own eyes."

Again there are other men who in another place saw white horses prancing in front of German troops as if to warn the English at a certain point.

The above stories are not confined to the columns of some insignificant Journal, but they have found a place in the letters of officers and others to their friends in England. They are regarded as answers to the prayers of those of us who, at home, and elsewhere, have not forgotten our soldiers.

CHADLINGTON.

BAPTISM.—May 23rd, Gwendoline Ellen, daughter of J. E. and E. E. Capel.

BURIAL.—May 3rd, Ann Bond, aged 73 years.

The number of Communicants on Whitsunday was 71, which is a considerable increase over last year, for which we are very grateful. The Church was beautifully decorated, and we wish to thank the decorators and all who provided the flowers and plants. At Evensong the hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire," set to music by Thomas Attwood, was very nicely sung by the choir. The Collections throughout the day, which are devoted as a free-will offering to the Curate-in-Charge, amounted to £55 2s. The Rev. T. P. Field wishes to thank most sincerely the Parishioners for their most generous gift.

On May 20th, A very successful concert was held in Chadlington School on behalf of the British Farmers Serbian Red Cross Fund, the proceedings amounting to £11 3s. after expenses were paid. The promoters of the concert take this opportunity of thanking all who so kindly gave their services and others who took tickets and helped in various ways.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY BAPTISM.—May 9th, Ernest Robert, son of Ernest Henry and May Maria Phillips.—May 23rd, Phyllis Kate, daughter of John and Kate Marshall.—Edward James, son of James George and Mary Ann Gertrude Brain.—Frank, son of William and Amelia Eden.—Admitted into the Church—William Charles Marshall (baptized privately, April 23rd, 1911).

BURIAL.—May 22nd, Annie Austin, aged 65 years. Communicants from May 1st to 23rd, 178.

Collections during same period: Church Expenses, £1 6s. 5d.; Offertory Fund, 12s. 7½d.; Lighting Fund, 9s. 11d.; Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 18s. 11¾d.; Bishop of Oxford's Fund, £1 18s. 4d.

Canon Coles is coming again this year, as we have already announced, to conduct a Day of Devotion, on Tuesday, July 20th. We feel quite sure that if people will avail themselves of the opportunity they will find it of great help and comfort in these sad and anxious days. "Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee." The Services will begin as last year on the previous evening and will conclude with the Holy Communion on the Wednesday morning, but before the times comes leaflets containing all arrangements will be left at every house in the village.

It is more than probable that the annual tea and entertainment usually held on S. Peter's Day will not take place this year. Festivities do not seem to be appropriate at such times as these. The proceeds of the tea, etc. have always been given to the Churchwardens for Church expenses, but this year we must practise straight-going, *i.e.*, we must give as usual, and go without this little pleasure, and we shall be on our honour to see that the Churchwardens are properly provided with funds to pay the expenses connected with the upkeep of the Church. Let everybody therefore ask himself "what do I generally spend on S. Peter's day?" and put the same amount in the bag on the 1st Sunday in July, or else send it to the Churchwardens. In the early autumn we are proposing to have a Rummage Sale in the School, and therefore we hope people will begin to collect old clothes, etc.

Ascension Day was very wet this year, and partly from this and other causes the Services were not as bright as usual, but the Church was very prettily decorated both for this Festival and for Whitsuntide, and our best thanks are due to the decorators and to those who so kindly sent flowers.

The annual Meeting on behalf of the British & Foreign Bible Society will take place on Tuesday, June 8th, in the School at 7 p.m., and will be addressed by the Rev. E. W. G. Hudgell, the Organising Secretary for the Oxford Diocese. Mr. Hudgell is well known as an excellent and interesting speaker and we hope the meeting will be well attended.

It is with great regret that we announce that Claude Allen and William Jakeman have both been wounded, and that the latter has had to have his foot amputated, and we desire to express our deep sympathy with them and theirs.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

BAPTISM.—At Churchill on Whitsunday. May 23rd, Janet Elaine, daughter of Walter and Amy Ridley. Sponsors: Robert Kinch, Janet Ridley, Emmie McKirby.

MARRIAGE.—At S. James, Sarsden, on May 22nd, James Henry Belcher to Daisy Dorothy Pratt, both of Sarsden.

BURIAL.—May 8th, Thomas Day aged 53.

On the 17th June, the Festival of the G.F.S. and the Mothers' Union will be held. The Holy Communion will be at 7.45 a.m. at Churchill and a short Service at 3.30 p.m. with an Address, after which there will be tea at Haughton House.

The C.M.S. Missionary boxes will also be opened at Haughton House.

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Edmonds have received letters from Madame Valler expressing her family's grateful thanks to the inhabitants of Churchill and Sarsden for all the kindness received during their sojourn in Churchill.

SCHOOL NEWS.—The usual Whitsuntide holidays were given this year. There have been serious hindrances in the school work owing to the shortness of the staff. Miss Gwinnell has been ill with the measles but is making a good recovery.

The branch of the National Volunteer Training Corps has been well supported and an average attendance at the drills is over 30. Mr. Blair is a most enthusiastic Commandant, and encourages all to great effort by his conspicuous example. The School Roll of Honour numbers 49 members serving in the Army and Navy and the members of the Volunter Corps are following this good example.

Arthur Penson-Harris, an old boy of Churchill school, has seen much active Service since the beginning of the War and suffered much from cold and exposure in the winter. He is now in hospital in London. So far, the other boys serving, with one exception, are well.

The Mothers' Union has lost two of its most respected members this year, Mrs. Job Mullington whose burial was announced last month, and also Mrs. John Wilks. Both were well known and faithfully fulfilled their home duties, leaving their families the example of an upright industrious life. Mr. Thos. Day, whose life terminated after much suffering patiently borne, was likewise an example of industrious and faithful service. He had been 21 years on the Mount Farm in service with successive tenants.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

On Whitsunday there were celebrations of the Holy Communion at the hours usual on high Festivals, namely: at 6.30 and 10.30 at Idbury and at 8.0 at Fifield. The number of Communicants at Idbury was exactly the same as last year, which was the highest on record. The number at Fifield was rather less than in some other years

We have to record the first death amongst the soldiers connected with our parishes, namely, Joseph Henry Wilkins, who was killed by a trench-mortar about May 16th. He had served since the beginning of the war, but had not like some others, the opportunity of paying a visit to his relations. Much sympathy is felt for his young widow, who with her little boy, is living at her parents' house at Idbury.—R.I.P.

Harry Duester has recently paid a visit to his mother at Idbury. He is well in health, but he has not yet regained the use of his arm. Major Matthews, of the Canadians, has been wounded in the leg. Reuben Arthurs has been wounded for the second time. Corporal C. Gee, who was invalided home, has returned to his regiment, but is not yet to go back to the front. Fred Evans is at home unwell and Walter Davis has been visiting his parents in Fifield. It was rumoured that four of our representatives from Bould and Foscott would spend Whitsuntide at home, but their relatives have again been disappointed. Donald Matthews has gone to Flanders, Lieut. Guy Bailey is in Gallipoli.

On Tuesday, May 25th, at 6 p.m. there was a large gathering in Fifield Churchyard of men invited by Mr. Matthews, Churchwarden. Many hands make light work, and in less than two hours, what had been almost a wilderness was transformed into a model of neatness and order.

BAPTISMS.—At *Idbury* on Palm Sunday, March 28th, Kathleen Annie, daughter of William and Elizabeth Judge—At *Fifield* on Easter Day, April 1h, Gerald Harvey, son of John Richard and Ellen odden.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.

Vicar: W. Collingwood Carter, M.A., Ch. Ch., Surrogate, Rural Dean.

Churchwardens: H. Mawle, E. H. Dee.

Sidesmen:

A. Miles, M. Bunting, J. E. H. Parsons, B.A., M.R.C.S., Strong, A. Miles (junior), R. Townsend, J. Pittaway (senior)

Clerk: S. Coombes. Sexton: J. Steed.

On May 5th.—The Devonshire soldiers left their billets at Leafield and went under canvas at Langley.

On 13th.—They returned to Devonshire, and were relieved by a detachment of the Liverpool National Reserves of 107 men. The Bungalow for the Marconi operators is finished and looks very comfortable.

Mrs. Dee died on April 28th. The end came unexpectedly. She had lived almost all her life at Shipton and will be much missed. After the Burial, which was attended by very many, a muffled peal was rung on the bells.

On Ascension Day the bells rang at 5 a.m. The day was observed, as far as could be, in the Church as a great Festival. The offerings were for the Diocesan Candidates' Fund, at Dorchester; as also on the following Sunday.

On Whitsun Day there were 120 Communion made. The Early Celebration was choral. The offertories during the day were for the Burford Cottage Hospital, except that in the afternoon the children gave their offerings (called Whitsun Farthings) to the Diocesan Fund.

Many people have been energetic in work for the soldiers. About 500 sand bags have been made, and money collected for recreation tents, etc., etc.

BAPTISMS.—May 9th, Cecil John Viner.—May 23rd, Lilian Rose Jane Baldwin.

BURIALS.—April 29th, Ellen Steed, aged 45 years.—May 2nd, Mary Catherine Dee, aged 86 years.

G.F.S.

The Branch Secretary has received the two following letters which will be of interest to Members:—

"BUCKINGHAM PALACE,
APRIL 17TH.

To the Members of the Chipping Norton Branch.

I am desired by the Queen to express Her Majesty's sincere thanks for the donation of £4 6s. which you have so generously given to the "Work for Women Fund."

Your obedient servant,
ETHEL PEARSON."

"33 PORTLAND PLACE, W.

DEAR MADAM,

In the name of the Queen's Committee permit us to thank you for the splendid contribution of £4 6s. which the Members of your Branch of the G.F.S. have subscribed.

The Committee think this is splendid. Please convey to all who have subscribed how much we appreciate the help they have rendered to the Fund.

Yours truly,
ELEANOR ROXBURGH, Hon Sec."

CHIPPING NORTON RURI-DECANAL CONFERENCE.

The Annual Ruri-decanal Conference will be held at Chipping Norton, on Thursday, the 10th of June. The proceedings will be as follows:—

11.30 a.m. Chairman's Address.

Morning } "The War; our duties as to our
Subject. } soldiers at the Front, and our
 } people at home."

1 p.m. Luncheon.

2 p.m. Election of Representatives to the Oxford Diocesan Conference.

2 30 } "Sunday—How can we take advan-
Afternoon } tage of the present crisis to
Subject. } promote its better observance."

THE CHIPPING NORTON Deanery Magazine.



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CHARLBURY & SHORTHAMPTON.
CHADLINGTON.
CHURCHILL & SARSDEN.
CORNWELL.
ENSTONE

FIFIELD & IDEBURY.
HEYTHROP.
HOOK NORTON.
FINSTOCK.
LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.
GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

SALFORD.
MILTON & LYNEHAM.
RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
SPELSBURY.
CHASTLETON.

& DAYLESFORD.

JULY.

CALENDAR.

1915.

1	Th	
2	F	Visitation of the B.V. Mary
3	S	
4	S	5th Sunday after Trinity. Translation of S. Martin, B.C.
5	M	
6	T	
7	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
8	Th	
9	F	
10	S	
11	S	6th Sunday after Trinity.
12	M	
13	Tu	
14	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council
15	Th	Translation of S. Swithin B.
16	F	
17	S	
18	S	7th Sunday after Trinity.
19	M	
20	Tu	S. Margaret, V. M.
21	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
22	Th	S. Mary Magdalene.
23	F	
24	S	
25	S	8th Sunday after Trinity. S. James, A.M.
26	M	S. Anne.
27	Tu	
28	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
29	Th	
30	F	
31	S	

4th, Last Quarter, 5h. 54m. a.m.
12th, New Moon, 9h. 31m. a.m.

19th, First Quarter, 9h. 29m. p.m.
26th, Full Moon, 0h. 11m. p.m.

s for the next Magazine should be sent not later than JULY 25th, to the EDITOR, CORNWELL RECTORY, CHIPPING NORTON.

All business communications to be addressed to the Messrs. W. C. Hayes, Ltd., Chipping Norton.

Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

Parish Priest—Rev. G. A. Littledale, M.A.,
Surrogate for granting Marriage Licences.

Assistant Priest—Rev. E. Ll. Weight.

Churchwardens—Austin Webb.

A. J. Bolwell,

for Chipping Norton.

Capt. Daly, for Over Norton.

Organist and Clerk—Hubert E. Cook, 7 Church Street.

Organist and Choirmaster—Ernest C. Cook,

Deputy Organist and Choirmaster—

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

BAPTISMS.—June 6th, Frederick Kitchener Benwell, son of Fred Warde and Ada Heath.

MARRIAGE.—June 14th, William Thomas Gwynn and Letitia Diana Haynes, both of Chipping Norton.

BURIALS.—June 10th, Anne Bevercombe, 259 Jowley Road, Oxford, aged 68 years.—May 28, Mary Stratford, 181 Douglas Road, Acock's Green, aged 70 years.—June 30th, Caroline McNeil, 217 King's Road, Reading, aged 76 years.

The Vicarage,

Chipping Norton,

June 30th, 1915.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

It will hardly be necessary, and I would certainly find it very difficult, to take any formal farewell of you all on my relinquishing the post of Vicar of Chipping Norton for that of Vicar of Stoke Lyne, near Bicester. Remaining in the same County, we shall not be far off geographically and I trust we shall never be separated in sympathy and prayers and may find it a constant happiness to bear in mind the oneness of our hopes and our efforts for the welfare of the dear "Mother Church" to which we belong—in whatever parish it may be planted.

The Bishop of Oxford has appointed July 16th for my Institution to Stoke Lyne, and by that act the Benefice of Chipping Norton will become formally vacant; the Churchwardens, by virtue of their office will have charge of the Benefice during the vacancy and

will see that all the spiritual offices are duly performed and the Bishop has signified his intention of appointing the Rev. E. Ll. Weight as Curate-in-Charge for this purpose until the new Incumbent can come into residence. He has not yet been appointed by the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester (who have been Patrons of this Living since 1391), but the appointment may be expected any day.

Meanwhile on behalf of ourselves and of him who is to serve you in this important Parish, let us in the spirit of brotherhood supplicate the continuance of the aid of our merciful Lord, and ask that the work which was begun in His name may be continued to His Glory and be evermore established in us by obedience to His Divine precepts.

Believe me,

Ever yours faithfully,

G. A. LITTLEDALE.

CHASTLETON.

BAPTISM.—On Trinity Sunday, May 30th, Victor Nelson, son of Charles Albert, and Fanny Corbett. Sponsors: W. R. Gingell, Mr. Corbett jnr., and Mrs. Corbett.

WOUNDED HEROES ENTERTAINED.—On Tuesday, June 1st, Mrs. Richardson of Chastleton House, kindly entertained 16 wounded soldiers brought in motor cars from Abbotswood.

RED CROSS SOCIETY.—The County collection for the above society took place at Chastleton on Saturday June 5th, and amounted to £9 6s. 3d., of which £4 10s. was collected in gold, and all the rest in silver and copper. Mrs. Veronica Richardson and Miss Betty Burnley collected at Chastleton, Master John and Miss Mary Henderson at Little Compton, and Miss Spencer at Kitebrook.

CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY.—A mixed conference of Clergy and Laity took place at Chipping Norton on Thursday, June 10th, the Rector, Mr. Willett, and Mr. Gingell attended to represent Chastleton.

A box kindly given by Mrs. Richardson has been placed in the Church with the idea of collecting contributions from visitors. The money thus collected will form a fund for the upkeep of the Churchyard, etc.

DAY SCHOOL.—The Divinity inspection of the Chastleton School will take place on Tuesday, July 6th.

The Roll of Honour contains ten names of which several are now in the trenches.

THE DEANERY MAGAZINE.—Copies each month may be obtained from Miss Jarvis, Chastleton and Miss Marshall, Brookend.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.

Vicar: W. Collingwood Carter, M.A., Ch. Ch., Surrogate,
Rural Dean.

Churchwardens: H. Mawle, E. H. Dee.

Sidesmen:

A. Miles, M. Bunting, J. E. H. Parsons, B.A., M.R.C.S.,
J. Strong, A. Miles (junior), R. Townsend, J. Pittaway (senior)

Clerk: S. Coombes. Sexton: J. Steed.

On June 3rd the Fete at the Court on behalf of disabled Sailors and Soldiers was a great success owing to the energy of Mrs. Huntington and her Committee. An account has appeared in the local paper. We believe the gross receipts amounted to £150.

On June 5th, Shipton collected £13 for the Red Cross.

On June 6th, The Three Resolutions, passed by a meeting of the Diocesan Bishops of England and Wales, and the Archbishops' Pastoral Letter were read in the Church, and in the Mission Chapel. The Letter spoke of the severity of the national ordeal and of the necessity of having a reverent sense of the sovereignty of God, and a Spirit of sacrifice, and the Spirit of Prayer with all that it entails.

On June 10, was held the Deanery Mixed Conference. The Vicar, the two Churchwardens and Mr. Bunting, Sidesman, attended and eight laymen of the Deanery were elected to represent us for three years on the Diocesan Conference of whom Mr. Dee, Mr. F. W. P. Matthews and Mr. Way, our near neighbours, were three. Some excellent papers were read on the subjects selected for discussion.

Private John Wright has won a gold medal, a silver medal and a silver cup for long distance Regimental Divisional Races.

June 12th. The Deanery Sunday School Association held their Festival at Shipton.

A lecture was given on the Norman Conquest by the Rev. E. L. Weight, in the Vicarage garden and at the Service the Sermon was preached by the Vicar of Burford. Tea was provided in the Beaconsfield Hall and the afternoon passed away very pleasantly. About 70 attended.

G.F.S.—June 17th. The members of Shipton, Milton and Fifield met at Frogmore by kind invitation of Mrs. Way and were hospitably entertained. About 20 went from Shipton.

BURIAL.—June 2nd, Mary Ann Harris, aged 89.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY BAPTISMS.—June 20th, Henry George, son of Percy Creed and Annie Buggins.—June 27th, Percy Kitchener, son of Thomas and Adeline Rogers.

HOLY MATRIMONY.—June 5th, John Richard Woodward and Margaret Annie Messenger.—June 13th, John Thomas Robbins and Grace Elizabeth Gardner.

Number of Communicants to June 27th, 83.

Collections during same period; Church Expenses, £1 6s. 10½d.; Offertory Fund, 11s. 9½d.; Lighting Fund, 9s. 8½d.; Choir Fund, 12s. 11½d.; Sunday School, 11s. 7½d.; Poor Fund, 12s. 9½d.; Restoration Fund, 12s. 1d.

The great event of July will be the long expected visit of Canon Coles to conduct a Day of Devotion on the 20th, and that the Services may be well attended should be the earnest wish and prayer of us all. Amid the din and tumult of this world-wide war in which so many countries are involved it will help us all to retire as it were for a season to be alone with God to find in Him our refuge in time of trouble. The awful events of these present days impress upon us forcibly the fact that we are citizens of this world and we need to be sustained with the thought that we are also citizens of a much better world in which God—the God of Love—reigns supreme. It is in that world in which God reigns that we shall find that peace and happiness which this material world cannot either at this time or at any other give or take away. It is to be hoped therefore that our people will avail themselves of this opportunity of drawing near to God that He may according to His promise draw near to us. It is as if our Lord was saying to us again "Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile," or "Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy-laden, and I will refresh you."

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

It was not possible to arrange for the full observance of the Patronal Festival at S. John Baptist Church at Fifield; but there was Matins at 7.40, Holy Communion at 8.0 and Evensong at 5.30.

On Thursday, July 1st, being the Octave, there will be Holy Communion at 9.0 a.m. and the Sunday Schools' Treat in the afternoon.

On Thursday, June 24th, at 8.30 p.m., there was a meeting at Fifield Reading Room to arrange for the growing of vegetables for wounded soldiers. Colonel Kettlewell, who presided, explained the scheme which he had in his mind, and it was agreed that one of the Rectory Allotments should be planted, the men of the village supplying the necessary labour. Colonel Kettlewell offered to pay expenses and Mr. Matthews and Mr. Bishop also said they would help.

BAPTISM.—At *Idbury*, June 13th, Lillian Eva, daughter of Charles Frederick and Gertrude Ellen Leadbetter.—June 13th, Thomas William, son of Albert and Lydia Maud Bond.

BURIAL.—*Fifield*, June 19th, George Barnes, aged 82.

MARRIAGE.—On June 5th, at S. James' Church, Derby by the Reverend D. Haseler, William Leonard Fowkes to Mabel Kate Suden, of *Idbury*.

SARSDEN-cum-CHURCHILL

PTISMS.—June 13th, at Sarsden Church, Leonard, of Leonard William and Mary Jane Bushrod. Sors: the parents.—May 8th, at Morris. Mani- James William, son of John and Lizzie Trinder of Sarsden.)

ie contributions for the Oxfordshire Red Cross ociation, taken on Saturday, June 5th, from den and Churchill amounted to £9 13s. 5d. as

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he Parochial Church Council Meeting for Sarsden iced for Thursday, July 1st, at 7.30 p.m. at the ate office, and for Churchill on Monday, July 5th, 7.30 at the Infant School. Agenda:—The nutes of the last meeting, The Revision of the ified Electors, The Deanery Magazine, Poor and k Fund, Church Music Fund & any other business.

The Rector attended a Representative Meeting of Church Missionary Society held at Salisbury are. Fleet Street, London, on June 11th, to con- er the question of Retrenchment or Advance with erence to the work of Foreign Missions. The sult was as follows:—Whilst there is but small spect of any additional help coming from Oxford- ire this year, still in other parts of England, specially in the North, there appear to be grounds hope that substantial help will be forth-coming, meet expenses. On July 13th, a strong Com- ittee Meeting will be held to decide whether some of e Missionaries are to be sent home or not.

With reference to our Parish, Mrs. Martin, of Winhill, has kindly consented to act as Chief ollector with Miss Dorothy Treweeke's assistance. The object being to collect id. a week from any who el disposed to help the C.M.S. in this way. Should is scheme be regularly out by donors and flectors, the result will add much to our annual tributions. Those who have not up to the present elped with Foreign Mission work are earnestly asked o co-operate.

Mr. Dick begs to thank on behalf of the wounded illiers and sailors all the donors of fresh eggs who ent to the National Collection. Since the commence- ment, 20th January, 1915, 2,070 eggs have been eceived and dispatched; 1,800 to the Central Depot ondon; 270 to 3rd Southern General Hospital Oxford.

SCHOOL NEWS.—The Schools closed on June 19th, or three weeks holiday for hay-making. The work ill be resumed on July 12th. Miss Gwinnell who s been Certificated Association Mistress here for 7½ ars. has been appointed Head Mistress of Whit- urch School near Reading. Her successor is Miss ough from the training College, Cheltenham, who kes up her duties on the re-opening. Also Miss orris, from Stratton Audley School near Bicester, is

joining the Staff, which for some time has been below full strength.

H. M. Inspector, Mr. C. B. Hunt, visited the School on June 18th, and remained for the whole afternoon.

The School children and teachers kindly contributed towards a parcel for Trooper William Hicks, 11th Hussars, who wrote from the Front. He is an orphan and no doubt will much appreciate the large cake, toffee, chocolate, cigarettes, soap and socks which were included in the parcel.

On June 17th, the festival of the Girls' Friendly Society and Mothers' Union was held. The services at 7.45 a.m. and 3 p.m. were well attended and a pleasant afternoon was passed at the Rectory, where tea was kindly provided by Mrs. Johnson.

SPELSBURY.

BURIALS.—May 26th, Lydia Eliza Dillon, aged 65 years.—June 13th, Trevor Hunt, aged 2 years.—June 19th, Arthur Smith, aged 79 years.

We have to record as above the deaths of three parishioners. Miss Dillon, of the Cottage, a long resident in our midst, and full of good works, will be sorely missed but remembered with affection by all who knew her.

Trevor Hunt, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunt of Taston, was accidentally drowned in a horse-trough in the farm yard. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Hunt and family in their bereavement.

Arthur Smith, but lately come to this parish from Enstone, was nevertheless known here to many; he leaves a wife to lament him.—R.I.P.

Your Vicar wishes to acknowledge with grateful thanks the gift by a parishioner of a Velvet Kneeler for the Litany Desk.

Since our June number the names of Morton Allen, George Acres and W. H. Tucker, have been added to the Spelsbury "Roll of Honour."

Oxford Red Cross Day, June 5th. Eight of our energetic young folk made a house-to-house canvass for the above object. Result, £2 12s. 6½d. Well done! Church Collections, May 23rd, to June 20th. Church Expenses £3 4s. 0½d; Sick and Needy 8s. 2d

It is with great regret that we have to chronicle this month the death of one of the most respected of our parishioners, Miss Dillon of The Cottage, which took place on May 22nd. Her kindness and generosity, especially to the old folks, will be sadly missed. Our Church, too, has lost in her one of its staunchest supporters and her place will be very hard to fill. The children, too, will miss her cheery smile and kind words, for whenever anything in the nature of a treat for them was being carried out, they could always be sure of her generous help. She was laid to rest on Wednesday, May 26th, amid the sorrowing manifestations of the villagers, the choir attending as a mark of their respect. The sad event has cast quite a gloom over the village.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

MARRIAGES.—May 1st, William Mark Dale, bachelor of Milton, and Ellen Burson, spinster of Fifield.—June 23rd, at Fulham Mr T. W. Lewis to Mary Tibbetts, of Milton.

BURIALS.—May 13th, Sarah Widdows, aged 51 years. June 9th, Harriet Annie Wilks, of Bruern, aged 54 years.

We have little news to chronicle this month. On Wednesday, June 9th, a most successful Rummage Sale was held at the Vicarage. We generally have a sale every year or every other year, for the purpose of providing for the up-keep of the Iron Room. This year the proceeds amounted to £3 13s. 6d., which will carry us along well for at least another year, and considering the calls that are being made upon us on account of the War, we feel that this was most successful. On June 5th, the Red Cross Cause was taken up throughout the County of Oxford, and we hear that the sum of something just over £300 was collected; this is a very satisfactory amount, but it was one of course that appealed very strongly to every loyal citizen. We observe that the amount collected in our parish was £6 18s. 9d. an amount which we need not feel ashamed of. In looking over the official statement that was issued we notice that the population of our parish is given as 1271, whilst in reality it is only 1003, and when we consider that 80 of our parishioners are in some way or other engaged in a Military capacity, this makes it still less.

Charlbury contributed over £50 and heads the list of parishes in our Deanery, but when we consider the population, we are obliged to award the palm to Cornwell, where the population is only 85, and they contributed £11 5s. 3d. which amounts to 2s. 7½d. per head of the population.

On June 17th, the members of the Girls' Friendly Society, in the parishes of Milton, Shipton and Fifield met at Milton for their Corporate Communion. The Rural Dean very kindly officiating at the 8 a.m. Service, in the absence of the Vicar, and at the Evening Service, the Rev. G. E. Mann, Rector of Fifield, kindly took the service, and gave the address. The collections at the two Services, which will be given to the G.F.S., amounted to 19s. 1d. Our thanks are due both to the Rural Dean, and also to the Rector of Fifield for so kindly officiating.

We have had our Collection for the Oxford Diocesan Fund, and we are very glad to say that despite hard times our people have shown that they are determined that money needed for Church work shall not be lacking, and the Church Wardens inform us that our apportionment has been met. We desire to thank those who have so gladly and willingly helped us; and we hope in future years the same willing response will be made under, we trust, more favourable auspices.

The Belgian family, that has been our guest now for several months past, has found work at Chipping

Norton, and we think our parish may feel proud that it had been able to help them in this critical time. I feel sure we have all been glad to help them to bear the awful burden that has been placed upon them.

CORNWELL.

BURIALS.—June 5th, Frederick Henry Hill, aged 18 years.—June 8th, Catherine Mary Penyston, aged 80 years. R.I.P.

"RED CROSS DAY" for the sick and wounded was a red letter day in Cornwell. Though almost the smallest parish in the Deanery, the results of the collection were splendid. With a total population of 80, between £11 and £12 were collected. Mrs. Hall, who organised the Red Cross Day Collections for this part of the County, very justly remarks "I think we may be very proud of our village."

We have had two new graves in our little Churchyard this month, their occupants, aged 80 and 18 respectively, being both much beloved. Mrs. Penyston, widow of the late J. F. Penyston, Esq., the former Squire and Lord of the Manor, resided here for some 20 years and her name is still much respected and beloved. Since her husband's death in 1893, she has resided at Chipping Norton, but often paid Cornwell a visit. She passed away on the 4th of June, and was laid to rest at Cornwell on the following Tuesday. A large number of her old friends and relations attended her funeral.

Frederick Henry Hill, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hill, of whom we wrote last month, died at the Alexandra Hospital at Portsmouth on the 2nd of June. He passed away very peacefully, being conscious to the last. His body was brought back to Cornwell, at his own desire, and laid to rest on the Saturday following. All our people, young and old, were present at his funeral and paid their last adieu to a noble boy who, on the eve of his 18th birthday, had given his life for his King and Country.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill wish to thank all their friends for their kindness and sympathy.

The following letter from an old comrade speaks for itself of the love and esteem "Freddy" had earned among his friends and companions:—

"Just a little tribute to our Cornwell hero."

It is with deep regret that I learn of the death of Pte. F. Hill of the Oxon and Bucks L.I. who died in hospital from heart failure. Although he had not been in the firing line he has done his duty and done it bravely. In him I found a good and kind-hearted young fellow and I am sure he will be greatly missed by his many friends round about the district of Cornwell. I now close with deep sympathy to the deceased's parents and relatives.

By his devoted friend,

W. MUMFORD.

Cable Section Royal Engineers.
(late Royal Navy).

"Gone, but not forgotten."

SALFORD.

district of Lincolnshire, where the Rector charge of a Parish for a few weeks, a ard cross is promised to the village which rd to its population can show the largest Honour. It is gratifying that during the nth ten out of a good number who wished t have been accepted, so that Salford can no be classed among the parishes wanting in ni patriotic spirit in the Country's hour of May God's blessing and Fatherly hand of ion be over our new recruits as it has been hose from amongst us, who have for some time in the service of King and Country. The ing are the fresh names added to our Roll of r—*Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars*: Ptes. r Horst, Walter Frank Jacques, Thomas Rose, r Sonch. *Oxford Heavy Battery*: Ptes. George w, William Barrow. *Army Veterinary Corps*: Henry Baylis. *Oxon & Bucks Light Infantry*: Arthur Woodward, Harry Woodward, Joseph ie. The Rector will be pleased to receive ographs of the 25 now on our Roll of Honour, he may place them on a glazed board in the reh Porch. We were pleased to see in the onation on Sunday, June 27th, L. G. Toulmin of H.A.C. He returned from France the previous ing after six months in the trenches. He has some very trying experiences with bullets and s flying all around him and is greatly enjoying ew days' rest in peaceful Salford. We con-ulate him on being gazetted 2nd Lieut. in the Suffolks. The Rector has had a few lines from - Cpl. W. Yates now at the front, who says that s well with him and that he would like to have arish Magazine, so as to know what is going on he village. The Rector will send this.

is with great pleasure we have received a very gift made to the Church by Mr. H. S. Beasley, . Carpenters' Crew. It is an Alms Box (much ed), and what makes it more valued is the fact it is the work of his own skilful hands; the d is oak, substantial and very nicely finished, the tly carved Maltese cross adding to its beauty. hope that Mr. Beasley's example of presenting ood a gift to the House of God may be followed others. We are sure it is acceptable in His t. The Box will be for Church Expenses and elp us to make the Church and its Services as

perfect as possible. Visitors to a Church often like an opportunity of assisting in such matters and we should all be glad to make an offering to God after some special blessing.

The Salford Boy Scouts are to take part in the Rally at Chadlington on Thursday, July 1st.

Considering how small and poor our Parish is we think the sum of £2 4s. 3d. collected on Red Cross Day was not so bad, the Rector adds 10s. from the Rectory, as he was away at the time, making the total £2 14s. 3d. The members of the committee, Mrs. Phillips, the Misses Carver, Rose and Thornton are to be congratulated on the energetic way in which they put forward the claims of their collecting boxes and found purchasers for the little flags

The children will please prepare themselves and their gifts for the Flower Service to be held on Sunday, July 11th, at 3 p.m. Eggs and dolls and anything that would be acceptable to the poor little sufferers at the Radcliffe Hospital may be offered.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

The collection kindly made by Mrs. Williams on Red Cross Day amounted to 10s. 6d. which was good. We do not understand why it has been omitted from the published list of parishes, populations and proceeds.

DEANERY SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

The midsummer meeting of the Association was held this year at Shipton, on June 12th, fine weather once more favouring us. About 70 were present in all, including nine of the Clergy.

The Rev. E. Ll. Weight, in his interesting lecture on "The Norman Conquest and the Church," showed how England was brought by the Conquest into the fuller stream of Church life and order and learning, but was made more entirely papal. Edward the Confessor led on to this. The Rev. G. A. Littledale, who is now to our great regret leaving the Deanery, added to the lecture some interesting notes as to the Norman parts of Churches in our own district. The Rev. H. Heathcote observed that the Saxons used better mortar than the Normans.

At Evensong the Rev. W. Emeris preached the Annual Sermon, urging us to be "positive" in our teaching. The collection towards Association expenses amounted to £1 11s. 9d.

CHIPPING NORTON RURI-DECANAL CONFERENCE.

A conference of the clergy and laity of the Rural Deanery was held at the Parish Room, Chipping Norton on Thursday, June 10th. The Rev. W. Collingwood Carter presided, and among others present were the Hon. Secretary (the Rev. R. P. Burnett), the Revs. G. A. Littledale, E. Ll. Weight, A. Shildrick, A. Carey Elwes, J. D. Payne, T. C. Tanner, H. Heathcote, E. C. Freeman, W. J. Palmer, C. Walford, W. Fisher, Dr. Holbrooke, H. G. Gulley, Messrs. Giles Edmunds, M. K. Pearson, H. E. H. Way, W. Harling, W. Wilson, J. Hughes, W. Willett, Henry Hartley, F. Alderton, B. Luker, Dr. Birts, G. Winnett, B. Stowe, W. Barker, J. Silman, W. Harvey F. W. P. Matthews, J. W. B. Kinvig, H. Chaundy, J. A. Bowl, A. F. Gear, E. J. Sturdy, E. H. Dee, M. P. Bunting, H. Nawle, J. A. Barnley, R. Gingell, James, Collett, H. R. F. Sturch, etc.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICAR OF CHIPPING NORTON.

The CHAIRMAN, in his opening remarks referred to the fact that several changes had taken place among the clergy in the Rural Deanery during the year. They were thankful to say that they had not been caused by death, but by transference to other centres. The Rector of Salford, who had held office since 1906, had moved to another County and Diocese, and other removals included the Vicar of Spelsbury, who had held office for 16 years, and the Rector of Heythrop, who had held office for nine years. He referred with regret to the approaching departure of the Rev. G. A. Littledale, to whom the clergy of the deanery were making a presentation. He would be pleased to have the opportunity of making this presentation. Firstly, it devolved upon him, with the exception of Mr. Lee, who was unable to do so; secondly, he had had great pleasure in initiating the movement. Perhaps the principal source of pleasure was because, he supposed, he had the honour of the friendship of Mr. Littledale longer than any other incumbent in the district; Captain Littledale and himself held commissions in the old Oxford University Rifle Corps at the same time. This Corps has now become the Oxford University Officers' Training Corps. It was some satisfaction to him, and he was sure it was to Mr. Littledale, to feel that they had been associated in the past with a movement that had so nobly responded and been of such assistance in the present crisis. When Mr. Littledale succeeded his (the chairman's) grandfather and father in the Office of Rural Dean, they all realized that he was the right man in the right place. Since he had resigned from those duties he had always been willing to render any assistance to him in carrying out the duties. His removal from their midst would be a great loss to the deanery. They would ask him to accept the peal of bells to

remind him of the true quality of the thoughts of his fellow clergymen of the Chipping Norton deanery, who offered the gift.

The presentation consisted of a dinner gong, in the form of a mounted peal of handbells, and bore the inscription: Presented to the Rev. G. A. Littledale, M.A., by the incumbents of the Chipping Norton Rural Deanery in affectionate remembrance."

*"Our lives like bells while clanging,
An ordered course pursue;
Through joy and sorrow ranging,
May every clang ring true."*

The REV. G. A. LITTEDALE, in responding later, said he was extremely grateful to his brethren who had been kind enough to offer him this little parting gift from the Rural Deanery of Chipping Norton. He was doubly pleased in the thought that the Rural Dean had been kind enough to remind them of the old days in Oxford, and the renewal of the friendship on his coming to Chipping Norton. He thought he could very well say that he had never been aware of there being the slightest difference of feeling one from another. To a certain extent, he hoped he could say it was the same throughout the Deanery. He added that he was going to an incumbency near Bicester in the same Archdeaconry. The gift which they had made him would be valued extremely for its own sake, intrinsically, and also for the feeling which it showed.

The CHAIRMAN referred to the business of the agenda, and the subjects which would be brought forward for consideration.

The REV. R. P. BURNETT presented a statement as to the finances of the conference.

THE WAR.

The REV. J. D. PAYNE spoke on "Our Duties to our Soldiers at the Front and our People at Home," and in opening this subject said he would like the discussion on this matter to be of real help to them in their parishes. The speaker referred to the sense of religious spirit amongst the Soldiers and said the effect of the War had tended to increase that spirit among those who are fighting for us.

MR. H. E. H. WAY said it seemed to him their first duty was keep their arms upraised and continue in prayer. They should all be united and drop the petty strifes which had hindered them for so many years. The speaker referred to the marvellous way the sympathy of the people had been shown and the way our villages were responding to every appeal made to them.

The Rev. R. P. Burnett and Rev. Dr. Holbrooke also spoke.

Ruri-Decanal Conference—continued.

The subject of

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

was discussed at the Afternoon Session.

MR. GILES EDMONDS said the way in which Sunday should be observed is a subject upon which various views have been held, but I am sure that the average British man or woman does value Sunday, and regrets to see the day gradually being lost as a holy day, and becoming a day of pleasure.

Since the institution of the Sunday Lay Movement in 1901, which 10 years later was amalgamated with the Imperial Sunday Alliance, there has been a definite movement amongst laymen to endeavour to preserve the day from losing its highest value.

It is not always an easy matter to arouse people to give time and trouble to attend to what are sometimes called serious subjects. Life has been such a rush, all available spare time was required for pleasure of some kind, Sunday excursions, Sunday cinemas, Sunday parties and other Sunday attractions have been very largely on the increase, and how could time be spared for Sunday Observance?

This was the picture before the war.

It seems to me that no more opportune time than the present could be chosen to awaken interest in the movement for the preservation of the Day of Rest, and I hope that Church Conferences and all who have influence in the matter will bring the subject forward. It is not that the war has given us many fresh opportunities of advancing the cause of Sunday Observance, but it has tended to make us have a more serious outlook upon life, and therefore warnings that have hitherto fallen unheeded may now bear fruit.

For the past 10 months we have been learning that to make a fortune or to have a good time, is not the highest destiny of man, that selfish pleasures are very fleeting, and that religion is not a luxury for the few, but a necessary support for us all.

There are a few words in the pastoral letter recently written by the Archbishops, which was read in the Churches in this Diocese last Sunday, which is particularly appropriate to the subject before us. We have—they write—in days of quiet, made too little of the claim of God upon our lives. Can we wonder that in stern hours like this, it is hard to breathe afresh the deep and simple thought which we have allowed to grow languid and uncertain? But the re-kindling there must be."

In the manner in which the day should be spent should be largely a matter for the conscience of each individual, and I certainly am not going to attempt to say what may or may not be done on Sunday. I do venture to say that there is no full justification of the value of Sunday, unless the two principles of Worship and Rest are, as far as possible, observed.

Worship is due from us to God, and surely we shew great ingratitude to Him if we neglect to join in public worship ourselves, or, by our thoughtlessness, prevent others from doing so.

Sunday is a weekly opportunity to give time and thought to those things which concern the most important part of our lives. It sets aside a definite time for spiritual refreshment and bodily rest. Without Sunday there would, I think, be great danger that business and pleasure would absorb our whole time, not from any wilful opposition to the observance of the day, but it would seem that we were always too fully occupied to think of other things.

Few will deny the necessity of rest, the second principle of Sunday observance. The strongest body needs occasional rest. The most powerful mind cannot always be at work without evil results. We require rest from our everyday employment, a change of occupation, a putting aside for the day of things that have had our chief attention throughout the week, a break in the monotony of our everyday lives, a weekly reminder that there is something higher to work for than our material welfare.

If we value the day for ourselves we shall do our utmost that others shall not be deprived of their Sunday rights. We shall avoid as far as possible doing anything that gives unnecessary employment to others on Sunday. We shall see to it that our example and influence shall be to encourage the observance of the day. Example is of far greater importance than we may sometimes imagine. The young, especially, are much influenced by what they see others do. If children see their parents disregarding Sunday, can we expect them to look upon the day as more sacred than the other six, or be surprised that indifference in the matter is largely on the increase?

England's Sunday has, in the past, helped much towards England's greatness, and a decline of regard for Sunday is a symptom of decay in religious life.

If we, as an Empire, are to be a leading power for good in the world, and we trust that after the War that may be our position, we must determine that we, who for various causes cannot join in fighting our enemies in the field, will use all the influence at our command to defeat any tendencies to evil which have in the past inclined to drag down the Nation. And we trust that when the longed-for hour of victory and peace arrives, and our soldiers return to their homes once again, having learned many lessons on the battlefield, they may find that we at home have been taught much too, and that the England that welcomes them back is a better England than they left, more determined that the Empire shall no longer be weakened by the neglect of our Sundays.

The Revs. W. Fisher, T. C. Tanner, J. D. Payne, W. J. Palmer, R. P. Burnett, G. A. Littledale, and Mr. M. K. Pearson also spoke.

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& DAYLESFORD.

SALFORD.
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SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
SPELSBURY.
CHASTLETON.

AUGUST.

CALENDAR.

1915.

1	S	9th Sunday after Trinity. Lammas Day.
2	M	
3	T	
4	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
5	Th	
6	F	The Transfiguration.
7	S	Name of Jesus.
8	S	10th Sunday after Trinity.
9	M	
10	Tu	S. Lawrence D. M.
11	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council
12	Th	
13	F	
14	S	
15	S	11th Sunday after Trinity.
16	M	
17	Tu	
18	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
19	Th	
20	F	
21	S	
22	S	12th Sunday after Trinity.
23	M	S. Bartholomew, A. M.
24	Tu	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
25	W	
26	Th	
27	F	
28	S	S. Augustine, B. C. D.
29	S	13th Sunday after Trinity. Beheading of S. John Baptist.
30	M	
31	Tu	

2nd, Last Quarter, 9h. 27m. p.m.
10th, New Moon, 10h. 52m. p.m.

18th, First Quarter, 2h. 17m. a.m.
24th, Full Moon, 9h. 41m. p.m.

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

Assistant Priest—Rev. E. Ll. Weight.

Sexton and Clerk—Hubert E. Cook, 7 Church Street.

Organist and Choirmaster—Ernest C. Cook,

Deputy Organist and Choirmaster—

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

Churchwardens—Austin Webb.

A. J. Bolwell,

for Chipping Norton.

Capt. Daly, for Over Norton.

BAPTISMS.—July 4th, Mary Primrose, daughter of John Edward and Mary Elizabeth Lord.—7th, William Charles, son of Harry and Laura Wilson (adult).—8th, Eva, daughter of William and Fanny Bond (adult).—11th, Eric, son of Edward Philip and Ellen Margetts.

MARRIAGES.—July 12th, Herbert Edgar Worley, of Watlington, Near Oxford, and Mabel Woodward.—24th, Edgar Ricketts, Royal Navy, and Eva Bond.

On July 10th, the parishioners made a presentation, and said good-bye to their late Vicar. We wish him every blessing in the work at Stoke Lyne. After nearly 30 years residence in Chipping Norton the wrench between Priest and Parish must have been very hard indeed. The Rev. Herbert Arkell, Vicar of Tytherington in the Diocese of Gloucester, has been presented to the living by the Dean and Chaplain of Gloucester Cathedral. He hopes to be amongst us early in October. We shall give him a hearty welcome.

On July 12th, the Choir boys had their outing to Oxford and Abingdon. A river steamer was chartered, and took them to Abingdon. The weather was rather stormy, but all seemed to enjoy themselves very well. Mr. Crowther was the able organizer of the outing and accompanied the party.

On Sunday, 25th at the close of Evensong the men on active service from this Parish were specially remembered in our prayers. There was a good congregation and no doubt from many hearts were offered prayers for the men of our own homes, for their safe-keeping.

On the 28th, Mrs. Burbidge very kindly lent the

Bungalow to Mrs. Holbrooke of Great Rollright for a sale of work for the S.P.G. The Rev. H. Kenny, and Miss Jerrett a lady missionary spoke on the subject of Missions.

We understand the late Vicar has lost a brown cane Walking Stick. It has a silver band engraved "G.A. Littledale." It was a present and therefore valued. Mr. Littledale will be glad if the finder will return it to him direct or through W. C. Hayes Ltd.

DAYLESFORD.

This little Parish has now several representatives on active service, both in France and at the Dardanelles. Their names are duly recorded on the list of those serving their Country displayed in the Church Porch, and our prayers are offered on their behalf that they may be preserved in safety and in health, and restored to their homes and families in due time.

The School holidays have now commenced and will last until early in September. The Diocesan Inspection usually held at this time of the year has been postponed to autumn or early winter, on account of the unavoidable closing of the School on one or two occasions owing to change of teachers and illness.

CORNWELL.

THE WAR.—Good reports continue to be received of our local Soldiers at the Front. "Window Cards," bearing the names of those now serving, have been issued by Lord Valentia, Chairman of the County of Oxford T.F.A., to the families of those belonging to Cornwell. Lord Valentia (who has been staying in the Parish and was in Church Sunday last) may possibly have seen them duly posted in their respective homes.

We hope, while the War lasts, all who possibly can (of course they can only be but few) will make a point of attending the "Intercession Service" held on Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

THE CHURCH.—An interesting addition has been made to the Memorials of our Parish Church by the picture of the former Rector, The Rev. W. Collingwood Carter, now Vicar of Shipton-under-Wychwood and Rural Dean. Mr. Carter kindly presented the portrait at the request of the Rector, and it has been placed in the Vestry under the clock.

Mr. Carter was much beloved during the ten years he was Rector of Cornwell, and his associations with the Church are many and sacred. Besides ministering in it for the above mentioned period, he was himself married there and all his children baptized there. The picture is specially interesting, the photograph having been taken on the very day he was instituted to the living, viz., the 2nd of November 1889.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Frank, son of John & Caroline Webb, of Churchill.
 --Royal Field Artillery, Gunner 82nd Batt., 6th Poona Division—served in Persia, died abroad on July 17th, 1915, aged 31 years.

Francis William Alexander, son of Robert Colquhoun and Amy Felicia Faithfull (nephew of the Rector, 2nd Lieut. 3rd Seaforth Highlanders, attached to the 2nd Batt. Killed on active service in a trench North of Ypres on July 3rd, 1915, aged 18½ years.

The following men are serving King, Home and Country from *Sarsden* :—

WILLIAM KEEN, 5th Worcesters, Mediterranean E.F.
 ERNEST GEORGE BRYAN, O.B.L.I.
 ARCHIE AUSTIN TRINDER, 3/4 O.B.L.I.
 JAMES MAITLAND BLAIR, 2/14 London Regt.
 (London Scottish).
 LEONARD WILLIAM BUSHROD, 5th O.B.L.I., B.E.F.
 GEORGE SMITH, 4th O.B.L.I.

From *Churchill* :—

HUBERT BETTERIDGE, 10th Glos.
 ALFRED GEORGE BETTERIDGE, 6th O.B.L.I.
 WILFRED PEACHEY, 6th O.B.L.I.
 ARTHUR PUOWELL, No. 12, Vet. Hospital, E. Sub-Section, B.E.F.
 HUBERT HANDS, 2nd O.B.L.I., B.E.F.
 STEPHEN HANDS, 1st O.B.L.I., I.E.F.
 ALFRED WILLIAM BRYAN, 48th Canadians, Shorncliffe.
 REGINALD THOMAS TIMMS, 21st Field Bakery, A.S.C.
 LEONARD BLAKE, 6th O.B.L.I.
 PERCY HARRIS, 1st O.B.L.I., 6th Poona War Division.
 HARRY DIX (Sergeant), 1/4, O.B.L.I.
 WILLIAM HENRY PIPER, 5th O.B.L.I., B.E.F.
 VICTOR SHERBORNE, Q.O.O.H., B.E.F.
 THOMAS HENRY WEBB, 4th R.I.D.G., B.E.F.
 ERNEST WEBB, 3rd Wilts.
 PERCY PEACHEY, 2/4 O.B.L.I.
 HENRY JAMES PEACHEY, R.A.M.C.
 WILLIAM ROBERT TIMMS, O.B.L.I. (T).
 WILLIAM THOMAS WEARING, 2nd Hunts, M.E.F.
 ALFRED EMPSON (Sergeant), 13th Hunts.
 JOHN BUSHNELL, 3rd O.B.L.I.
 CECIL PEACHEY, 6th O.B.L.I.
 ALBERT DORE, A.O.C.
 THOMAS DORE, A.O.C.
 LUKE DORE, A.O.C.
 ARCHIE WIDDOWS, Q.O.O.H.

The second quarterly meeting of the Parochial Church Council met at Churchill on Monday, July 5th, at the Schoolroom. Present: The Rector in the chair; Messrs. Dick and W. H. Peachey (Churchwardens), Ferriman and F. Widdows (Sidesmen); Mrs. Giles Edmonds, Mrs. Anson, Miss Treweeke, Miss Burdett; and Mr. James Cooper-Harris, and Mr. Giles Edmonds, the Parish Representative. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The sub-committee for the Poor & Sick Fund, and the Deanery Magazine Fund presented their report for the quarter. The name of Alice Mullington was removed by death from the list of

qualified electors, and three names added to the list. The Churchyard committee having met in April last, it was decided to ask the Parochial Council to undertake the duties of collecting the Voluntary Rate from Parishioners. The matter was adjourned till the next meeting in October. The Cemetery gates was a subject for discussion. These have done service for many years, and are getting past repairing. The matter was eventually referred to the Churchwardens, who will consider the report again in October. The congregation have complained for many years of a strong draught coming in at the West door of the Church during Service. It was suggested that a thick curtain might be hung over the inner door in order to keep this cold current of air back. It was pointed out that ventilation of the Church was bad. If this could be treated in the modern way, as has been carried out in the School, draughts would then cease in the Church, and the attendances might improve in consequence. A suggestion was made by a member after the meeting had closed, that the face of the Church clock might be re-gilded with advantage. Perhaps that member will bring up this matter at the next meeting.

The meeting at Sarsden took place on Thursday, July 8th, at the Estate Office. Present: The Rector in the chair; Mr. Blair (Churchwarden), Mr. Vine (the Parish Representative), and Mrs. Blair, Messrs. Taylor and Cox. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mrs. Blair undertook to collect the subscriptions still unpaid for the Deanery Magazine for Sarsden. Will those who take in the Magazine please send their subscriptions to meet the next quarter's account from Messrs. Hayes, the printers, who supply the Magazines? Mr. Blair gave his report on the amount of money collected for the Poor & Sick Fund for the quarter. With reference to the upkeep of the Cemetery it was strongly recommended that the annual subscriptions should be collected, the members undertaking to each take a district in the parish to collect what is now due. It being pointed out that unless the Voluntary Rate was taken, in two years' time there would be no funds left to carry on the good work that was begun by Mr. Albert Edmonds five years ago. The majority of the parishioners, it was said, would be in favour of keeping the Churchyard up in a way worthy of its sacred character. The parishioners at Sarsden expressed a desire through the Council for a Morning's Service at Sarsden Church, once a month. This seems to be quite a reasonable wish, although it is many years since the last morning's Service was held at Sarsden. The matter was adjourned till after the next meeting.

A successful meeting was held at Haughton House, Churchill, on July 15th, 1915, when Rev. W. T. Hudgell gave an interesting address on behalf of the Bible Society, for which £2 1s. was collected. There were about 50 visitors.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.

Vicar: W. Collingwood Carter, M.A., Ch. Ch., Surrogate,
Rural Dean.

Churchwardens: H. Mawle, E. H. Dee.

Silesmen:

A. Miles, M. Bunting, J. E. H. Parsous, B.A., M.R.C.S.,
J. Strong, A. Miles (junior), R. Townsend, J. Pittaway (senior)

Clerk: S. Coombes. Sexton: J. Stead.

July 1st.—The Rev. A. Goldring, Vicar of Milcombe came to Shipton and delivered a very clear address concerning the War. He was impressed by the evident interest and attention of the audience on the Green by the Fountain. There were two Sergeants present from Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

Some more of our young men have enlisted. It is certain that none who engage in such a cause will ever regret it. Our Roll now is a long one. Three of that Roll have died on behalf of their Country; Francis Leslie Rainbow of 6th Middlesex, who died on October 22nd, son of Henry Rainbow who has three other sons serving and a son-in-law. Arthur Coombes, son of Walter Coombes, who has two other sons serving and a stepson; Arthur died June 30th. in London and was honoured with a Military Funeral at Rugby. He was in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, but was formerly in the Rifle Brigade, his age was 33. And Henry Ayres aged 19, a Bloxham man who enlisted, whilst residing in Shipton, in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry and was buried at Bloxham with military honours.

July 2nd.—The Chief Inspector, H.M.I. Hunt, visited the school.

July 8th.—A meeting of the Mothers' Union was held at the Vicarage and an address was given by the Rector of Cornwell.

July 11th.—Ernest James Longshaw and George Cyril Rollings and Albert Henry Lock were admitted to the Choir with the appointed Service.

Lewis Rainbow had a fall from a horse at Taynton and broke his leg. He is being well looked after at the Burford Cottage Hospital.

July 14th.—There was a Choral wedding from the Old Prebendal House, after which a large party were entertained by Mrs. Hinde. The Service was performed by the Rev. A. R. T. Eales, Rector of Elstree, Herts. The Bridegroom was a Quartermaster Sergeant in the Royal Field Artillery, who met the Bride, when visiting Shipton after having been wounded at Mons. He is shortly returning to the front.

BAPTISM.—July 24th, Ethel May Radway.

MARRIAGE.—July 14th, Levi Norman Evens and Katherine Lillian Alice Wall.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISM.—July 9th, Evelyn Gomm, infant daughter of Ernest Thomas and Ellen Miles.

MARRIAGE.—July 3rd, Henry Gibbard of Bloxham, to Nesta Marion Longshaw of Bruern, in this parish.

Mrs. Wiggins has received a notice through the War Office that her eldest son Lance Corporal Wiggins is dead. He had been engaged with the forces operating off the Persian Gulf, and was stricken down with Malarial fever, and sent on the Hospital Ship to India, but died on the way. Mrs. Wiggins has three other sons serving their King and Country, one of whom Sergeant Roy Wiggins is reported missing since June 16th, but we still hope to hear favourable news of him. Aubrey, another son, is now in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, receiving treatment for wounds received at Hooge, and we sincerely hope that she may receive good news of him soon. Another son is engaged in training soldiers at Aldershot. It is a grand record to have four such boys who have been willing to give their lives in defence of their country, and we feel a very real and deep sympathy for the family in their loss, and our prayers will be offered to Almighty God for His protection of these brave lads.

We regret also to have to announce that Sidney Rathbone who was in the same battle as Sergeant Roy Wiggins is also reported missing, we can but hope and pray for the best. Bernard Hawcutt and Harry Burnes are also reported wounded.

There are others too, from our parish, who have given up their lives for their country, or have been wounded, and it brings home to us in a very real way, the horrors of War. One could wish that it were possible to get more of our people together on the Friday evenings, when special Intercessions are made for all those whom the War affects. If only it could be realized, the power and efficiency of prayer we feel sure that there would be more present at these Services. We earnestly entreat those who may read these words to make a very earnest effort to be present. Remember, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Let your requests be earnest and sincere and doubt not but an answer will be vouchsafed you. During the last week or so, the weather has not been

favourable for the hay harvest, and those who succeeded in getting their crop carried before the rain set in were very fortunate. We cannot however complain, for the grain harvest and root crops have been marvellously benefited by the much needed rain. Harvest will probably be late although winter oats will be cut in about a week. The School is scheduled to break up on August 6th, and we hope the teachers and scholars will enjoy a well earned holiday.

SPELSBURY.

BAPTISMS.—July 18th. Edith Annie, daughter of George Harry and Annie Matilda Snow, of Fulwell. July 13th, Alice Beatrice, daughter of Percy and Ivy Simms, of Fulwell.—July 18th, Winston Jellicoe, son of William Henry and Maria Hathaway, of Enstone.

We regret to record the death of Private Frank Mitchel, O.B.L.I., killed in action by the explosion of a German mine in Flanders on June 14th.—R.I.P.

Church Collections June 25th, to July 19th: Oxford Diocesan Fund 12s. 3d., Church Expenses £1 11s. 1½d. Sick and Needy 3s. 9½d.

The Garden Fête and Sale of Work in the Vicarage Grounds on June 24th was a great success, and how could it have been otherwise with such ideal weather and so many parishioners and friends striving their utmost to make it so. Where so many are properly deserving of being named, your Vicar feels that their very number precludes him from doing so lest by inadvertence some name should be omitted and an invidious distinction made, but his thanks are none the less real to all kind supporters and helpers alike. At 3 o'clock Viscountess Dillon in kindly words wishing us all success declared the Fête open and soon the numerous company were engaged in making purchases, enjoying the Competitions, watching the May-Pole dances, listening to the music, and enjoying the tea.

BALANCE SHEET.

Credit.

	£	s.	d.
By Gifts of money	4	10	0
„ Needlework stall	11	2	6
„ Provision stall	7	0	0
„ Jumble sale	8	8	1
„ Tea	6	0	2
„ Hoop-la	4	0	0
„ Gate	7	7	7
„ Bowling for pig	3	13	6
„ Bowling for watch	1	5	0
„ Sale of flowers		8	6
„ Sale of lemonade		4	3
„ Tennis		2	0
„ Guessing time of watch		13	1
„ Guessing weight of cake		17	6
„ Guessing name of doll		10	4
„ Guessing Vicar's weight		8	9
„ Guessing weight of copper		5	4
„ Guessing gross takings		10	0
Total	57	7	7

Debit.

By Printing, etc.	9	0	
„ Provisions for tea	4	16	1
„ To Balance in hand	52	2	6
Total	57	7	7

This sum will be employed in repairing the lead roof of the Church which the recent heavy rains

have shown to be faulty, and in providing lamps and heating against winter.

July 8th.—By the kindness of Viscount and Lady Dillon, our school children spent a most enjoyable day at Ditchley—the games—the tea—the ride in waggons being thoroughly appreciated by our young folk.

The following have joined the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry since our last issue, and their names added to our Roll of Honour, viz., William Cross, and Edwin Hackin.

NOTICE.—The placing of artificial flowers with glass shades will no longer be permitted in the Churchyard. Such as are already placed there will not be interfered with.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER

BAPTISM.—4th July, Sidney James, son of James Levi, and Ada Claridge of Finstock Heath.

On Sunday, June 18th, after Evensong, our organist, Mr. Southall, gave a short Organ Recital, when he played the following:—

Offertoire in F. - - -	<i>Batiste.</i>
Romance - - - -	<i>Thome.</i>
Toccato - - - -	<i>d'Every.</i>

On Saturday, June 24th, the Choir boys had their annual outing. They spent a very happy afternoon in Oxford, and were lucky to escape the rain and thunder. They were also lucky to see a really good film in the Cinema namely “the Prisoner of Zenda.

CHASTLETON.

School News.—The School received a most satisfactory report from the Diocesan Inspector. In the Mixed School Standards 11.—VI. the Bishop's Prize is adjudged to Dorothy Tidmarsh. Certificates to Susan Gingell and Nora Tidmarsh. William Whittington, Vera Corbett, Ivy Newbury, Nita Newbury, and Emily Newman, also deserve special mention. In the infants the following specially distinguished themselves:—Campbell Corbett, Marjorie Clark, Kathleen Newman, Cynthia Corbett, Phyllis Clarke and Frank Tyler.

The Schools closed, on July 29th, for the summer holiday. The work will be resumed on Sept. 6th.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Horace William Luckett,	Robert Pyke,
Harold Beale	Frank Skelcher,
Ernest John Luckett,	John Skelcher,
Sidney Henry Luckett,	William Tyler,
Ralph Newman,	Edward Hugh Witham,
Sidney Newman,	Arthur Tibbles.

SALFORD.

On July 1st the Boy Scouts held their annual Rally at Chadlington. The Salford Owls entered for three events out of five, and considering the disadvantages they were under, they acquitted themselves quite creditably. In one race a Salford Scout came in third, but unfortunately, there was no third prize. The Rector and Mr. G. Fawdry kindly provided traps for the conveyance of the competitors, so that the journey was an easy and a very pleasant one.

A Flower Service was held in the Church on Sunday, July 11th, at 3 p.m. There was a good congregation, the great part of which met in the village and marched to the Church, singing appropriate hymns. The procession was headed by the Rector and the Boy Scouts. The Service was bright and hearty. The children presented in addition to a nice quantity of flowers over 40 little parcels of gifts. One small offerer of little more than two summers was somewhat perturbed at parting with her gift, which showed us the Rector pointed out in his address that she felt she was making no mean offering. The offerings and the collection, 12s. 10d., were forwarded for the Radcliffe Infirmary and the Eye Hospital, and were acknowledged with thanks by the Matron of the Radcliffe and the Mayor of Chipping Norton.

On Sunday, July 18th, the offertory, amounting to 7s. 6d., was in aid of the French Red Cross Society, the preacher being the Rev. R. P. Burnett, Rector of Cornwell, and the Rector thanks him and the Rev. J. A. Barnley, Rector of Chastleton, for kindly assisting him with the Services when presiding at a Cambridge Local Examination in Suffolk.

We are glad to be able to add another name to the Salford "Roll of Honour," Humphrey Coleman having joined the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry. Lieut. M. C. Callis has left the country with his regiment it is believed for the Dardanelles.

The Sunday School treat is to be held at the Rectory on August 10th, when all scholars who have a fair number of stamps in their albums will welcome.

We are very glad to see how nicely the broken vestones in the late Rev. Stevens' enclosure have been restored; the iron railings have also been repaired. There are other railings which, if only their preservation, would be the better for a little paint. As the Churchyard is used as a public square, will those who pass through it fasten the gates after them.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

The offertory on Sunday, July 11th, was in aid of the French Red Cross Society, the amount collected being 3s. 10d. The Rector is indebted to the Rev. Dr. Holbrooke, Rector of Great Rollright, for kindly

assisting him with the Services during his absence on scholastic work. The school children who have a fair number of stamps in their albums are invited to Salford Rectory on August 10th to join with the Salford Sunday School at their annual treat.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated (D.V.) at 8 a.m. on August 24th (S. Bartholomew's Day).

In the last issue of the Magazine we had pleasure in announcing that Acting Col. Sergt. T. Hudson had been awarded the D.C.M. Particulars recording his plucky conduct have lately come to hand: they are these, "for conspicuous gallantry on Oct. 4th, 1914, on the Aisne, when, the telephone wire having been cut, he volunteered to carry a message under heavy shell fire, and subsequently removed a severely wounded man from the trenches under the same fire".

Will Parishioners kindly bear in mind that collections in Church are asked for the Oxford Diocesan Fund on Sunday, August 8th, and for the North Oxon Nursing Association on Sunday, August 29th? Both funds deserve the best support that we can give them.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY BAPTISM.—June 27th, Percy Kitchener, son of Thomas and Adeline Rogers.—July 17th, Ernest Alexander, son of Ernest & Mabel Hannah Colegrave.—July 25th, Hawtin Eli, son of William Henry and Sarah Elizabeth Heritage.

HOLY MATRIMONY.—July 3rd, Francis John Tooley and Ethel Rose.

BURIALS.—July 21st, John Hiatt, aged 82 years.—July 27th, John Radbourne, aged 60 years.

COMMUNICANTS from June 29th to July 25th, 132.

COLLECTIONS during same period:—

Church Expenses	...	...	2	4	10
Offertory Fund	...	...	11	8½	
Lighting Fund	...	...	11	6	
Sunday School Fund	...	...	10	6	
Choir Fund	...	...	13	2½	
Poor Fund	...	...	15	0	
Restoration Fund	...	...	13	4½	

The Services on the Day of Devotion, conducted by Canon V. S. S. Coles, on July 21st, were very well attended. The Addresses were on the subject of Prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit, and were listened to with marked attention and reverence. Such a day coming in such times as these, telling us of the realities and story of the unseen world, was most helpful. There were 34 Communicants at the five o'clock Celebration on the Wednesday morning.

CHADDLINGTON.

BURIAL.—July 10th, Sarah Smith, aged 82 years.

August 24th, St. Bartholomew, Apostle & Martyr. Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Arthur Henry Hawks. He was serving as a Driver in the Army Service Corps in the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. His death was due to disease the nature of which is not stated. Though not dying on the field of battle, none the less he gave his life for his King, his Country and his Home, in the noble prosecution of his duty. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his father in this great loss.

Saturday, June 5th, was held as Red Cross Day throughout the County of Oxford. The Chadlington division, consisting of 21 towns and villages, collected altogether £202 13s. 1d. to which Chadlington itself contributed £5 9s. 4d. A house-to-house collection was made throughout the village by eight ladies who very kindly undertook the work. It is very gratifying that an appeal on behalf of the Red Cross Society, which is doing such a wonderful work, has had so satisfactory a response. It is, after all, only natural, for every one has the desire to "do their bit," whenever an opportunity offers itself.

A meeting of the subscribers to the Belgian Refugees' Fund was held in the Schools on Friday evening, July 23rd, at which it was decided to extend the invitation to the Belgian family another three months, thus completing the year of hospitality to our guests.

The Band of Hope Treat will be held (D.V.) on Thursday, the 19th, inst. at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Bliss has very kindly allowed us the use of her grounds, where last year we had a most enjoyable afternoon.

The Church Clock has had a thorough cleaning inside and out. For twelve days we had to exist without his hourly reminder of the passage of time. It was a great delight to hear his bell-like tones once more, and to see how much improved his face is after immersion in the gilding tub.

Our Boy Scouts.—The Annual District Rally was held at Chadlington on the 1st of July, Mr. Preston kindly lending a field for the occasion. It was a bright and sunny day and a large company of onlookers assembled to watch the various competitions. There was much cheering when our Chadlington "Hounds" won the second prize for the interesting Rope Bridge competition, & were also second in the Relay race. The third prize for Cooking was also assigned to Chadlington. Our troop was competing with Salford, Great Rollright, Kingham Hill & Chipping Norton. The Peacock Patrol of the last

named carrying off the Challenge Shield, for the patrol winning the highest number of points. Most of the local staff were present, but unfortunately the Honorary Scout Master, Major Warner, was prevented from attending by his military duties. Mr. Fred Lewis (District Master) and Mr. Burrows, County Commissioner, gave great credit to Scoutmasters Webb and Cliff for the progress made by our Scouts during the short time the troop had existed. Also, Mr. Lewis paid a well-deserved tribute of praise to the indefatigable labours and energy and interest of Miss Whitmore, who was the inaugurator of the movement in the village, by calling her the "Patron Saint" of Scouts in Chadlington.—a title and position she has fully earned. The day was pronounced entirely successful.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

Both Parishes have been honoured by the "Distinguished Service Order" conferred upon Major Matthews, of the Canadian Contingent, for he lived at Idbury some time when a child, and is now staying with his cousin Mr. Matthews at Fifield. On July 12th he went to Buckingham Palace to be decorated by the King. He has now almost recovered from his wound, which caused his return to England.

Ornamental cards have been sent for distribution to the families who have representatives fighting for their Country, or preparing to do so. Some families have three cards, others two, but so many of us have no card at all.

On Thursday, July 29th, the Scouts, organized by Miss Phillips, held a Rummage Sale in the Rectory Garden. In spite of showers of heavy rain, in the early part of the afternoon, and occasional darkness and thunder, it was a great success. The children did "Morris" dancing, and sang their songs admirably. Major Matthews appeared in uniform with his periscope and explained its use in the "trench" which divides the Rectory Garden from Mr. Bishop's field. After which the visitors, who desired to do so, had the pleasure of seeing through a stone wall. This was a great attraction. The total amount received was over £6, but a few expenses will have to be deducted. This is a good start for the "Scout Finances," and Miss Phillips and the Boy Scouts are to be congratulated.

On Thursday, July, 1st, the Sunday School Tea was held in the Rectory Garden. There was a good attendance, in spite of the absence of several children from houses with measles. In spite of the stormy weather and occasional showers, the usual races and games took place, and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISMS.—May 30th, Doris Kathleen, daughter of Frederick Charles and Gertrude Sturdy.—July 4th, Violet Maude, daughter of George and Annie West.—July 4th, Rosina Lilian, daughter of George and Annie West.

BURIALS.—June 12, Elizabeth Ingles, aged 97 years.—July 1st, Bell Jane Payne, of Charlbury Vicarage.—July 9th, Fanny Eeles, aged 86 years.

Miss Elizabeth Ingles was the last of four sisters who were devoted to their Church. Constant at the daily services, and ready to help in every good work, their example is pleasant to remember. In earlier days the building of the Organ and the heating of the Church were largely due to their initiative.

The Vicarage has suffered severe losses by death. The Vicar's youngest sister was married on June 15th, 1911, to the Rev. E. A. Heberden, M.A., Vicar of Godley, Cheshire, who preached for us at Charlbury on July 26th, 1914. He died of pneumonia, after nine days illness, on June 15th, 1915. His widow and her little son have come to stay at Charlbury Vicarage for the present.

On June 28th, the Vicar's eldest sister died at the Vicarage. She had lived at the Vicarage for twelve years: and took the greatest interest in the Church and the people. During the past two years of severe illness her courage never failed. The Funeral Service on July 1st, was taken by an old friend of the family, Rev. A. J. P. French, M.A., of the S.P.G. Mission Bombay, now on furlough. Her brothers the Vicar of Charlbury, and the Rector of Delamere, and also the Rev. T. P. Field, M.A., were robed, and a full choir of men and boys. The greatest sympathy and affection was shown by all our neighbours and friends, and we are deeply grateful.

THE BELGIAN FETE held on July 15th, in Dr. McNeight's grounds, was much enjoyed. The weather was fine, some 400 people were present, and the programme of music was excellent.

CHARLBURY AND THE WAR.—Several of those whose names we have remembered in Church have been mentioned "in despatches." Major Doran a brother of Mrs. Fellows, a brother of Mrs. McNeight in the Royal Navy, a nephew of Mr. Whinney. Our best congratulations to all those whose relatives are rendering such distinguished service to their King and Country. We have to record with great regret the death, from wounds received while carrying a comrade, of Ernest Margetts of the 2nd Gloucester Regiment, who was married in Charlbury Church on Nov. 29th last. His Officer, Chaplain, and Sergeant have written in much appreciation of his soldierly qualities. So also, has written one of his Charlbury comrades.

John Bryant and Albert Harbord, both of the 4th Oxon and Bucks have been wounded.

Corporal John Stayt who was severely wounded, and has been in the Cavalry Reserve, expects to go back to the front again soon.

At the present time 99 Officers & Men, whose houses are in Charlbury, appear on our list in the Church Porch as serving in H.M. Forces. Of these probably 53 are at the front. We value the opportunity of remembering their names regularly in our prayers. This is due to them and to their relatives and to a Higher Power,

ENSTONE.

BAPTIZED.—July 11th, Ronald Victor Harris.

MARRIED.—July 14th, Percival Harold Trehearn and Mabel Somerton.

BURIED.—July 12th, William John Jeffries, aged 80 years.

The £8 11s. 6d. realised for the Red Cross on June 5th was made up as follows:—Mrs. Coles, 15s. 5½d.; Miss Collett, 7s. 2d.; Miss Winnie Bennett, £2 0s. 10½d.; Miss Drinkwater, £1 5s. 3d.; Miss Bell, 16s. 5½d.; Miss Lizzie Lester, 15s. 11½d.; and Miss Charlotte Lee-Dillon, £2 10s. 3¼d.

Mr. Thomas Strong passed away on June 15th, and he would have completed his 70th year had he lived to June 21st. Less than a year ago he removed to Birmingham to be near his children. One has a vivid recollection of his most dutiful attention to his aged father (who was laid to rest on July 25th, 14 years ago). As long as health allowed, Thomas Strong was regular in his attendance at Church on Sundays, at 11 a.m. His presence was always helpful to a preacher, for he sat "at an angle of spiritual inclination."

On Monday, July 12th, Captain Eric Dillon and Captain Henry M. Dillon were among those invested (by his Majesty the King) with the insignia of the D.S.O.

Tom Langford and Arthur Heeley have recently joined the Army.

Your prayers are specially asked that the harvest may be abundant, and safely gathered in. (From Bishop's message for July).

THE CHIPPING NORTON Deanery Magazine.

For the Parishes of

CHIPPING NORTON.
CHARLBURY & SHORTHAMPTON.
CHADLINGTON.
CHURCHILL & SARSDEN.
CORNWELL.
ENSTONE.

FIFIELD & IDBURY.
HEYTHROP.
HOOK NORTON.
FINSTOCK.
LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.
GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

SALFORD.
MILTON & LYNEHAM.
RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
SPELSBURY.
CHASTLETON.

& DAYLESFORD.

SEPTEMBER.

CALENDAR.

1915.

1	W	S. Giles, Ab. C. Magistrates' Meeting.
2	Tu	
3	F	
4	S	
5	S	14th Sunday after Trinity.
6	M	
7	T	S. Evurtius, B.
8	W	Nativity of the B.V.M. Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
9	Th	
10	F	
11	S	
12	S	15th Sunday after Trinity.
13	M	
14	Tu	Holy Cross Day.
15	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
16	Th	
17	F	S. Lambert, B.M.
18	S	
19	S	16th Sunday after Trinity.
20	M	
21	Tu	St. Matthew, A.E.M.
22	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
23	Th	
24	F	
25	S	
26	S	17th Sunday after Trinity. S. Cyprian Abp. M.
27	M	
28	Tu	
29	W	S. Michael and All Angels. Magistrates' Meeting
30	Th	S. Jerome, P.C.D.

1st, Last Quarter, 2h. 57m. p.m.
9th, New Moon, 10h. 53m. a.m.

16th, First Quarter, 7h. 21m. a.m.
23rd, Full Moon, 9h. 35m. a.m.

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

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Sexton and Clerk—Hubert E. Cook, 7 Church Street.

Organist and Choirmaster—Ernest C. Cook,

Deputy Organist and Choirmaster—

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

Churchwardens—Austin Webb.

A. J. Bolwell,

for Chipping Norton.

Capt. Daly, for Over Norton.

BAPTISMS.—Aug. 3rd, John Howard, son of Reginald Stewart and Olive Gwendoline Bunting.—Aug. 13th, Frank Charles, son of Percy John and Jane Elizabeth Fletcher.—Aug. 13th, Violet Louisa, daughter of Frederick Charles and Lily Watson.

MARRIAGES.—Aug. 11th, Horace Allen Skinner of Wren's Cross, Maidstone, Kent, and Emma Lavinia Huckin of Chipping Norton.—Aug. 14th, Percival Spencer (on active service) and Isabel Betteridge, both of this Parish.—August 30th, Charles Henry Harrison and Agnes Louisa Talboys, both of this Parish.

BURIALS.—Aug. 21st, William Aries, aged 80 years. Aug. 25th, Ernest Mortimer Sanders, aged 47 years (at Kiddington).

On August Bank Holiday a fête was held at Heythrop Park in aid of Disabled Soldiers and Sailors. Many people from our parish were workers on that occasion. But the day, bad as it was with weather conditions, turned out a success, and a good sum was raised for the fund. Had the weather been better, no doubt the success would have been much increased, financially and otherwise.

THE V.T.C.—Some of the members of the Corps in this parish attended the camp held at Wantage during the Bank Holiday week-end. Wantage with

its fine rolling downs and with all the associations of English history—of King Alfred the Great: for he was born there—was an ideal place for camp and military work. The writer of these notes, who worked near Wantage for two-and-half years before coming to Chipping Norton, had the honour of preaching to the men in camp at a Church Parade on the Sunday they were there, in the capacity of Chaplain to the Oxfordshire Regiment.

On Sunday evening, the 15th, the Rev. Dr. Holbrooke, of Great Rollright, preached in the Parish Church. His visit was much appreciated, and he hopes to come again to us some time in September.

We are glad to hear that the concert at Mr. Dunstan's on the 19th, in aid of the Red Cross Fund, was a brilliant success.

It is with very real regret that we write of the death of Ernest Mortimer Sanders, of Hull Farm, who died on Sunday morning, the 22nd. He had been ailing for some time, but apparently had got much better when he was stricken down with the illness which proved fatal. Truly "in the midst of life we are in death." Prayers were offered for his recovery at the early celebration of the Holy Eucharist, but it was not to be. He was a devout Churchman and his face will be missed very much at the Over Norton Mission Room, in which he took a deep interest. May the Holy Spirit, the Consoler, be very near those who are left behind to cherish his memory. He was buried on the following Wednesday at Kiddington, the Service in Church being read by the Vicar of the Parish, and at the graveside by the Rev. E. Ll. Weight. May he rest in peace, and light perpetual shine upon him.

" 'Tis sweet, as year by year we lose
Friends out of sight, in faith to muse
How grows in Paradise our store."

At the close of Evensong, a short Intercession Service is held every Sunday on behalf of our sailors and soldiers. Those of us who have friends at the Front, or on active service at home, should make it a personal intercession for their own kith and kin, as well as for every man doing his duty to King and Country. Many people are availing themselves of these Intercession Services, but there is room for more. Ours must be the prayer, "Judge Thou my cause, O God," for he is the God of Truth and Justice. And then we must go out to do our duty.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.

Vicar: W. Collingwood Carter, M.A., Ch. Ch., Surrogate,
Rural Dean.

Churchwardens: H. Mawle, E. H. Dee.

Sidesmen:

A. Miles, M. Bunting, J. E. H. Parsons, B.A., M.R.C.S.,
J. Strong, A. Miles (junior), R. Townsend, J. Pittaway (senior)
Clerk: S. Coombes. Sexton: J. Steed.

July 29th.—A military funeral came from Langley in charge of Capt. Drew. Much sympathy was expressed for the widow and family, some of whom came down from Liverpool where, as well as in the camp, the soldier was much respected.

On August 1st, the Roll of Soldiers and Sailors was read at the Evening Service, before the Litany.

On August 4th, the anniversary of declaration of War, several attended at the first Service. In the evening there was a meeting on the Green, where Mr. Geoffrey Newman spoke concerning the War. A resolution was passed and signed.

The National Registration papers were duly given out and collected by Mr. Dee in Shipton, and by the Vicar at Langley, and in course of time each person will receive a certificate.

S. Michael's Home has been inspected and has received an excellent report.

Wednesday, the 8th of September, is the Commemoration of our Church Dedication.

MARRIAGES.—August 5th, Ernest Hubert Case and Henrietta Bessie Loughshaw.—August 18th, Harvey William Lardner and Caroline Christie Mace.

BURIAL.—July 29th, Philip Savage, aged 48.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISM.—August 19th, Alfred James Griffin, infant son of Ernest Alfred and Alice Ann Beechey.

MARRIAGE.—July 31st, Richard John Coombes of Hednesford, to Alice Winifred Olive Rathbone of Milton.

BURIAL.—July 27th, James Miles of Milton-under-Wychwood, aged 71 years.

The most important event that we have to chronicle this month is the meeting that was held in the Schoolroom, on Aug. 4th, the anniversary of the declaration of war, to consider the Resolution that was to be submitted respecting the determination of the country to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of liberty and justice, which are the common and sacred cause of the allies.

The meeting was a grand one; the room was literally packed, and some were unable to obtain admittance, so in point of numbers we had every thing that could be desired. The chairman C. Samuda, Esq., called the meeting to order, and gave a very lucid account of the cause of the war, and also showed why the resolution, which he read at

the conclusion of his speech, should be passed unanimously. Other speakers, viz., the Vicar, Mr. H. E. H. Way and Mr. E. Rawlings, followed in support of the resolution, and when the chairman called for a show of hands in favour of it every hand went up manifesting the spirit of our little village to do its very utmost to support the determination of the Government to carry the war to a victorious end.

There were many hundreds of places in England on this eventful evening, where the people gathered together in far larger numbers than we could at Milton, but in no place could there have been found a more loyal spirit manifested. If ever there was an unanimous meeting held ours was one.

After the meeting the Vicar arranged for a short Service in the Church, and we were indeed glad to see such a large concourse of people present at that Service. It seemed to be a fitting climax to the previous meeting, and a public declaration that we recognise, that we desire the help of Almighty God. We entered His house to offer up our prayers for His aid, and that in all our efforts and aims, we might be led and guided by Him.

Some friend remarked, after the evening Service had been completed, that if our meeting and Service were a sample of what was being held in England, it would have made the Kaiser's heart sick. Yes, if he has one.

CORNWELL.

MARRIAGE.—August 1st, W. A. J. Williams, bachelor, and F. M. E. Cross, spinster, both of Cornwell.

"KHAKI WEDDING," such was the Marriage as above announced. The youthful couple, whose ages were 20 and 22 respectively, were united on Sunday morning, the 1st of August, and the bridegroom left for active service "somewhere," the following day. We sincerely trust he may be spared to return to his youthful wife, and that they may have a long and happy life before them.

REGISTRATION DAY.—The Registration of our Parish took place on the appointed day, the duties of Registrar being discharged by Mr. J. H. Williams. We hope the results will prove satisfactory, and that Cornwell will, as ever, be found to do its duty.

THE HARVEST.—After a long period of wet, we have been having glorious harvest weather, and the crops, which seem rich and abundant, are being safely got in. The shortage of men, owing to the War, is being made up for by the help of women and girls who seem taking a lively and active interest in the work.

We hope to arrange for our Annual Harvest Festival about the end of September or beginning of October. Due notice of the Services, Preachers, etc., will be given. The offertories, as usual, will be given to the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

CHADLINGTON.

September 21st, St. Matthew (*Apostle and Martyr*), Holy Communion 8 a.m.

Sept 29th, St. Michael and All Angels, Holy Communion 8 a.m.

The Harvest Festival this year will be held (D.V.) on Thursday, Sept 30th, and the Sunday following, October 3rd. There will be celebration at 8 a.m., Evensong and Sermon at 7 p.m. on Thursday, and on Sunday, celebrations at 7 and 8 and during Morning Prayer; Evensong and Sermon at 6 p.m. The Preacher on Thursday evening will be the Rev. A. W. Batchelor, D.C.L., Vicar of Cookham, Berkshire, who has very kindly promised to come again this year.

The Summer Treat of the Sunday School was held on August 7th. Had the weather permitted we should have had our tea and games in the Grounds of Langston House to which we had kindly been invited by Mrs. Schofield, but the weather was so bad in the morning that all hopes of an out-door Treat had to be abandoned and the inevitable accepted, so we had our tea and games in the Schoolroom and a very jolly afternoon it was, beginning with an excellent tea—the urn arrived from Langston House full of steaming hot tea—and ending with a varied programme, including romps, round games and some songs. The day ended with earsplitting cheers and the singing of the National Anthem. Our most grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Schofield for so kindly giving us such a delicious and copious brew of boiling tea, also to Mrs. Bliss for kindly providing sweets and to all who so willingly helped in making all the necessary preparations and waiting on the children.

G.F.S.—On Thursday, July 29th, the Members and Associates of this Society spent a pleasant afternoon at Lower Court by the kind invitation of Mrs. Abraham. Although the weather was not as fine as we could have wished, it cleared up sufficiently to admit of the tea being made in the Garden and games such as Bowls, "Gathering Nuts in May" etc., were played. A most enjoyable time was spent and a hearty vote of thanks given to Mrs. Abraham for her kindness in inviting us. A collection was made in aid of the Diocesan Sick Fund, G.F.S., and the satisfactory sum of 5/- was collected.

ST. NICHOLAS' CHADLINGTON BAND OF HOPE.—The annual Summer Treat took place on Thursday, 19th inst., in the Grounds of The Manor House, kindly lent by Mrs. Bliss. There was a goodly number of children present, also of adult members, amongst whom we were glad to see some of our brave Khaki and many old adult members from a distance. It was a treat to have Mr. H. Harvey with us. After a good tea the usual "Sports" took place, followed by the distribution of prizes, given away by Mrs. Roberts, of Palmers' Green, and a Special Certificate to Lottie

Holloway for having passed the Annual Examination of the Inter-Diocesan Competition.

The Prizes were won by: Nora Simmons, Alice Cox, Ethel Dodd, Gladys Kitchener, Frank Martin, Stanley Martin, Frank Kitchen. After short speeches from Rev. T. P. Field and Mr. Sturch, thanking Mrs. Bliss for so kindly having lent the Grounds and all who had helped in any way to make the Treat such a success, the party split up, all agreeing that they had spent a most happy time.

ENSTONE.

Wednesday, August 4th, the anniversary of the declaration of war, was observed as a Day of special intercession. The Services at Enstone were at 8 and 11 a.m. and at 8 p.m. The evening congregation was remarkable and had gathered with effort and purpose after the day's work. There was a list of 80 names of sailors and soldiers read out at the Service. Since then one has gladly adopted our Bishop's suggestion, given in his message for August, of bidding the prayers of the congregation on Sunday evening from the pulpit after the Sermon.

On Sunday morning, of course, there is the Holy Eucharist in which we are privileged to appear before the Presence on behalf of all who need our prayers and intercessions. We trust that no one hears the bell at noon on week-days without a prayer.

A brave Irishman who had deliberately returned to the area of poisonous gas and brought back a machine gun on his shoulders, declared with his dying breath that "Prayer is the foundation of all grace."

How thankful we ought to be for this spell of glorious weather for the ingathering of the harvest. When St. Bartholomew's day comes one begins to think of thanksgiving for the harvest. The Services cannot yet be fixed; however, there should be no delay in getting ready the thankoffering for the Radcliffe Infirmary.

The National Registration of August 15th will no doubt reveal the readiness and willingness for self-sacrifice. The following lines are worth quoting.

"So at the threat ye shall summon—so at the need ye shall send
Men, not children or servants, tempered and taught to the end;
Cleansed of servile panic, slow to dread or despise,
Humble because of knowledge, mighty by sacrifice.
But ye say, 'It will mar our comfort'; ye say, 'It will diminish our trade';
Do ye wait for the shattered shrapnel o'er ye learn how a gun is laid!
For the low, red glare to southward when the raided coast-towns burn!"

CHASTLETON.

THE LATE MISS MARY ELIZABETH WHITMORE JONES.—On Monday, August 23rd, Miss Mary Elizabeth Whitmore Jones died suddenly while staying at Painswick, near Stroud, and was laid to rest in our peaceful Churchyard on Thursday, August 26th. The funeral Service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. E. C. Freeman, Rector of Hook Norton. The Psalm and Hymns, "The Saints of God their conflict past" and "Now the labourer's task is o'er" were feelingly sung by the choir and a large number of sympathetic friends. Mr. W. Newman, the organist, impressively rendered the Dead March. Miss M. E. Whitmore Jones was in her ninety-third year and formerly Lady of the Manor of Chastleton. She was greatly respected and loved by all those she came in contact with. She took a great interest in the social welfare of the people and was one of the founders of the Cottage Benefit Nursing Association; she wrote several books and was also a great politician. Among the numerous floral tributes were wreaths from the relatives and friends and one from the Parishioners of Chastleton.

On Sunday, August 1st, the collection morning and evening were given to the Moreton Cottage Hospital.

The following is a fresh name added to our Roll of Honour. Oxon and Bucks Light Infantry, David Huckvale Skelciener. The reports to hand from those at the front show that they are having some very trying experiences, but they are not wanting in noble and patriotic spirit in their Country's hour of need.

SALFORD.

HOLY BAPTISM.—August 22nd, Reginald Nelson, son of Ernest and Daisy Francis Spencer, of Rochdale.

HOLY MATRIMONY.—Lance Corporal James William Abel, 5th Gloucestershire Regiment, to Laura Mary Wallington. The marriage was arranged to take place before the war broke out, and on the bridegroom having obtained 5 days' leave from the front, it was celebrated on August 28th. May many years of happiness be in store for them when the war is over.

BURIAL.—August 24th, Stephen Jepson, of Worcester Road, aged 75.

A very enjoyable Sunday School Treat was held in the Rectory Grounds August 10th. About 70 visitors in all sat down to an excellent tea, which the Rector with the assistance of the following kind friends provided: Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Williams & Miss P. Thornton, while Mrs. Toulmin, the Misses Rose and Miss Woodward made many very nice additions to the list of prizes. The Rev. J. A. Burnley and Lieut. A. V. Callis gave great assistance with the games which caused much amusement. The Rector presented the

prizes and explained that as this was the first Sunday School Treat he had provided he wished it to be somewhat thrown open, but he hoped it would be clearly understood that only those who had been regular in their attendance at Sunday School could in future be invited to the Treat, he also laid stress on the young people doing their best to carry out the important duty of obedience, so necessary in building up the foundations of a happy home. He was then called upon to perform the pleasant duty of presenting to Miss Calver, the Head Mistress of the School, a travelling clock, a cake stand and a framed list of subscribers who wished to give her some token of their appreciation of her work at Salford, and their great regret of her leaving. The Misses Rose had kindly got up the testimonial and the number of names on the subscription list showed the popularity of the movement. Miss Calver in suitable and feeling words expressed her warm thanks, not only for the handsome gifts which had come to her as a surprise, but also for the many kindnesses the Parishioners had shown to her during her life in the village. She also wished to thank in the name of the children, all those who had helped to give them such a nice Treat that afternoon, especially would she mention Mrs. Toulmin's name for all she had done in arranging for so large a party, knowing well how much fell upon the lady who made herself responsible for the important part in such entertainments. The children then gave hearty cheers for all those who had done so much towards making the afternoon a success in every way, after which the little visitors returned home each armed with a little bag of sweets to cheer them as they went.

We are glad to see that the Salford Roll of Honour has had a further addition by the name of Lieut H. V. Callis, the Rector's second son, who has given up a very good appointment in India, that he may come home "to do his bit." He has taken up his commission in the Royal Engineers, the Regiment of his younger brother who has now gone to the Dardanelles, and from whom the Rector has just received a letter dated August 15th, in which he said he was then, not far from the sound of the guns, and the daily long list of casualties from that centre causes great anxiety about him.

We are beginning to feel proud of our Salford Roll of Honour with 28 names upon it, which means 10 per cent. of the population. It would be interesting if we would have published in the Magazine a list of the averages per cent. on the Rolls of Honour in the parishes in the Deanery.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

The Rector was very pleased to welcome the children of this parish at the Salford Sunday School treat which he hopes they enjoyed, and he is glad that most of them are very regular members of the congregation.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY BAPTISMS.—August 1st, Lucy Kathleen, daughter of Richard James and Alice Ann Taylor. August 22nd, Martha May, daughter of Arthur and Nellie Jaques.

BURIALS.—July 30th, Sylvester Fairbrother, aged 57 years.—August 23rd, Maria Marshall, aged 63 years.

Communicants from August 1st to 22nd, 102.

Collections during same period: Church Expenses, £3 11s. 10½d.; Offertory Fund, 15s. 6d.; Lighting Fund, 14s. 7½d.; Sunday School, 10s. 6d.; Choir Fund, 15s. 2d.

The School was inspected in Religious Knowledge on Friday, July 30th, by the Rev. R. P. Burnett, Rector of Cornwell, one of the Diocesan Inspectors of Schools, whose report is as follows:—A very satisfactory examination. The Prayers, including those for the War, were reverent, and the singing very nice.

Upper Group (Standards IV. V. VI. and VII.).—The answering both in Scripture and Prayer Book was very good, and the subjects had been evidently carefully taught. The Repetition also was good. The writing-out was very neat and generally correct, but a little more attention should be given to spelling. The Bishop's Prize is adjudged to Winifred Clarkson, and Certificates to Gwendolen Veal and Ronald Dumbleton. Sybil Larner, Eva Smith, Vera Allen, Ernest Coleman, Horace Dumbleton and Charles Mathews also deserve special mention.

Middle Group (Standards II. and III.).—Knowledge of Scripture, generally good; Catechism ditto. As a rule, the girls answered better than the boys. The best were Florence White, Nellie Golby, Ena Brown, Malcolm Cox, Harry Cooper and Ernest Eden. Writing-out, very neat and fairly correct.

Lower Group (Standard I.).—In Scripture and catechism the answering was very fair, some being decidedly good. The Repetition was good. Winifred Weston, Sylvia Dumbleton, Gladys Eden, Ernest Wheeler, Frederick Gorton, Cecil Haynes and Percy Uggins deserve special mention.

Infants.—I was pleased with the results of the instruction. The Infants all sang nicely. The elder children answered very fairly both in Scripture and catechism and the Repetition was good. The best were Ivy Baker, Delia Sweatman, Clement Barnes, mes Rose, William Cross, Herbert Hopkins, Olive Infold and Annie French.

The Babies answered very brightly and intelligently and the Repetition was good. Bessie Haynes, Beta Hitchcock, Kathleen Clarkson, Doris Gorton, and Kathleen Embra specially distinguished themselves.

We must congratulate the Teachers on this very

excellent report, all the more praiseworthy in a year when an unusual amount of sickness and other causes have militated against regular attendance.

The Sunday School Treat took place on Friday, August 6th. There was a service in Church at 4 o'clock, after which the children went to the Rectory for tea and then to Mr. Williams' orchard where they found that he had not only placed his field at their disposal but had also most kindly provided them with swings. We need hardly say how very greatly we appreciate his kindness and good nature. Our very best thanks are due to Mrs. John Harris who organised the tea, and also to all those who contributed in money or in kind.

There is to be a Rummage Sale in the School in October in aid of Church Expenses, and we shall be very pleased any time now to receive any articles which may be sent either to the Rectory or to Mrs. John Harris.

DAYLESFORD.

The work of filling in the forms required by the government for the purpose of National Registration was accomplished without difficulty in this Parish on the appointed day, and the forms have been handed in to their proper destination.

Lieut. J. H. Grisewood was granted a few days leave recently from the front, part of which was spent at Daylesford. He had many interesting things to relate of his experiences in the trenches and elsewhere. He has now returned to his duties "Somewhere in France," followed by the good wishes of all his friends.

Capt. Dudley Johnson, D.S.O., who has been in hospital for nearly four months with a severe wound in the right shoulder, is now convalescing at Pembroke, in Wales. He is still unable to use his right arm, but is hopeful that in time its use may be restored, at any rate partially, if not entirely. The wound was contracted during the first landing of our troops at the Dardanelles.

On Saturday, August 7th, was laid to rest in Daylesford Churchyard the body of George Newmun, who died at Kingham, aged 87. The deceased, who lived for many years at Daylesford before removing to Kingham, was an old Crimean and Indian Mutiny Veteran, and took part in many of the battles of those two campaigns, and treasured as the most highly prized of all his possessions the medals conferred upon him in connection with those engagements.

The weather at the present time is all that can be desired for harvest work, and most of the crops are excellent. We hope that the fine weather may continue for some time longer, to enable the crops to be gathered in, in good condition.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

BAPTISMS.—Born June 27th, 1915, Ernest Robert Kitchener, son of George Thomas & Annie Clemous (Sponsors: Parents and Fred Alder); this Baptism was taken after the second lesson at the Sunday Evening Service at Churchill on August 8th.—Born 20th June, Baptised at S. James', SarSDen, on Sunday, August 15th, Dorothy Ruth, daughter of Harry and Ada Sherbourne (Sponsors: the Parents and Ellen Duester.

MARRIAGES.—At Churchill Church on Monday, August 23rd, 1915, between Walter William Batts of Westbury, Wilts, and Elizabeth Ethel Andrews of Churchill.—Also at Churchill Church on Saturday, August 28th, 1915, between Frederick George Marley of All Saints' Parish, South Lambeth, London, and Edith Lilian Dix of Churchill.

BURIAL.—On Wednesday, August 25th, Margaret Rosa Epps of Oxford, late of Churchill, aged 40.

SCHOOL NEWS.—On August 5th we had a visit from the Rev. R. P. Burnett for the Diocesan Scripture Examination. As usual his visit was quite a pleasant event. We were glad to see Mr. Giles Edmonds present with the Rector.

A pair of silver salt spoons, suitably engraved, was presented to Miss Gwinnell, on her leaving, by a few of the scholars and teachers.

Miss Caroline P. Bough has taken up her duties as Assistant Mistress, and Miss Amy A. Morris also joined the staff, August 1st.

On August 11th, an old boy, Nelson Griffin, of the Royal Navy, paid us a visit in his uniform of Warrant Officer, ranking as Sub-Lieutenant. He has known no other School after Churchill, save the Navy, and by sheer hard work, indomitable pluck and perseverance, has deservedly won his present position. He is highly efficient in submarine work, and has done much service in all classes of boats. It is delightful to hear with what cheery optimism he speaks of the War, and how proud he is of the Fleet, the Admirals and Officers and all branches of the Service. He is at present attending a course of instruction at Portsmouth, but expects soon to be in commission again. Out of 54 old boys serving, Nelson Griffin is the only sailor.

From the Front we get letters regularly: all cheerful enough, but anxiety as to the feeling at home is constantly expressed. From a letter from Driver Alfred Findley the following is extracted:—“We landed at S. Nazaire and travelled on over France and Belgium. While we have been here we have fought our way. We got out of the train, did a day's march, then straight into action. It is a wonder that we have not been blown to pieces, as the pluces we have got to are right on their heels;

but we have managed to pull through up till now. We have been in the firing line ever since we came out and were at the Battle of the Aisne; so you will guess what that was like. I know that we are killing a lot of Germans, but we are losing nearly as many. They are really anxious; I know we shall beat them but not for a bit. At Ypres, where we have been, they built walls with the dead on purpose to fire over—3,000 were killed (of Germans) in about half-an-hour on 24th October last. This is where most of the fighting is going on. We are waiting for Kitchener's Army coming out here, for we shall want them. I know there are a lot out here, but we can do with more yet.”—And so it is still the same story—more men wanted.

SCHOOL NEWS.—The report of the Diocesan Examination, conducted August 5th by the Rev. R. P. Burnett, is very satisfactory. We extract the following:—“The results of the Examination were most satisfactory and the School was quite up to its usual excellent standard. I was as usual much pleased with my inspection. The Prayers and singing were very reverent and nice. Bishop's Prize: James Anson. Certificate: Algernon Millin. Special Mention: Arthur Lanchbury and Dorothy Trinder. *Infants' School*:—Prayers and singing were very nice and had reference to the War. Answering of Scripture was generally very fair, some being very good. Special Mention: Rhona Sandals, Barbara Hauds, Charles Kent, Edith Millin, Cyril Ferriman and Francis Watkins.

James Anson has won a free place at Burford Grammar School.

There are one or two names omitted from the Roll of Honour for the parish: Harold Ferriman, Ernest Sole, George Clifton; and from Merriscourt, Jocelyn Edginton, Cyril Edginton, Fred West, Urban West and Frank West.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

On Thursday, August 4th, special Services were held for the anniversary of the commencement of the war. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m. Mattins was said at 10 and a short form of Evensong at 8 p.m. At the last Service there was a particularly good attendance. The Russian National Hymn and a special “War Litany” were sung. An address was given by the Rector.

We regret to hear that William Benfield has been wounded in Gallipoli; no details are yet known.

Frederick Evans is now in France.

BAPTISM.—*Idbury*, on August 22nd, Abraham James, son of Abraham and Lily Darlington, of Barton-on-the-Heath, Warwickshire.

BURIAL.—*Idbury*, on August 14th, Thomas Acock, aged 57.

CHARLBURY.

BURIALS.—July 28, Eleanor Josephine Simmonds, aged 46.—August 12th, David Biles, aged 76.—Alice Marion Shaw, aged 68.

Miss Shaw was a Sunday School Teacher, and a District Visitor and most regular at the daily Service. As long as her health permitted, she was constant in all good work, and in the worship of the Church.

CHARLBURY AND THE WAR.—Sergeant Frank Lester (of Wellington Cottages, Charlbury) has received the Military Cross for distinguished service at the Front.

Capt. C. R. Payne, R.N., has given up the command of H.M.S. Vindictive for another command on special Service for the Admiralty.

The Sunday School Treat took place on Thursday, August 19th, at Lee Place by kind permission of Captain and Mrs. Waller. A good programme of sports was organized by Mr. Bowl, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Luker. 108 children sat down to tea with their teachers. Towards evening the Church Lads' Brigade were inspected by Major Eldridge of the Oxford Battalion. The number on parade was 25. The greatest credit is due to Lieut. C. Fellowes, who is in command of the company, for all he has done for them. We were favoured by charming weather and the whole day was a great success.

The Choirmen and Bell Ringers numbering 16, went to Abingdon on Tuesday, August 17th, and had a very enjoyable outing.

The following is the Report of the Inspection in Religious Knowledge of Chilson Council School. Examined 20th July, 1915.

A quite satisfactorily examination.

INFANTS.—Singing very nice and sweet. Old Testament: good, nearly all answered well. New Testament and Repetition were both good. A very right class of Infants. The following did especially well:—Reginald Barrett, John Cripps, Thomas Jarris, Ella Green, Maud Dingle and Mary Adams.

STANDARDS.—All the work presented by these was well known, the children all answering well.

The written work was on the whole good though a few found the paper set rather beyond their abilities.

The following did best:—Reginald Claridge, John Cripps, Brenda Green, Alfred Bubb, Grace Jis, Dorothy Fiddler.

The Bishop's Prize is awarded to Brenda Green; certificates to Reginald Claridge, Dorothy Cripps, and Elsie Harris.

A. CARY-ELWES,
Assistant Diocesan Inspector of Schools.

SPELSBURY.

CHURCH SERVICES.—Sundays: Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays after Mattins; 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays 8 a.m.; Mattins 11 a.m.; Children's Service 3 p.m.; Evensong 6 p.m. Saints' Days: Holy Communion 8 a.m. Week Days: Mattins 8 a.m.

We regret to record the deaths (killed in action) of Private Alfred Cooper, O. & B.L.I., of this parish, and of Private Frank Banner, formerly of this Parish. R.I.P.

Since our last issue we thankfully acknowledge from a Parishioner the gifts of curtain rods and a looking glass for the organ, also of a sum of £3 10s. towards providing carpets for the Sanctuary and Chancel. This action has been contagious and further sums amounting to £5 4s. have been promised. On the strength of this the carpets have been procured, and were in use for the first time on Sunday, August 22nd, the appearance of the Church being greatly improved thereby. About another £1 is needed to defray the full cost.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.—Thursday, September 30th has been fixed as the day on which Spelsbury shall hold its Harvest Thanksgiving. It is hoped to arrange for a Public Tea at 4 o'clock followed by a small Sale of Work, the proceeds to be used in providing for the Church. The Church Services will be Holy Communion 8 a.m.; Evensong 7 p.m. The Offertory will be given to the Radcliffe Infirmary at Oxford.

Church Collections: July 25th to Aug. 22nd.—for Church Expenses £3 11s. 1d., for Sick and Needy 5s. 2d.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

BAPTISMS.—On July 31st, Mary Georgina, daughter of Albert and Marian Theodore Cary-Elwes of Finstock.—On August 1st, Mary Mildred, daughter of Fred James and Alice Louisa Claridge of Finstock.

Mr. Milton, of Charlbury, has very kindly played the organ at the evening Services while Mr. Southall has been away for his summer holidays.

On Wednesday, August 25th, the children of the Sunday School had their treat. The weather was glorious and the children enjoyed themselves immensely, playing games in a field kindly lent by Mr. Fred Harris. A very good tea was provided in the Vicarage garden.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

The third meeting of the year is fixed to be at Charlbury, October 16th. The Rev. J. D. Payne has promised to lecture on St. Anselm, and the Rev. H. Heathcote to speak on—The Religious Education of the Jewish Child. Further notice will be sent in October.

THE CHIPPING NORTON Deanery Magazine.

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CORNWELL.
KNSTONE.

FIFIELD & IDBURY.
HEYTHROP.
HOOK NORTON.
FINSTOCK.
LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.
GREAT ROLLRIGHT.
& DAYLESFORD.

SALFORD.
MILTON & LYNEHAM.
RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
SPELSBURY.
CHASTLETON.

OCTOBER.

CALENDAR.

1915.

1	F	S. Remigius, B.
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3	S	18th Sunday after Trinity.
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6	W	S. Faith, V.M. Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
7	Th	
8	F	
9	S	S. Denys, B.M.
10	S	19th Sunday after Trinity.
11	M	
12	Tu	
13	W	Translation of K. Edward, C. Magistrates' Meeting
14	Th	
15	F	
16	S	
17	S	20th Sunday after Trinity. S. Etheldreda, V.
18	M	S. Luke, E.
19	Tu	
20	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
21	Th	
22	F	
23	S	
24	S	21st Sunday after Trinity.
25	M	S. Crispin, M.
26	Tu	
27	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
28	Th	S. Simon, A.M., & S. Jude, A.M.
29	F	
30	S	
31	S	22nd Sunday after Trinity.

1st, Last Quarter, 9h. 44m. a.m.
8th, New Moon, 9h. 42m. p.m.

15th, First Quarter, 1h. 52m. p.m.
23rd, Full Moon, 0h. 16m. a.m.

31st, Last Quarter, 4h. 40m. a.m.

Notes for the next Magazine should be sent not later than on October 25th, to the EDITOR, CORNWELL RECTORY, CHIPPING NORTON.

¶ All business communications to be addressed to the Publishers, W. C. Hayes, Ltd., Chipping Norton.

Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

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Sexton and Clerk—Hubert E. Cook, 7 Church Street.

Organist and Choirmaster—Ernest C. Cook,

Deputy Organist and Choirmaster—

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

Churchwardens—Austin Webb.

A. J. Bolwell,

for Chipping Norton.

Capt. Daly, for Over Norton.

BAPTISMS.—September 1st, Alfred James son of James H. T. and Laura Marie Jarvis, Chipping Norton (Private).—September 4th, John Henry son of Benjamin and Mary Alice Todd (Adult, on active service).—September 5th, Frederic John son of Frederic Joseph and Beatrice Tanner, Chipping Norton.—September 5th, Edna Helen daughter of Henry James and Eva Helen Malpass, Chipping Norton.—September 5th, Lionel Pasmon son of William Alfred and Edith Francis Patrick, Brixton, London.—September 14th, Eric John son of William and Daisy Beatrice Toy, Chipping Norton.—Sept. 27th, Mary Helen daughter of Sydney Allan and Alys Bailey, Over Norton.—October 3rd, Raymond, son of Wilfred and Maude Gardner, Chipping Norton.—October 3rd, John Henry son of William and Clara Hodgkiss, Over Norton.—October 3rd, Edward Henry, son of Percy Edward and Sarah Harrison, Earlsdon, Coventry.—Oct. 3rd, Margaret Laura, daughter of Frank and Fanny Hebborn, Chipping Norton.—October 3rd, Walter James, son of Frank and Fanny Hebborn, Chipping Norton.—Oct. 3rd, William Albert, son of George & Elizabeth Louisa Harris, Chipping Norton.

MARRIAGE.—Sept. 29th, Philip Harold Glissold, of Much Wenlock, Salop, and Lily Elizabeth Beatrice Watts of this Parish.

BURIALS.—September 6th, Alfred James Jarvis, aged 3 weeks.—September 13th, James Sharp, aged 69 years.—Sept. 18th, Frederick Thomas Watson, aged 15 months.—Sept. 20th, William Vicarage, aged 70 years.

Mr. Arkell has sent the following letter for the Magazine. I am sure we shall all do our best to welcome him on the day of his Institution, and pray that the new work he has undertaken may be abundantly blessed to him and to us:—

“TYTHERINGTON VICARAGE.
FALFIELD,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

September 11th, 1915.

DEAR FRIENDS.

It is now generally known that I am coming shortly to live amongst you as your Vicar, and I am writing to tell you the Bishop has fixed my Institution for Saturday, October 9th, at 3 p.m. in your beautiful old Parish Church. May I ask that as many of you as possible may be present. Your presence there will be an act of sympathy for which I shall be most grateful; your prayers will be of the greatest help.

The Institution into the Cure of Souls is an occasion of the deepest importance for all in a Parish. No men would dare to take charge of any Parish—however small—without reliance upon the prayers of those amongst whom he comes to work.

I come therefore humbly relying upon your prayers for me on this occasion, and afterwards may I often have a place in your prayers.

I cannot do better than end these few words with the opening words the Bishop will use on October 9th.

“For as much as the charge of immortal souls, which our Blessed Lord and Saviour has purchased with His own most precious blood, is so solemn and weighty a thing, we beseech you to join together with us in hearty prayer to Almighty God, that He would vouchsafe to give to this His servant, grace to perform aright the duties which appertain to so sacred and grave a trust.”

Come then all who possibly can.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

H. HERBERT ARKELL.”

The Bishop will celebrate the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock on Sunday October 10th. Will all Communicants try to be present on this solemn occasion, in the new chapter of history of our Parish.

The Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, October 17th, the new Vicar will preach at both Mattins and Evensong.

A Parochial gathering to welcome Mr. Arkell and his family, will take place in the Town Hall on Thursday, October 14th. All parishioners are cordially invited. The tickets will be 6d. each if obtained before Monday, October 11th; after that date 9d. each. The gathering will begin at 7 p.m., and we hope for a very happy evening.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

BAPTISM.—On September 5th, Henry Edwin Daniel, son of Charles Edwin Henry and Ellen Hadland of Fawler.

¶ The first Mothers' Meeting of the season will be held at the Vicarage on Monday, October 13th, at 2.30.

FREE-WILL OFFERING.

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Total raised in one year by the Free-Will Offering:—
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FREE-WILL OFFERING.—The result of the first year's working of this scheme is most satisfactory. Altogether 27 members of the congregation took envelopes and between them raised the satisfactory total of £9 17s. 10d.—£6 19s. 8½d. for the Church at Home and £2 18s. 1½d. for the Church Abroad. That the scheme is acceptable is proved by the fact that practically everybody who took envelopes for the first year have asked for them again. Owing to a few removals, so far we have not quite so many out as last year, 23 against 27. Who will come forward and help? You give what you like each week, from halfpenny upwards. Each envelope is numbered, no names appearing or being published. Remember halfpenny a week means 2s. 2d. a year, and every little helps.

On Sunday, September 5th, collections were made on behalf of the Diocesan Fund, amounting to £1 15s. 7d. To this must be added a subscription of £1 3s. collected at the childrens' Service (Whitsuntide farthings) making a total of £2 18s. 7d. We thus failed by 1s. 5d. to raise the amount we are assessed at, namely £3.

On Sunday, September 12th, collections were made on behalf of the Church Missionary Society, amounting to £1 19s. 2d. As £2 18s. 1½d. was also raised by the Free-will Offering for the Church abroad the total amount sent to the C.M.S. was £4 17s. 3½d. a considerable advance on former years. May we do better still next year.

A further sum of £5 has been sent to the Committee for Relief in Belgium, making a total of of £25 from Finstock.

CHASTLETON.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES will be held on Sunday October 10th:—

- 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 10 a.m. Children's Service
- 11 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion
- 3 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

Preacher the Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Oxford. The offertories will be given to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, and the District Nursing Association. Eggs thankfully received for wounded and sick soldiers.

The Rector will be pleased to receive photographs of the 13 now on our Roll of Honour that he may place them in the Church Porch.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISM.—September 20th, Reginald Philip infant son of George William and Elizabeth Hopkins of Hindlip, Worcester.

There is really very little to chronicle this month. Our good people have been very busy in gathering in the harvest. We have certainly been highly favoured with wonderfully fine weather, indeed some of the oldest inhabitants state, that they never recollect such wonderful weather; for this we ought to be very thankful. We are glad to hear that the yield of the grain is good, exceeding expectations, and we do not think there will be found a farmer throughout the length and breadth of England, who will grumble at the prices of corn this year. We all ought to rejoice with them, as their turn does not come every day. We hope that when we have our Harvest Thanksgiving Services on October 3rd, we shall find a token of this gratitude in a bumper collection for the Hospitals. We are very pleased to be able to announce that the Rev. J. S. Dillon has kindly consented to preach our Festival sermon on the morning of October 3rd, at Milton. At present we have not been able to secure a special preacher for Lyneham, but have not given up hopes of doing so.

SALFORD.

BURIAL.—September 2nd, John Wallington, aged 63, after many months of great suffering. R.I.P.

The children from the Cripples' Home, Chipping Norton, on September 6th, spent a very pleasant afternoon on the Rectory meadow, when the Rector kindly assisted by Mr. C. E. Taylor endeavoured to make their visit as enjoyable as possible, thanks are also due to Mr. W. Hall for his help with the games.

Mrs. Belcher's name was in error omitted from the list of those who kindly assisted at the Sunday School Treat.

On Sunday, September 12th, Holy Communion was administered by the Rector of Chastleton and Evensong and Sermon by the Rev. H. Marston, being the Sunday before Ember Week. The offertories amounting to 10s. 5d. were in aid of the Diocesan Fund.

A Communicants' gathering was held in the Rectory grounds on Saturday, September 25th, which was followed by a short Service in Church.

We are glad to see the gravestones in the enclosure of the late Rev. Steven's family have been nicely restored by Mrs. Kidgell. Gravestones have lately been erected to the memory of the late Mr. Rose and Mr. Jepson.

There will be a general regret that after 25 years of service Mr. H. Winnett feels that he must this month resign his position as Sexton. The Rector and Churchwardens will be glad to receive the names of those who wish to apply for the post.

During the past month the following presentations have been made to the Church:—Portraits of the Patron and the late Patron for the Vestry given by R. N. Skillicorne, Esq. A brass Ewer for the font given by Lieut. H. V. Callis. A brass altar desk given by Lieut. M. C. Callis in memory of their mother. Arundel pictures of the Crucifixion given by Mrs. Bliss (Tonbridge Wells). An oak-framed mirror for the organ given by Mr. Cox.

The Rector is very glad to hear that his youngest son Lieut. M. C. Callis, who was wounded at the Dardanelles on September 9th, is now in Hospital at Malta, and making very fair progress towards recovery.

We are pleased to announce that another addition to our Roll of Honour has been made. William Thomas Hurst has joined the Oxford Yeomanry, making the 30th.

The Harvest Festival is to be held on Sunday October 10th. the Preacher at Evensong will be the Rev. W. J. Palmer, Vicar of Enstone, and the offertory in aid of the Radcliffe Infirmary.

We understand that Mrs. Booth has been appointed Head Mistress of the School and commences her duties on October 4th. We wish her every happiness and success.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

On Sunday morning, October 12th, the Sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Marston, and the offertory 7s. 6d. in aid of the Diocesan Fund.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Festival is to be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday October 3rd, the offertory as usual to be in aid of the Radcliffe Infirmary.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.

8th Sept.—The Dedication of the Church was observed on this day with Special Services. At the Evening Service the Sermon was preached by the Rev. R. P. Burnett, Rector of Cornwell, and the Lessons read by the Vicar of Milton. The Church was decorated with flowers.

13th.—The School resumed work after the holidays. We believe that some of the scholars were quite useful in the harvest.

16th.—Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in the Church, which was again decorated with corn, flowers, a large supply of grapes, and two loaves of great size, also other fruits of the earth. There were hearty Services. The Sermon in the evening was preached by the Rev. T. C. Tanner, Vicar of Spelsbury. The collections, which were for the Radcliffe Infirmary, amounted to £5 16s. od.

Two new alms bags have been presented to the Church.

We regret to hear that Thomas Powell has been severely wounded, by the explosion of a bomb in his hand.

Albert Timms has gone to make munitions at Coventry. He was a Sunday School Teacher and his place has not yet been filled up. Ellen Powell has been appointed Monitor in the place of Louisa Hall who is leaving the Parish for Wolvercote.

22nd.—A Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held at the Mission Chapel, and the offerings, 17/9, were sent to the Burford Cottage Hospital.

Walter Longshaw died on S. Matthew's Day after a long illness. He was, since 1902, Sexton of the Church, and was a regular Bellringer, having been in nearly all of the fifty-three peals which have been rung in the Tower since 1893, when the bells were re-hung. He always took great interest in the Church, Churchyard, and Belfry, and having been born in Shipton and living all his life here, and having a good memory he was an authority on village matters. His eldest son George (Grenadier Guards), had very lately been home on a short furlough. Many friends attended the funeral, and a muffled peal was rung immediately after.

Mrs. Philip Coombes—widow of Philip Coombes, formerly Parish Clerk, who died in September, 1887—died in Reading, where she had lived for many years, but was buried here, as she always had an affection for Shipton and used to visit here from time to time.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY MATRIMONY.—August 29th, Henry Joseph Timms and Fanny Elizabeth Emily Tanner.

Communicants from August 29th, to September 26th, 112.

Collections during same period: Poor Fund (two months), £1 6s.; Restoration Fund (two months), £1 6s. 1½d.; Church Expenses, £1 12s. 5½d.; Offertory Fund, 15s. 6½d.; Lighting Fund, 15s 7d.; Sunday School, 8s. 5d.; Choir Fund, 13s. 9d.

It is with great sorrow that we record the death of Miss Whitmore Jones, which took place suddenly at Painswick on August 23rd, while she was staying with a friend there. It is about eight years ago now that Miss Whitmore Jones came to live here with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Harris at Magdalen Lodge, and from the very first she took a real living interest in everything that might further the welfare of the Church and people of Hook Norton, and her going from us is indeed a sad loss. She was in her ninety-third year when she died, but in spite of her great age there was no one more regular in attendance at Church, both on Sundays and weekdays and at the Blessed Sacrament. Nor did her great age seem to affect her great mental powers, or diminish her interest either in public movements or matters of a local and individual character. It was very largely due to her efforts and interest that the Churchyard has been so much improved in appearance of late years and that the roses and shrubs have been planted in it, so that we can never look around without being reminded of her. A memorial of another kind which she has left behind her, not only in this village, but in many of the surrounding villages, is brought to our minds whenever we see one of the Holt-Ockley nurses going on her errands of mercy and usefulness to the homes of the sick, for Miss Whitmore Jones was the mainspring of this movement in our neighbourhood. It was a very beautiful funeral at Chastleton on the Thursday succeeding her death. All the people of the village she loved so well gathered together in the ancient Church. All through her long life she had felt the responsibility devoting upon her as the representative of a long line of country gentlemen as doing her duty faithfully and generously to her tenants and cottagers, and now here they were come on this lovely afternoon, with the warm bright sun shining overhead and the trees and flowers in all the glory of their summersplendour, to say goodbye (*i.e.*, God be with you) to their friend who had given them all the best of her love and care, and was now setting forth on her last great journey. It seemed as one stood in the midst of all those village people as if one could almost see the love and respect rising from the hearts of men, women and children as sometimes on a hot summer day one can

see the heat waves rising from the earth, and all through the service there sounded the note of holy hope, of hope triumphing over sorrow, of hope looking forward to a day of final victory, resurrection and re-union through the power of Jesus Christ. Our great lesson of her long life seems to be the value of a simple childlike faith as supplying the motive and the strength we need if we would do our duty to God and man where God has cast our lot.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—The Rev. A. J. Rendle, M.A. Rector of Bledington, will preach at Churchill Church on Thursday evening, October, 7th, at the Service which begins at 7 p.m. The Lord Bishop of Oxford will preach at the Sunday Evening Service following, October 10th, which is at 6 p.m.

THE MOTHERS' UNION.—There will be a meeting held on October 14th, at 3 p.m., at the Reading Room, at which Lady Cave will speak.

THE JUMBLE SALE in aid of the Nursing Association will be held as usual on Saturday, the 6th of November, at the Schoolroom at Churchill at 3 p.m. Mrs. Giles Edmonds will be glad to receive contributions.

SCHOOL NEWS.—Miss Bough is resigning her position as Certificated Mistress to take up a similar post in Worcester. At present her successor has not been appointed.

James Anson has gone to Burford School. He has been a regular chorister for five years, and will be much missed from the Services and practices.

School resumed after harvest holidays on Sept. 14th.

We regret the death in action in France of Arthur Watkins, who was killed by a bomb explosion. He had defended with the greatest bravery a trench after all his comrades had been either killed or wounded, and was recommended by his Colonel for the Distinguished Service Medal, which, it is hoped, his widow will receive. He was only 22.

William Keen, of the 4th Worcesters, who was at the Dardanelles, has been missing since August 6th. It is feared he must be killed. He was only 19.

Mrs. G. H. Watts played the organ on Sunday, September 12th, as Mr. Anson was away for a brief holiday.

A book on "Wild Flowers" kindly given by two friends of the School has been sent to Willie Hicks, D Squadron 10th Hussars, in France. He spends his spare time in collecting flowers which are abundant where he is with his Regiment. He asked for a book from the School Library to assist him.

Constantly letters come to the School from the old boys who are doing their duty.

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

Vicar—Rev. H. H. Arkell, M.A.

Assistant Priest—Rev. E. Ll. Weight.

Sexton and Clerk—Hubert E. Cook, 7 Church Street.

Organist and Choirmaster—Ernest C. Cook,

Deputy Organist and Choirmaster—

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

Churchwardens—Austin Webb,
A. J. Bolwell,
for Chipping Norton.
Major Daly, for Over Norton.

DISTRICT VISITORS.—A meeting of ladies who are district visitors or any who are willing to become so will be held in the Parish Church Room at 3 o'clock, on Tuesday, November 9th. The Vicar is anxious to meet with as many ladies as possible who are willing to take up this most important work.

S.P.C.K.—Rev. E. C. Summers, Organising Secretary of S.P.C.K., will preach in the Parish Church on Sunday morning, November 21st, on behalf of the Society.

BAPTISMS.—October 6th, Thomas Lionel, son of Robert Lionel and Bessie Bunting.—October 28th, Christine Marie, daughter of Christopher Albert and Izzie Wrask Johnson.

BURIALS.—October 16th, Joseph Reader, aged 77 years.—October 22nd, John Phipps, aged 71 years.

MARRIAGES.—October 18th, Arthur Rawlings and da Blanche Truelock, both of this Parish.—October 8th, Walter Richard Jarrett of Wimbledon, London, and Hilda Mary Carey of Over Norton.

The great event to chronicle this month is the institution and Induction of our new Vicar, which took place on the 9th instant. The Bishop of the Diocese officiated and was attended by his Chaplain, the Archdeacon of Oxford, the Archdeacon of Gloucester (representing the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester Cathedral—the patrons of the Living) and the Rural Dean. The visiting Clergy were the Revs. Dr. S. W. B. Holbrooke (Great Rollright), A. W. Callis (Salford), J. A. Burnley (Chastleton), W. J. Palmer (Enstone), W. Fisher (Kingham), E. J. F. Johnson (Churchill), C. J. Shebbeare (Swerford), R.

P. Burnett (Cornwell), A. Shildrick (Milton). There was a very nice congregation considering the awkwardness of the day and hour. The Churchwardens of the Parish, Major Daly, Messrs. A. J. Bolwell and A. Webb were in attendance. The Bishop preached and strongly emphasized how difficult it was for a man to be a good Clergyman, and impressed upon us all our solemn duty to pray for our priests. Let us as a Parish rally round our new Vicar and give him the best help we can. But let us lay to heart this: the very best and happiest help we can give, is the help of Intercession for him at the throne of grace. May his years amongst us be bright and fruitful because of the prayers of his people.

On the 14th, in the Town Hall, there was the long anticipated Parochial Social gathering to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Arkell. We are so glad it was such an excellent success. Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Bolwell together with their staff of ladies worked very hard to make it a success and were rewarded for their efforts by the attendance of those present. We were very glad to see others present besides our own Church people to give a welcome to the new Vicar and his family. Our best thanks to the ladies and Mr. Hartwell who sang to us and last but not least to Miss Nora Dunstan who so nicely recited the story of Hiawatha.

The writer of these notes would like to thank everybody who made the time during which he was in charge of the Parish such a happy one to himself. Thank you, one and all!

It is with much sadness that we record the death this month of our dear old friend Joseph Reader, who peacefully and with a smile on his face went home to Paradise. He had lived a long life but not a wasted one, and his departing from us for a time is as an old warrior going into the presence of his King for the reward of life's battle. To those who are left to cherish and revere his memory our hearts go out in sympathy. May the Holy Spirit who is the Consoler of darkened hearts be very near in the power of consolation to those who are left behind. May he rest in eternal peace and the light of God shine upon him. Our old Vicar, Mr. Littledale, came to bury him as an old friend of the family.

The Harvest Festival took place on Sunday, the 17th. Our new Vicar preached at Mattins and Evensong. There was at night a crowded congregation and the collections for the day amounted to over £10. In the afternoon a children's Service was held and as in former years they made their usual offerings of eggs, flowers and vegetables. We had too, in addition to these usual offerings, some very nice toys which the children in the Infirmary will greatly appreciate.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.—Will those who have relatives on active service kindly verify their names with the list on the Roll of Honour in the Church

Porch, so that in compiling the new Roll we may be exact. There are some names on the present roll which are incorrect whilst others no doubt ought to be added.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Henry Insall who fell asleep last week at the early age of 43. He was a devout and loyal Churchman and formerly belonged to this Parish. For some time he had lived at Cheltenham and it was whilst on a visit to his home that his illness came which ended in his death a fortnight later. His devout Christian life and his wonderful patience in sickness is an inspiration to all those who knew him. To him, to live was Christ, and when the call came he was unafraid, for death to him was the entrance into the fuller life of Paradise and nearer Communion with our Lord.

E. LL. WEIGHT.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY BAPTISMS.—October 17th, Bessie, daughter of William and Bessie French.—19th, Alfred John French, son of Alfred George and Gertrude Emily Collins.—24th, Doris Emily, daughter of Herbert William and Ellen Woodward.—24th, Evn, daughter of Arthur and Rose Beck.

SPELSBURY.

BURIAL.—October 14th, Leonard Millin, aged 55 years.

On September 30th, Spelsbury observed its duty of gratitude and thankfulness for a bounteous harvest by the offering of Divine Service and joyful social intercourse. Let us speak of the former first. We began by a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., and at 7 p.m. Evensong with a moving Address by the Rev. S. W. B. Holbrook, D.D., Rector of Great Rollright. The collections at these Services, as also at Evensong on the following Sunday, amounted to £4 7s. 10d., and were given to the Radcliffe Infirmary. Loving hands had tastefully decorated the Church, and our Choir showed what regular attendance at practice could do, in their accurate and reverent singing of the music. On the Sunday following the Special Preachers were the Rev. T. P. Field at Mattins and the Rev. W. J. Palmer at Evensong. The Vicar writes to record his thanks to the Preachers, decorators, donors of fruit, flowers and corn, Choir and Bellingers for their services. The fruit and vegetables were afterwards taken to the Radcliffe Infirmary and gratefully accepted by that Institution.

The social side of our Harvest Thanksgiving consisted of a public tea in the Parsonage barn, kindly lent by Mr. Bosley for the purpose. A jumble sale, sale of work, and bowling for a carpet in the Vicarage garden. The public tea at 6d. each just paid for

itself, but the sale of work yielded £5 12s. od., and will be expended on matting for the Church. The bowling yielded £1 14s. 6d., with which it is proposed to purchase china for use at Parish gatherings. The jumble sale yielded £2 15s. 3d., which will go into the "Vicar's Fund" for Sunday School prizes and other parochial purposes as need may require. Again your Vicar records his thanks and appreciation of the many kind and energetic workers who have brought about this result.

Church Collections, Sept. 24th—Oct. 22nd :—

Sick and Needy	1	1	1
Church Expenses	1	13	8½
Radcliffe Infirmary	4	7	10

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.—On October 20th, the Charlbury Patriotic Society gave a concert in our Schoolroom. The takings at the door amounted to £1 18s. od. net, and have been sent to the above Society. A collection in the room produced 14s. 6d. which has been sent to the "Oxford Times" Tobacco Fund for the Oxfordshire Regiment. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Our School children have collected and forwarded to Dr. Barnardo's Home the sum of 12s. 2½d. Well done children!

The debt remaining on the new carpets in the Sanctuary has now been paid off by further gifts from members of the congregation.—"Laus Deo."

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

BAPTISM.—October 3rd, Dennis, son of Frederick Thomas and Ida Hitchcox, of Fawler.

MARRIAGE.—23rd October, James Albert Bartlett of Handsworth, to Rosetta Maria Shaylor of Finstock.

The Harvest Festival was held on October 14th. and continued on the following Sunday. The Chancel and Pulpit were effectively decorated by Mrs. James Harris, and the Font by Mr. Tom Welton. The preacher on the 14th was the Rev. G. C. May, Vicar of Kirtlington, the Vicar preaching on Sunday. The collection amounting to £3 16s. 9d. were divided between the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford Eye Hospital and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

The Mothers' Meeting has begun again and is being held at Finstock House in a room kindly lent by Mrs. Hessey.

We are very sorry to lose Nurse Briggs who has been here for some years and had endeared herself to all those with whom she came in contact. Her successor, who had only been here a short time, unfortunately contracted an illness and has had to leave the village.

On Sunday, 28th November, our old friend, Mr. Turner, will preach morning and evening on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Though we have had many claims upon our purses this year I hope we shall do what we can to help this most deserving cause.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISMS.—October 10th, Charles Joseph, son of William and Agnes Matilda Taylor, of Battersea and R.F.A. at the Front.—24th, Beryl Helena, daughter of George Fowler and Ernestine May Matthews.

BURIALS.—Sept. 28th, Charlotte Harris, aged 83 years.—Oct. 9th, Doris Kathleen Lucy Mary Sharman, aged 17 years.

Doris Sharman was confirmed in Charlbury Church last March, and had begun to learn to be a Sunday School Teacher. She was present in Church two days before she died. The Choir and her fellow Sunday School Teachers were present at her funeral. Much sympathy has been shown for her relatives.

The Harvest Festival offertories were very good, amounting to £15 9s. od. Of this £6 12s. od. went to the Radcliffe Infirmary, and £8 17s. od. towards our quota for the Oxford Diocesan Fund. The grapes, fruit and vegetables were sent to the Military Hospital in Oxford. The Church was beautifully decorated. The Rector of Fifield and Idbury preached on Sept. 29th.

On October 16th, the Deanery Sunday School Teachers' Association met at Charlbury, about 50 being present with 6 clergy. The Vicar of Charlbury gave a Lecture on St. Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Rev. H. Heathcote gave a spirited account of Religious Education among the Jews.

On October 1st our Mothers' Union met in Church, about 40 being present, when we had a short Service and an address by the Vicar. At a meeting afterwards Mrs. Blackburne gave an address which was greatly appreciated.

On October 9th, Capt. J. W. Shilson, who had short leave from the Front, was married to the daughter of the Rector of Coln St. Denys, Gloucestershire, in Coln St. Denys Church amid every sign of happiness. On their return to Charlbury the Church bells were rung, and the following day Capt. Shilson turned to his duty.

We regret to hear that Sergt. Cyril Hirons of the 10th Yorks Yeomanry, and of Shorthampton Farm, who has been serving in the Dardanelles, is lying ill in a Military Hospital at Cairo. We hope to hear good news of him soon.

Dr. W. R. S. McNeight has volunteered as an Army Surgeon to work abroad. We shall look forward to his return to his home and work in Charlbury.

Our Church of England Men's Society met on Monday, October 18th, and decided to read the Acts of the Apostles from the 16th chapter to the end during this winter, and to attend a week-day Intercession Service for the War in Church, and to join in any way of helping in the War that may arise.

The Vicar attended the concluding meeting of the C.E.M.S. Conference in London on October 21st, when the Archbishop of York spoke to the Clergy on

the subject of "Spiritual Leadership." The Bishop of Stepney and others joined in this Conference. The meeting was well worth the journey.

CORNWELL.

BAPTISM.—Sunday, October 3rd, Ronald Albert Parker.

MARRIAGE.—Tuesday, October 5th, James Mason Calcutt, and Florence Alice Sillman.

Last month we celebrated a *khaki* wedding, this month we have to record a *blue-jacket* one.

The bridegroom, who has been serving in the North Sea for some time past, obtained nine days' leave and took advantage of it to come home and get married. The banns had been called on board H.M.S. "Antrim," and at Cornwell Church some weeks since. The "Jolly Tar," who is well known in the neighbourhood, returned to his ship a day after the wedding, and the bride has for the present returned to her work at the Glebe Farm. We trust the former may be spared to return, covered with honours, and claim his wife before very long. We sincerely wish them both "God-speed."

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.—Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving was held on Friday, the 15th of October, and continued the following Sunday. It was altogether most successful. The Church was most beautifully and tastefully decorated, and looked lovely. There was an increase in number of Communicants at the Early Celebration, and the total offertories were a record, being over £4 which sum was given, as in previous years, to the *Radcliffe Infirmary*, Oxford.

The preacher on Friday evening was the Rev. A. F. Bellman, Rector of Kiddington, and 2nd lesson was read by the Rev. A. W. Callis, Rector of Salford. There was a very good congregation. The Rector preached both times on Sunday, the Church in the evening being filled to overflowing.

We are thankful for the interest shown at the present busy and most anxious time.

Next year, if spared, we trust we may meet, not only to thank God for an abundant harvest, but also for the restoration of peace, and victory over our enemies.—May God grant it.

WAR CASUALTIES.—Harold Cooper, who was seriously wounded in the War, has undergone an operation in the Hospital at Epsom, and is we believe progressing well though slowly. Mr. and Mrs. Pearce's son has been wounded, and they hope to have him home shortly.

We sympathise with Mr. Byles and his family, his brother having been killed. Several others of our parishioners are in great anxiety about their relatives at the front. May God protect them all.

S.P.C.K.—The Organising Secretary, the Rev. E. C. Summers, hopes to pay a visit this month. We hope to have a sermon and meeting at Cornwell on behalf of this our oldest Church Society.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

BURIAL.—October 9th, Henry Webb, aged 64 years. During November the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on All Saints' Day (Nov. 1st), and on St. Andrew's Day (Nov. 30th), the latter Saint's day being our Patronal Festival. There will also be Evensong with Sermon at 7 p.m.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—Thanksgiving Services for the ingathering of the harvest were held on Thursday, October 14th. The preacher at Evensong was the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, who based an excellent discourse on Psalm cxix. verse 165. In the course of his Sermon he drew attention to the fact that the sword was a judgment of God, and that the War in which we are now engaged is undoubtedly sent in as a punishment for the sins of which, as a nation, we as a guilty. The preacher then urged that if we realize as a nation, we should individually do all that we can to atone for our past transgressions, by sincere repentance, & an honest endeavour to lead in the future a better life. Surely this is a point which we are all in danger of forgetting. The Church has never been more tastefully decorated, thanks to the efforts of those who undertook this work. We take this opportunity of thanking all who helped, especially those who sent corn, fruit, flowers, and most generous contributions of vegetables, which were afterwards sent to the Radcliffe Infirmary, and have been gratefully acknowledged. Bread was received from Messrs. Bird and Dormer, to whom our thanks are also due. The offertories (on Thursday and on the following Sunday) realized £6 10s. od., leaving a net balance for the Infirmary, after defraying the carriage of the vegetables to Oxford of £6 7s. od.

RUMMAGE SALE.—This was held at the Rectory on October 23rd, to provide a fund to send a present at Christmas to the men of this village who have joined the Army or Navy. Several parishioners sent contributions of rummage, and the sum realized by the sale realized £4 od. od. A small stall, consisting of articles left from the S.P.G. sale last summer, was capably presided over by Mrs. Dormer, and the sum of 16s. 7d. raised for that Society.



It was with deep regret that we heard the sad news of the death in activity of Co.-Sergeant-Major T. Hudson, of the Oxford & Bucks L.I., who was killed instantaneously by the bursting of a shell, "somewhere in France," at the end of September. The chaplain of the regiment wrote to the Rector giving him particulars of the sad occurrence, and at the same time speaking most highly of the character of the fallen soldier. Our knowledge of him fully corroborates all that was written. It is but a short time ago that he was awarded the D.C.M. for brave conduct, particulars of which have been published in this magazine. Our

deepest sympathy goes out to his widowed mother, and to Miss G. Coling of this village. A Memorial Service was held in the Church on the Sunday following his burial, when many parishioners were present to testify their respect for the fallen and their sympathy with the bereaved.—R.I.P.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.

The Bishop's Prayer Book Prize for Diocesan Examination has been awarded to Olive Powell. Certificates of Merit were awarded to Margaret Pittaway, Violet Watts, Doris Franklin and Edith Hedges.

The Vicar and Mr. Dee attended the Diocesan Conference at Oxford.

Philip Peirce has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the 5th Cheshire Regiment.

16th.—Some from Shipton attended the Sunday School Teachers' Meeting at Charlbury.

Shipton School had the highest percentage of attendance in the last month, of the district.

Mothers' Meetings have re-commenced at the Vicarage on Thursdays, 2.15 p.m.

14th.—The Annual Pound Day at S. Michael's Home. A stirring and instructive address was given by Rev. R. T. Keble, Organizing Secretary for Bristol, Gloucester, and Oxford, and a collection was made amounting to £13 1s. 9d. Also there were offerings of about 200 lbs. of food, groceries, etc., besides potatoes. An account was read of details of the past year. Much work had been done and articles for Sailors and Soldiers made. The friends present showed that their interest in the work of the Home was in no wise slackening. The children's songs and exercises showed that they had been carefully trained; and there was a brightness in them all which the Visiting Secretary especially marked and commented on.

The Diocesan Report on the Religions Knowledge, we see, has been printed in the Society's Magazine for October.

Ellen Powell has become a Sunday School Teacher. Thomas Powell is progressing in the hospital at Leicester; when he was in Calais, they wrote him as "a splendid fellow"—he has borne his terrible injuries with great courage, and our prayers at Shipton have been for him.

John Longshaw was wounded, we believe slightly, and Frederick Rainbow, H.M.S. Venerable, has been in hospital at Malta.

Mr. and Mrs. Coates have left Shipton after many years residence; and Miss Gibbard has returned to her native village, coming from Woolwich in a motor ambulance. She was born in Church Street.

BAPTISM.—October 17th, Daisy Gertrude Rainbow.

SALFORD.

BURIAL.—On S. Michael and All Angels Day, Alfred James Hyde aged 23, of Worcester Road, Chipping Norton, and late of this parish.

Mr. John Rainbow Taylor was called to his rest after intense suffering, on October 7th. He was greatly respected, and will be much missed by his many friends. Sincere sympathy will be felt for our Churchwarden, Mr. C. E. Taylor, who has had such heavy bereavements during the last few years.

We regret to have to announce the death of our Patron, W. N. Skillicorne, Esq., Mayor of Cheltenham, who was fatally injured in a motor accident on his way home from Eastbourne. He was taken to the Horsham Hospital where he died on Saturday, October 23rd. The Rector attended the funeral at Cheltenham, on SS. Simon and Jude's Day. The ceremony was a most impressive one, and the vast throngs of people who attended showed how greatly he was respected, and the many good services he has rendered to the town will last long in the memory of the inhabitants. There was a Memorial Service held in our Church at 2.30 on the day of the funeral. The Service was taken by the Rev. A. Burnley. A semi-muffled peal was rung on the Sunday evening following.

The Arundel pictures which were presented to the Church have now been inserted in an oak reredos at the expense of the Rector and his eldest son A. E. Callis in memory of the late Mrs. Callis. The improvement to the Church is very striking.

The Harvest Festival was held on Sunday, Oct. 10th. The Church was very prettily decorated by the parishioners who usually undertake it. Thanks are due to those who sent flowers, fruit and vegetables and to our late Sexton for a magnificent loaf of bread. The preacher was the Rev. W. J. Palmer, Vicar of Enstone. There was a very large congregation. The offertories, amounting to £1 19s. 4d., were given as usual to the Radcliffe Infirmary.

We are glad to welcome Lieut. M. C. Callis, R.E., once again and to find that he is rapidly recovering from the many wounds he received in the Dardanelles. Lieut. L. G. Toulmin read the lessons in church on October 17th.

We are pleased to be able to state Sidney Norton has added his name to the Salford Roll of Honour of which we are so justly proud.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Festival was held on Friday, October 3rd. The pretty little Church was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Bliss and Mrs. Toulmin. The offertory amounting to £1 10s. was as usual in aid of the Radcliffe Infirmary.

ENSTONE.

BAPTISED.—October 10th, Gladys Mary, daughter of William and Amelia Ellen Sheffield.

MARRIED.—September 7th, (by the Rector of Hook Norton), Herbert Edwin Cockbill and Gertrude Wilhelmina Collins.

BURIED.—September 1st, Emma Griffin, aged 54 years.—September 7th, Lucy Viner, aged 64 years.

We should have sent last month to the Deanery recording the kind sympathy of many with the relatives of Mrs. Griffin and Miss Viner. Mrs. Griffin had to endure agonies, but with thoughts fixed upon a Saviour who suffered crucifixion. We were glad to see her followed to the grave by the son, of whom she was justly proud, in the uniform of a Commissioned Officer of the Royal Navy.

Miss Viner was mercifully unconscious of pain. The way in which she had borne previous illness and infirmity had been a lesson to all who saw her. She was one of a much respected family in the Parish and in days of health was active in good works.

We were glad to see our organist again at his post in September, after an enforced absence of eleven Sundays through illness. His place was taken with great kindness and efficiency by Mr. Mayo.

Mrs. Palmer's sister passed away on October 7th. Mrs. Palmer is grateful for the kind sympathy in her bereavement.

Two of our soldier lads have passed away. Frank Sheffield was drowned, Wilfred Huckin died of wounds received in action on September 30th. Their sorrowing mothers have the kindest sympathy of all. Not long ago, when home on furlough, Wilfred wondered what it would be like in time of peace—he was having a gentleman's life in the Grenadier Guards as it was. His mother will remember how he went with her to Church early on Easter Day last, quite of his own accord.

We apologise to Mr. Kipling for a printer's error of our letter in our September issue. The question he asks is:

"Do ye wait for the spattered shrapnel e'er ye learn how a gun is laid?"

We are very sorry to hear that Fred Hawtin has been wounded.

Bertie Taplin is recovering from wounds.

Thanksgiving for the Harvest was made on September 29th, and the following Sunday. The Services were again well attended, the Sunday evening congregation being specially remarkable. Thanks to all Church helpers, also to the Rector of Salford, and the Vicar of Spelsbury for preaching. The collections for the Radcliffe Infirmary was 8½ guineas, and half a guinea for the Agricultural Benevolent Institution. Since then one has kindly given 10s. and another 2s. 6d. to add to the Infirmary Collection.

Mr. George Coles hopes soon to be discharged from the Radcliffe Infirmary, where he was operated upon for appendicitis.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

There will be a short Service of Intercession for the War lasting about a quarter of an hour every Friday evening at 7.15 p.m., in Fifield Church. It will precede the Choir Practice, and those interested in music are invited to remain for the practice, that the singing may be more congregational.

We are very sorry indeed to hear that Ernest Field has been wounded in the head and is unconscious. We have not yet heard the extent of the injury, and much hope that it will prove not to be so serious as it might seem to be judging by the present scanty news. Much sympathy is felt with his parents in their anxiety.

William Benfield has recovered from the wound received in Gallipoli, and has been visiting his mother at Bonld.

Stanley Arthurs has been sent to France. Henry Arthurs has recently enlisted, he has cause to be thankful for his escape in what might have proved a very serious accident.

The Mothers' Union will meet at the Rectory on alternate Fridays at 2.15 p.m.

We hope to be able to observe S. Nicolas' Day at Idbury as usual, and to have a special preacher, but as it falls upon a Monday this year, arrangements are more difficult to make.

CHADLINGTON.

BAPTISM.—October 17th, Clarence Childs, son of H. W. and M. M. Webb.

MARRIAGE.—October 14th, Arthur Henry Turner and Ada Mary Jane Stowe.

The Mothers' Meeting will commence again on Friday, November 5th, in the Reading Room.

The Harvest Festival was held on Thursday, Sept. 30th, and the Sunday following. The collections throughout the Festival amounted to £8 6s., of which £7 5s. was given to the Radcliffe Infirmary, and £1 1s. to the Eye Hospital, Oxford. The Services were well attended, and the singing of the anthem was good and careful. The Church was beautifully decorated by a willing band of decorators, to whom we owe most grateful thanks. Once again the small "rick" and the beautiful loaves of bread were striking features; to the donors of which, as also to all who sent so abundantly of the fruits of the earth as thank-offerings, we are most grateful. The fruit and vegetables were sent to the Radcliffe Infirmary. The Rev. Dr. Batchelor, Vicar of Cookham, Berks preached a most thoughtful and inspiring Sermon on the Thursday evening; and the Vicar of Spelsbury, the Rev. T. C. Tanner, and the Rev. E. L. Weight gave us most helpful Sermons on Sunday morning and evening. We are truly grateful for their kind assistance. Though, naturally, the ever present burden of the War pressed heavily, yet throughout the Festival there was a note of intense thankfulness to Almighty God for the truly wonderful weather vouchsafed to us for the ingathering of a plenteous harvest—an answer to many a fervent prayer sent up to Heaven,

for which it was our bounden duty to offer up our praise and thanksgiving.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death, at the age of 23, of Lieut. Gilbert White in France. He was badly wounded on the evening of Tuesday, October 5th, while returning from patrol duty, and died in hospital some 24 hours later. He was buried on the Friday after in a Cemetery adjoining the hospital. He had only left for the Front about a fortnight before he received his fatal wound. Gilbert White was well known in Chadlington. Some years ago his father had been Curate-in-Charge here for some three years, and during his stay here married the sister of Mrs. Bliss. Gilbert White was not born in Chadlington; but after his father's death, 18 years ago, he and his mother constantly stayed here; and on the death of his mother in 1907—eight years ago—he made his permanent home with Mrs. Bliss at the Manor House. He was then 15 years old, and was being educated at St. Edmund's School, Canterbury, where he did very well and was held in high regard by his head-master who found him a thoroughly reliable and loyal head boy. On leaving school he went to Selwyn College, Cambridge, where he was when war was declared. It was not long before he sought and obtained a Commission in the new army, and was gazetted to a 2nd Lieutenancy in the 13th Cheshires. Though he still had further examinations to pass at Cambridge, the University and his College allowed him to proceed to his B.A. degree, which he took shortly after joining the army. His hardworking and reliable character was evident again in his new work, and he was soon promoted to be second in command of the scouts of his battalion, a position which involved "a terrific amount of work." And since his death, a letter from his Colonel has been received by Mrs. Bliss in which he said in what high respect and regard he was held by the officers and men alike of his battalion, and how much he would be missed by him personally, as he had found him so thoroughly reliable. He will be very much missed, also, by all his friends in Chadlington, for he was always ready to do a good turn to anyone when opportunity offered, and latterly, when he was at home, he often read the lessons in Church on Sundays. It is, indeed, with sincere regret that we have to record the death of so promising a young officer. A Memorial Service was held on the evening of Tuesday, October 12th, at which a large number of parishioners were present as a token of the high respect and affectionate regard in which he was held by all his friends. And our most heartfelt sympathy will be extended to his aunt, Mrs. Bliss, and especially to Miss Constance Stovin, who had promised to become his wife, and who is now lying seriously ill from the shock of the sudden sad news. And as we earnestly pray that God will restore her to health again, and comfort them that mourn; so also do we commend into His loving mercy and protection the soul of Gilbert White.—R.I.P.

DAYLESFORD.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service, held on Thursday, October 7th, was well attended, and was distinguished by two gratifying features. The first was the very generous and ready response made by practically all in the Parish to the request for offerings of fruit and vegetables on behalf of the sick and wounded; and the second was the amount of the collection for the Radcliffe Infirmary at Oxford, which exceeded all records for more than thirty years, and reached the satisfactory sum of £5 8s 6d. The fruit and vegetables made a really splendid display, and were despatched the next morning to various London Hospitals for the sick and wounded, by which they have been most gratefully received and acknowledged. In addition to the fruit and vegetables there were also contributions of cakes, honey and jam which were disposed of in the same manner and found most acceptable. The Church was very tastefully and adequately decorated, the Service was as bright and hearty as the greatly reduced numbers of the Choir could render it, and an excellent Sermon, appropriate to the occasion and to the times in which we are now living, was preached by the Rev. H. G. Wheeler, Chaplain of the Kingham Hill Homes.

The awfulness and sadness of the war has been very vividly brought home to us during the last few weeks in which news has been received of the wounding of Eric Wood, and the death of Percy Sargent. Eric Wood received his wound in the big advance recently made by our troops in France. He was wounded in the neck by shrapnel, but we are glad to know that he has now recovered, and is back again with his regiment. Percy Sargent was attacked by dysentery at the Dardanelles, and after being in hospital for some time at Lemnos, got better and apparently rejoined his regiment, but enteric fever supervened, against which in his weakened condition he was unable to fight, and he died on October 15th. He is the first of those connected with this Parish to give his life in the service of his country, and his loss is most sincerely mourned by all who knew him here, and will be most deeply felt also in Birmingham where he had lived for many years and where he was actively engaged in much good and useful work up to the time of his volunteering for active service. The greatest sympathy is also felt by all with Mr. and Miss Sargent in this fresh sorrow which has fallen them, coming, as it does, so soon after the great loss which they experienced a few months ago.

The Reading-Room is again open for the winter season, with a plentiful supply of papers and games with which to while away an hour or two of the long, dark evenings. In view of the reduced

numbers able to make use of it, it has been thought well to open the room on two nights in the week instead of three. It will therefore be open on Monday and Friday evenings until the end of March, from seven to nine o'clock.

Two more recruits from Daylesford have just joined the Worcestershire Regiment, Richard Stickley, and Fred Pauting. We heartily wish them a successful career and a safe return. There is now not a young man left in the Parish.

CHASTLETON.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Festival is always a time of special effort on behalf of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and District Nursing Fund. Gratitude to the Lord of the Harvest finds in a country parish a very earnest expression. The decorations, by a large number of the parishioners, were quite exceptional in extent and beauty. Numerous gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables and eggs were contributed. Further the interest and profitability owed much to the special preacher at the 3 p.m. Service, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford. He took his text Deut. V., 6 and 13. He dwelt on the importance of bearing in mind the fourth commandment, and he brought out the matter of obeying the law of rest, and the law of fellowship, worship was our first duty and privilege. The lessons were read by Messrs. C. T. Richardson and T. W. Whitmore Jones. The Services were conducted by the Rector assisted by the Rector of Salford at the afternoon Service. The congregation heartily joined the Choir in singing the Harvest Hymns. A word of acknowledgment is due to some of the members of the Church Bell Ringers, Guild, who assisted with the Bells.

Nine dozen eggs were sent to the National Egg Collection for the wounded. The gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables, were sent to a very poor parish in London and were much appreciated.

The following are fresh names added to our Roll of Honour:—A.S.C., Albert Charles Corbett; R.F.A., Charles Henry Coleman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

October 16th at Charlbury about 50 were present, including 7 clergy. The Rev. J. D. Payne lectured on "Anselm" at 2.15 and then the Rev. H. Heathcote spoke on, "The Religious training of Jewish Children," drawing from his own experiences in Palestine and East London. The Jews put learning before understanding for children, as nature directs.

Evensong was at 4.15 with a good collection of £1 6s. 4½d., which leaves a small balance in hand for 1916.

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CHARLBURY & SHORTHAMPTON.
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CHURCHILL & SARSDEN.
CORNWELL.

ENSTONE.
FIFIELD & IDBURY.
HEYTHROP.
HOOK NORTON.
FINSTOCK.
GREAT ROLLRIGHT.
& DAYLESFORD.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.
SALFORD.
MILTON & LYNEHAM.
RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLBY.
SPELSBURY.

DECEMBER.

CALENDAR.

1915.

1	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
2	Th	
3	F	
4	S	
5	S	<i>2nd Sunday in Advent.</i>
6	M	S. Nicolas B.
7	Tu	
8	W	Conception of the B.V. Mary. Magistrates' Meeting.
9	Th	
10	F	
11	S	
12	S	<i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i>
13	M	S. Lucy, V.M.
14	Tu	
15	W	Ember Day. Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
16	Th	O Sapientia.
17	F	Ember Day.
18	S	Ember Day.
19	S	<i>4th Sunday in Advent.</i>
20	M	
21	Tu	S. Thomas, A.M.
22	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
23	Th	
24	F	
25	S	<i>Christmas Day.</i>
26	S	S. Stephen, Protomartyr. <i>1st Sunday after Christmas.</i>
27	M	S. John, A.E.
28	Tu	<i>Holy Innocents, M.M.</i>
29	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council
30	Th	
31	F	S. Silvester, B.

6th, New Moon, 6h. 4m. p.m.

21st, Full Moon, 0h. 52m. p.m.

13th, First Quarter, 11h. 38m. a.m.

29th, Last Quarter, 0h. 59m. p.m.

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

Vicar—Rev. H. H. Arkell, M.A.

Assistant Priest—Rev. E. Ll. Weight.

Sexton and Clerk—Hubert E. Cook, 7 Church Street.

Organist and Choirmaster—Ernest C. Cook,

Deputy Organist and Choirmaster—

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

Churchwardens—Austin Webb,
A. J. Bolwell,
for Chipping Norton.
Major Daly, for Over Norton.

ADVENT.

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Special Services will be held in the Parish Church on Thursdays in Advent at 7, beginning on December 2nd.

The preacher on Thursday, December 2nd, will be REV. D. M. ROSS, M.A., Vicar of Langport, Somerset. *At this Service there will be Special Intercessions on behalf of Foreign Missions.*

The preacher on Dec. 9th will be REV. E. J. F. JOHNSON, Rector of Sarsden.

In the Mission Room at the Common, a short Service will be held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., beginning December 1st

The Vicar will preach a Course of Sermons on Sunday Evenings in the Parish Church.

Subjects:

Nov. 28th—"In all time of our tribulation."

Dec. 5th—"In all time of our wealth."

Dec. 12th—"In the hour of death."

Dec. 19th—"In the day of judgment."

Christmas Day.—The following are the Services in the Parish Church: Holy Communion at 8, 7 & 8; Mattins and Holy Communion at 11; Evensong and Carols at 6 p.m.

N.B.—Let as many of us as possible mark the solemn season of Advent by attendance at daily Mattins in the Parish Church at 10.30, and by a real effort to attend the Special Weekly Services.

BAPTISMS—Nov. 7th, Kathleen Mary, daughter of Frank and Charlotte Willetts.—William Percival, son James Henry and Alice Mary Hunt.—Nov. 14th, Elsie May Giles.

MARRIAGES.—Oct. 30th, George Stephen Howse and Evelyn Annie Pearce, both of this parish.—Nov. 22nd, Percival Vicarage (on active service) and Annie Toilet, both of this parish.—Nov. 24th, Frederick George Beames Hake, of H.M.S. Black Prince, and Edith Elsie Stanley of this parish.—Nov. 29th, Nelson Shepherd and Lily Rachel Guy, both of this parish.

BURIALS.—Nov. 2nd, Louisa King, aged 72 years.—Nov. 4th, Henry Insall, aged 43 years.

DISTRICT VISITORS' MEETING.—The meeting on Nov. 9th was very well attended, and the following is a list of districts taken. The Vicar presided and the Rev. E. Ll. Weight was also present.

Rock Hill ...	Mrs. Pettipher, Mrs. Morrison.
Albion Street (including Conygree Terrace & Holly Court) ...	Miss Stephan.
Albion Place and Lodge Terrace ...	Mrs. Bolwell.
Spring Street (upper) ...	Mrs. Burlow.
" (lower) ...	Mrs. George.
Portland Place ...	Mrs. Hayes & Miss. Pryor.
Church Street ...	Mrs. Webb.
Diston's Lane ...	Mrs. Wilkins.
" ...	Mrs. Arkoll.
Guild Hall Place & Blue Anchor Court	Mrs. Burbidge.
The Leys ...	Mrs. Pearson.
Alexandra Square & Paradise Place	Mrs. Neale.
Burford Road ...	Misses Reader.
Lower Common ...	Mrs. Woodward.
King's Head Yard ...	Mrs. Hartwell.
West Street ...	Sister Lily Cork.
West End ...	Miss Edwards.
Chapel House ...	Miss Edwards.
Church Lane ...	Mrs. Chamberlayne.
Finsbury Square ...	Mrs. Weight.
Over Norton ...	Mrs. Daly.

Other ladies are also willing to take districts which will be allotted to them shortly. It was arranged to hold a monthly meeting of the District Visitors on the first Tuesday in each month at 3 p.m. in the Church Room. A Relief Committee meets each Tuesday at 12 o'clock.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' MEETING.—There was a good attendance at this meeting on the evening of November 9th, the following being present: The Vicar, Rev. E. Ll. Weight, Mrs. Arkell, Miss M. Burden, Miss N. Burden, Miss Crane, Miss Ekins, Miss Ellis, Miss Griffin, Miss Groves, Miss Hartley, Miss G. Williams, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Woolliams, Mr. Killeby, Mr. Chris Webb. The work of the Sunday School was discussed, and it was clearly shown there was a real need of more teachers for both morning and afternoon. *Will not some in our parish offer themselves for this most important work.* A Sunday School Teachers' Class for the preparation of the lesson for each Sunday was arranged to be held every Tuesday, in the Church Room at 8 p.m.

C.E.M.S.—A general meeting of all C.E.M.S. members is fixed for Monday, December 6th, at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Room.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISMS.—Nov. 7th, Ethel Joan, daughter of Jack and Ethel Louisa Keyte.—16th, Ernest Russell Delmege, son of the late Ernest Arthur and Mina Nona Heberden, formerly of Godley Vicarage, Cheshire.—21st, Frank Reginald, son of Harry and Alice Beatrice Violet Dix.—Frederick John, son of Henry George and Annie Jane Sandells.—Madeline Jane, daughter of George and Mary Ann Parsons.—Harold, son of Alfred and Frances Parsons.

BURIAL.—At Shorthampton Church, Rhoda Bishop, aged 63 years.

Our sympathy is due to the Bishop family in their loss. Mrs. Bishop was regular in attendance at Church, as long as she was able to walk from Chilson.

ST. MARY'S, CHARLBURY. ADVENT 1915.—The offertories on Advent Sunday will be for Foreign Missions.

On Thursday, December, 2nd there will be a Missionary Meeting, at which the Rev. H. Heathcote, formerly of Haifa Mission, Jerusalem, will speak. Our King's Messengers' Branch are organising the meeting.

WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT 7.30 P.M.—After Prayers for the War, Special Sermons:—Wednesday, December 1st, Rev. T. P. Field, M.A. 8th, Rev. R. C. S. Bailey, M.A., Rector of Hanborough. 15th, Rev. Dr. Holbrooke, Rector of Great Rollright. 22nd, The Vicar.

Matins daily, during Advent, at 8. Evensong daily at 7.30.

Most of us will value the opportunity this Advent in War-time of learning more of the meaning of the coming of the Kingdom of God.

The Clergy of the Deanery are glad to have resumed our Clerical Society, with a meeting at Shipton on November 9th, and we hope to study together the Epistle to the Hebrews, and also the subject of the War: and to meet in December at Eustone, January at Charlbury, February at Spelsbury.

The working party, organized by Lady Margaret Watney, propose to send a Christmas parcel to every man from Charlbury who is serving abroad.

We are glad to hear that the number of men serving from Charlbury is steadily increasing, and probably now numbers 130

CORNWELL.

S.P.C.K.—The District Organizing Secretary the Rev. E. C. Summers, was staying at Cornwell Rectory from November 20th to November 24th. His visit was a very pleasant and most successful one. On Sunday, the 21st, he preached (as last year) at Chipping Norton in the morning, and at Salford in the evening. There was an increase in both the offertories over last year's. On Monday, he and the Rector of Cornwell (the Local Honorary

Secretary), visited Chipping Norton, with a view to the establishment there of a local S.P.C.K. depot, which we trust shortly will be arranged for, and which will be a great convenience to the Deanery. That evening he visited Churchill, and gave a most interesting lantern lecture in the Schoolroom, by the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. E. J. F. Johnson, who provided the lantern and presided on the occasion. On Tuesday evening we had a most successful lecture at Cornwell. Though some of the people were away, and some laid up with colds, we had a room full, and all, including the babies, much enjoyed their evening's entertainment. Even "Billy" the local goat, who occasionally attends the Sunday School, did his best to obtain admission, and seemed much disappointed in having to be turned out.

The total collections were as under, viz:—Chipping Norton £3 16s. 5d., Salford 14s. 11d., Churchill 7s. 5d., Cornwell 9s.

We hope to welcome Mr. Summers again before long.

THE WAR.—Since we last wrote, two more of our young men, Francis Williams and Harold Goodall, have enlisted, both of them in the Navy. We most heartily bid them both "God Speed."

The Sunday before they left Cornwell, they both came to the Early Celebration of the Holy Communion a very fitting and appropriate beginning to their work of peril and labour of love.

If the proposed compulsory service should take place, there will be few "shirkers" to be found in Cornwell. May God bring all our brave boys safely home before long.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS.—Advent is always a solemn season and time for special prayer, but especially so this year. May all who can take advantage of the services of the Church, and watch and wait and pray. May we indeed put on the armour of light and fight our Master's battle at home, as our brave soldiers are doing abroad. The end of both Wars will come some day when the faithful will be rewarded, on earth by King George; in Heaven by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

We cannot wish our people "A Merry Christmas" this year, but what is far better, "A Happy One," and may the next see the War well over and "Peace on Earth" once again restored.

CORNWELL CLOTHING AND COAL CLUB.—The annual distribution to the subscribers took place on Saturday, the 13th of November. The total deposits were £13 4s., on which a bonus of £4 8s., was paid. In addition to the above the sum of £1 6s. 0d. was paid as a bonus on the Children's Clothing Club in connection with Churchill Schools, making a total bonus of £5 14s. 0d.

Deposits recommence on the first Saturday in December.

CHADLINGTON.

Dec. 21, St. Thomas } Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
 ,, 25, Christmas Day } Holy Communion, 7, 8 & 12.
 } Mattins, 11.
 } Evensong and Carols, 5.30.

,, 26, St. Stephen }
 ,, 27, St. John } Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
 ,, 28, Holy Innocents }

On the first three Fridays in Advent there will be Evensong and Address at 6.30 p.m.

Another Advent has come round and the Church commences a New Year with the Great War still raging as fiercely as ever and spreading further over the world. But however dark and terrible the present may appear, the hopes and confidence of the Allies in the final result remain as firm and unshaken as ever. And meanwhile it behoves all good Christian people to continue instant in prayer and supplication to the good God who rules the destinies of mankind and will restore to the world the blessings of peace when the nations are ready to use, and not abuse, those blessings.

On November 14th the collections throughout the day were made on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Fund and amounted to £5 4s. 0d.

The following is the report of the Inspection of our Schools in Religious Knowledge, held by the Rev. A. Cary Elwes, Assistant Diocesan Inspector of Schools: "The examination of this School was quite satisfactory, especially as owing to sickness the School had been closed a good deal during the year.

Infants.—Singing good. Old Testament very fair, but not much had been taken owing to sickness. New Testament good. Catechism very fair. Repetition good. Prayers reverent. The following did best: Isabel Hemmings, Harry Lodge, Ethel Dodd, Ernest Cox, Albert Wren, Alfred Newberry.

Standards I. & II.—These Standards did well, all their work was good. The weakest point was Catechism. Written work was very neat and accurate. The following deserve special mention: Ivy Hemmings, Harry Belcher, Willie Plumb, Jessie Lovegrove, Ethel Souch, Rosie Lovegrove.

Standards III. & IV.—Singing good. Old Testament good. New Testament good. Repetition good. Again in this Standard I thought the Catechism somewhat weak and not up to the rest of the work. Written work very nicely done, neat and accurate. The following deserve special mention: Dora Newberry, Frank Kitching, Cyril Hemmings, Donald Pratt, Alice Cox, Lucy Bond.

Standard V.—This Standard knew their work well. Old Testament, New Testament and Repetition were all good; the weakest subject was the Prayer Book. The written work was very fair, though perhaps the

questions set were rather too difficult. The Bishop's Prize is awarded to Frank Martin. Certificates to Elsie Lainchbury and Gladys Townsend."

On Thursday, Nov. 4th, the Charlbury Patriotic Society gave an excellent concert in the Schools to a well-filled room, on behalf of the British Red Cross Fund. All praise is due to Mr. Howse, who is responsible for the formation of the Society, for the splendid work that he, together with the other members of his concert party, is doing on behalf of this most deserving Fund. As a result of the concert, £2 10s. 3d. was sent to the Red Cross Fund; and a collection, made at the door at the conclusion of the concert, for the "Oxford Times Football Fund," realised 16/6.

HOOK NORTON.

Collections during November:—

Church Expenses	...	...	1	7	2½
Offertory Fund	...	...	...	9	9½
Lighting Fund	...	...	...	12	0½
Sunday School Clothing Club	...	...	1	3	2½
Poor Fund	...	...	...	10	1
Restoration Fund	...	...	...	10	10¼

The Chipping Norton Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers met at Hook Norton on Saturday, November 20th. There was a Special Service in the Church at 4.15 p.m., at which a very helpful and practical Sermon was preached by the Rev. T. C. Tanner, Vicar of Spelsbury, to whom our best thanks are due. Among other Clergy present were the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter, Rural Dean of Chipping Norton and Vicar of Shipton-under-Wychwood; the Rev. W. J. Palmer, Vicar of Enstone and President of the local branch of the Guild; and the Rev. Dr. Holbrooke, Rector of Great Rollright, whom we are always pleased to see at Hook Norton. Mr. T. Hewitt, of Leafeld, Hon. Sec., was also present. After the Service the Ringers met at tea in the School-room, and a business meeting was subsequently held at which the Rev. W. J. Palmer was re-elected President, and Mr. T. Hewitt Hon. Sec. It was decided to hold the Spring meeting at Spelsbury.

We regret to announce that Corporal Oliver Horn of the Grenadier Guards, was killed recently in action on the Western front. He had been in the Army for four years, and was shortly to be promoted Sergeant, which in so fine a regiment means a great deal, and is a testimony to good conduct and high soldierly qualities. We offer our sincerest sympathy to his young widow and parents. They cannot but be sad, but they have good reason to be proud of one who fell fighting nobly for his Country. It does not seem so very long ago since he was a boy in the choir.

The writer of these notes wishes all his readers a Happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BURIALS.—November 7th, Violet Mary Belcher, aged 21 years.—November 9th, Henry Thomas Franklin, aged 67 years, of Milton.—November 27th, Caroline Duester, aged 72 years, of Lyneham.

We regret to have to chronicle this month a very sad accident which occurred on Thursday, Nov. 4th. As the Vicar was driving to Lyneham on that day, going round the corner leading to Mr. Pratt's, Violet Belcher was coming from Lyneham on her bicycle, and being unable to get to the right side of the road in time, ran into the trap, and it is thought the shaft must have struck her and caused her death. It was an accident which awakened the sympathy of all people in the village and for all concerned, and indeed the bereaved parents had letters of kindest sympathy from many people unknown to them even by name, and so many were there in number that Mr. and Mrs. Belcher wish to express through the Magazine their heartfelt appreciation of such kindness, being unable to write personally to each one. The funeral was held on Sunday, November 7th, when a very large concourse of people assembled to show their respects for the deceased, and their deep sympathy for the bereaved parents and relatives. The Rev. H. G. Wheeler, of Kingham Hill, very kindly came over and officiated at the funeral, and in a short but very touching manner referred to the sad event which had cast a gloom over the parish, in his address at the Evening Service at Milton. On Sunday, 14th, there was a full Church at Lyneham, when the Vicar referred to it in his address. The Service throughout was most fitting, and the beautiful hymns which were sung, speaking of the glorious hope of the Resurrection, were most helpful.

We very much regret having also to chronicle another very sad accident which happened to Miss Pelham. She apparently slipped and fell down in her house, and in falling sustained a fracture of the hip. We are glad to be able to announce that she is making good progress, and I am sure we all hope most sincerely that she will make a rapid recovery. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to both Miss Pelham and her mother.

Just as we are sending this off we have received the sad news of the death of our old friend and caretaker of Lyneham Church, who was found dead on Tuesday afternoon. The particulars have not yet reached us, and as we shall refer to it in next month's issue, will say no more at present.

Our next item of news is of a different character. It refers to Corpl. Horace Duester, who has returned from the Front to recuperate after an attack of fever. It is news which makes us all feel very proud of one of our Soldier boys; indeed, we feel very proud of every one of them; but Horace's

reward for gallant conduct, naturally is felt by us all as a great distinction which the little village of Lyneham shares with the recipient. It would be perhaps best to give the correspondence about it in the words of the official despatch:—

"For Gallant and Meritorious Service."

"The Major General Commanding has noted with pleasure the gallant and meritorious conduct of
No. 10464 PRIVATE DUESTER,
5th Oxon & Bucks Light Infantry,
near Hooge on September 25th, 1915, which has been brought to his notice by his Commanding Officer.
J. COOPER, Major General."

"No. 10464 CORPORAL DUESTER

"I send you herewith a card granted by the Divisional Commander, for your gallant and fearless conduct on the 25th of September, 1915. You have already been granted the Distinguished Conduct Medal for your services on that day. I congratulate you on the receipt of these marks of distinction. You are also the first man in the Regiment to get the D.C.M., of which you may well be proud.

Lt. COL. WEBB,

5th Ox. & Bucks Lt. Inf."

We all join in sincere congratulations, and when the war is over, we hope something will be done to mark our appreciation of the "gallant and fearless conduct" of our fellow citizen, Horace Duester.

At a meeting held at the Recreation Room on Monday, the 21st, it was unanimously resolved that a sum of £2 be granted out of the funds of the Club to go towards Xmas Cheer for our boys at the front. The Club is not a wealthy institution, but we felt we must do a trifle to mark our appreciation of the magnificent help being given by our brave lads to our Country in its hour of need.

CHASTLETON.

Mrs. Richardson, of Chastleton House, had a rummage sale on Thursday, November 4th, which, together with a donation of 10s. from Mr. and Mrs. Willett, produced the most useful sum of £29 0s. 1½d. The money was divided in the following way: The Nursing Fund, £10; Red Cross Society (Oxfordshire Branch), £14 10s.; East End Mission in London, £4 10s. 1½d.

Our Day School children have collected and forwarded to Dr. Barnardo's Home the sum of 15s. The following children collected: Susie Gingell, Beatrice Phillips, Rita Newbury, Emily Newman, Vera Corbett, and Ethel Whittington.

During Advent there will be Services in Church on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

The monthly meeting of the C.E.M.S will take place as usual in the School on Thursday, Dec. 2nd.

The offertories on Sunday, November 28th, were given to provide Christmas gifts to those on our Roll of Honour.

SPELSBURY.

BAPTISMS.—Oct. 31st, Florence Emily, daughter of John and Emily Cox.—Rose Lillian, daughter of Oscar John and Marlin Elizabeth Hitchcocks.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS, Oct. 23—Nov. 24:—Sick and Needy, 4s. 11d.; Church Expenses, £2 5s. 4d.; Oxford Diocesan Fund, 10s. 10d.

Christmas Day, the Services will be:—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Martins & Holy Communion, 11 a.m. Evensong and Carols, 6 p.m. The Collections will be given to the Church of England Waifs & Strays Society."

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will be holding a Confirmation in the spring, and there is a great probability that Spelsbury will be the parish in which it will be held. Your Vicar will be glad to receive the names of candidates early in the New Year with a view to arranging Classes for Instruction. Godparents can do much in this matter by carrying out their promise to see that the Church Catechism is learnt and in fulfilling the Church's Charge to themselves, "Ye are to take care that these children be brought to the Bishop to be Confirmed by him, so soon as they can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments in the vulgar tongue, and be further instructed in the Church Catechism set forth for that purpose."

The cold weather is upon us and we feel sadly the absence of the new heating apparatus, although we adopt such expedients as we can to warm the Church. Messrs. Grundy have the new furnace all ready at their works in Manchester, but cannot get delivery by rail owing to the railway being engaged in war service. They promise however to install it at the earliest possible moment.

ROLL OF HONOUR.—We must add to the names of Leonard Wilfrid Conduct, who has joined the Royal Navy, and also Harry Richens, who has joined the Motor Transport branch of the A.S.C.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

BAPTISMS.—7th Nov., Albert Norman, son of Arthur and Emily Jane Hinksman, of Crowmarsh Gifford.—7th Nov., Bernard Wallace, son of Joseph Matthias and Louisa Esther Woolford, of White Oak Green.

11th Nov.—The Rev. Bryan-Brown, of Oxford, gave a Costume Lecture at the School on behalf of the C.M.S.

16th Nov.—The Charlbury Patriotic Society gave an excellent Concert in the School as a result of which £1 5s. 3d. was sent to the British Red Cross Society, and 6s. 2d. to the "Oxford Times" Tobacco Fund.

25th Nov.—A meeting was held in the School to make arrangements for sending goods to the British Farmers' Red Cross Sale at Chipping Norton.

The Week-day Advent Services will be held on Wednesdays at 7 o'clock instead of Fridays as formerly.

SALFORD.

A Social, arranged by the Misses Rose, Clements, and Woodward, was held in the Schoolroom on S.S. Simon & Jude's Day in aid of the Red Cross Society. Many thanks are due to those who kindly provided refreshments and rendered assistance in different ways. The proceeds, amounting to £2 10s., were gratefully acknowledged by the Hon. Mrs. Brassey.

On October 30th, a successful Rummage Sale was held in the old Schoolroom, kindly lent by Mrs. Phillips. There were many kind helpers at the stalls, and after setting aside a sum required for parochial funds, £1 15s. 0d. was spent in purchasing an excellent kitchen table for the Chipping Norton Red Cross Hospital, and we are glad to hear from the Hon. Mrs. Brassey that the gift is much appreciated.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 21st, a Sermon was preached by the Rev. E. C. Summers on behalf of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. The offertories on the day, amounting to 14s. 11d., were handed over to the Society.

We regret that Lieut. V. E. Toulmin, who has been at the Dardanelles, is now in hospital at Cairo, and has undergone an operation for appendicitis. We trust he will make a speedy recovery. We are glad to be able to add yet two more names to our Roll of Honour: Ernest John Heat and Joseph Yates have joined the Oxford Yeomanry; and we congratulate G. Barrow on being made Sergeant and C. Winnett Corporal.

The Boy Scouts are meeting at the Rectory on Thursday Evenings, and on Nov. 25th were given a tea by the Rector. Scout Brooke from Chipping Norton was present and gave some useful instructions in signalling.

We have recently had some excellent bell ringing and hope to hear more of it. The inscriptions on our bells are:—No. 1, "Cantate Domino Canticum Novum." No. 2, "Henry Bagley made mee." No. 3, "Matthew Bagley made mee." No. 4, "God save the King." No. 5, "John Wheeler and Richard Phillips, Churchwardens." On each bell is the date 1687.

Applications for the office of Sexton have not yet been received by the authorities. Messrs. A. Cross and W. Giles are for the time being undertaking the duties.

We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Phillips for carting the coke for Church use.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

We have at present no Roll of Honour to publish, but feel sure we should have one, were there any in the parish eligible for the Army or Navy. The Rector will be glad to receive the names of brothers or very near relatives of those residing in the village, who are now serving.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.

Vicar: W. Collingwood Carter, M.A., Ch. Ch., Surrogate,
Rural Dean.

Churchwardens: H. Mawle, E. H. Dee.

Sidesmen:

A. Miles, M. Bunting, J. E. H. Parsons, B.A., M.R.C.S.,
J. Stroug, A. Miles (junior), R. Townsend, J. Pittaway (senior)
Clark: S. Coombes. Sexton: J. Steed.

Nov. 2.—A talented party from Charlbury gave an entertainment at the Beaconsfield Hall which was well attended. The £6 10s. 6d. realized was given to the Red Cross and S. John Ambulance Association, from whom a hearty letter of thanks was received. About £1 3s. 0d. was taken in a collection at the door for a present to the Oxon & Bucks L.I. We take this opportunity of thanking the Charlbury Party for including Shipton in their benevolent round of visits.

The Vicar and Churchwardens, acting on expert advice, have thought it right to increase the Insurance Policy on the Church and Church Schools.

Rifle practice at the Vicarage has been resumed on Thursday night, when possible.

7th.—The Rev. H. Martin Thorpe preached on behalf of the National Society, and Catechised in the Afternoon.

9th.—A meeting was held in the Beaconsfield Hall, the chairman being F. W. P. Matthews, Esq., to form a Volunteer Corps. A committee of seven was elected to further the matter. Several of the Burford Corps kindly explained the object of the movement and the best methods of working it. Their experiences at Burford in the past year seems to have been entirely satisfactory.

20th.—The Vicar and two of our ringers attended the Annual Guild Meeting at Hook Norton, where are a particularly fine peal of bells. The Guild Service was held in the Church, and an impressive Sermon on Holy Worship was preached by the Vicar of Spelsbury, which place it is proposed that the Guild hold their next meeting.

During Advent the Special Services will be as heretofore, on Friday evenings at seven, and at the Mission Chapel on Wednesdays at the same hour. Those who desire to use Christmas well should use Advent as preparation.

It is requested that Missionary Boxes be sent in to the Vicar in Advent.

The Day of Intercession for Missions will be on December 3rd, and there is a short Service of Missionary Intercession on the first Friday of each month. We greatly desire more boxes should be applied for.

George Longshaw, Grenadier Guards, writes "that he is down at the Base after a hard summer's fighting, but quite well, enjoying good health, and will soon be ready to go up to the Firing Line again." May he, and all our intrepid Shipton

Soldiers and Sailors soon return in peace to their homes.

MARRIAGE.—13th November, Frederick Daniel Hunt and Ann Oliver Pittaway.

BURIAL.—November 22nd, Thomas Phillips, aged 60 years.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

On All Saints' Day, George Ernest Field of the Coldstream Guards, died in hospital in Flanders of wounds received about ten days earlier. He recovered consciousness and was able to receive the Holy Communion. Some hope was held out of his recovery, but this was disappointed, and he seems to have died quite suddenly. He enlisted very shortly after the War began, and went abroad early in this year. Thus he had borne the burden and heat of the day. Ernest Field was born and baptized at Idbury and brought up there. He thus belongs to both our parishes. In disposition he was quiet and retiring, but the number of his friends and well-wishers shows that his was a lovable nature and suggests the heathen proverb, "whom the Gods love die young." Much sympathy is felt with his parents. Being a member of the Choir, Memorial Services were held on November 11th. At 8 a.m. there were several Communicants. At 7.15 p.m. the Special Service was very well attended in spite of the rain. The Scouts attended in uniform the Patrol Leader carrying the Union Jack draped with creeps. A wreath of white flowers, and another of laurel leaves tied with a ribbon of the Coldstream Guards colours were fastened to the Choir Stalls. The form used was that authorised by the Bishop. Hymns 356 and 136 from the English Hymnal were sung, and the Service concluded with the Russian "Kontakion for the Departed." May he rest in peace, and let Light Perpetual shine upon him.

Died of wounds, George Ernest Field, son of George Frederick and Mary Ann Field of Fifield, aged 22.

It is not possible to observe S. Nicolas' Day this year at S. Nicolas', Idbury, but three services will be connected with the Festival. Holy Communion at 7 a.m. on Sunday, December 5th, Holy Communion at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8th, and Evensong at 6 p.m., on Sunday, December 12th. Before the 7 a.m. service, on December 5th, the new Communion rails will be dedicated. These are made from the old rails, some fine old carved balusters being incorporated. These were a gift to the Church from the Rev. F. J. Browne, Rector of Steeple Aston. The work has been done by Canon Vernon Staley, Rector of Ickford, from the designs of Mr. F. E. Howard, Architect of Oxford.

BAPTISM.—Fifield, October 31st, Hazel Mayence Lenora, daughter of Leonard and Mary Jane Miles, of Milton-under-Wychwood.

RAMSDEN.

BAPTISMS.—The following Baptisms have taken place during the past few months:—April 29, Ivy Mary Huckins, Violet Bessie Huckins, Nellie Huckins, Annie Elizabeth Gee.—May 30, Minnie Rosa Haynes.—June 13, Clarence George Bunting.—July 2, Sarah Scarrrott (privately).—Sept. 5, Thelma Minnie Bartlett.—Sept. 12, Louisa Jane Oliver.—Sept. 26th, Kenneth Charles East.—Oct. 10, Alfred George Alexander Buckingham.—Nov. 18, George Herbert Fathers.

THE WAR—Much sorrow has again been caused in the village by the death of Thomas Bunting, killed in action. A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, November 14th, which was largely attended, and there were 30 friends and relatives at the Holy Communion. We have thus lost three from Ramsden: Capt. Philip Wyuter, Harry Johnson and Thomas Bunting. Besides these a former Ramsden man has been reported missing, Frank Davis, and there is small reason to hope that he is alive. Thomas Bunting leaves a widow and five young children. He was a popular person amongst his friends, and had been a member of the Ramsden Band for many years.

WILLIAM BARTON SUTTON.—A very old member of the Ramsden and Wilcote congregations has passed away in the person of William Barton Sutton. As a farmer at Wilcote he had been for many years the principal employer of labour of Ramsden men. He will be much missed in very many ways, chiefly as a regular member of the congregation and as a kindly charitable neighbour. His advanced age (81) had latterly curtailed a great deal of his activity, but not of his interest in everything. He was buried at Wilcote on Monday, the 22nd, and the funeral was very largely attended.

MEMORIALS.—Two very beautiful marble tablets have been placed in Ramsden Church, one to the memory of Capt. Philip Mascie Wyuter, and the other to his son, Capt. Philip Cecil Wyuter, the latter of whom was killed at Hill 60.

C.E.M.S.—Six members (all available) attended the annual meeting of the Witney Federation in October, when a very able devotional address was given by the Diocesan Secretary, the Rev. H. Carew Hunt. This was followed by a Prayer Meeting.

WOMEN'S BIBLE READINGS.—These meetings have been resumed for the winter months, and are being well and regularly attended by the members who now number 15. In October the members attended the annual meeting of the Witney Auxiliary of the British & Foreign Bible Society, and heard a splendid inspiring address from Canon Simpson of St. Paul's Cathedral.

INTERCESSION SERVICES.—These Services are held weekly on Thursday evenings at 7.30, and are attended by about 25 people each week. There is

however a very strange absence of men at these Services, which one might suppose they could easily attend. Unfortunately the religious problems which the war raises are not being solved on the knees as they only can be solved by believing Christians.

THE DAY SCHOOL.—The epidemic of scarlet fever has mercifully passed away. Our head teacher, Mr. T. A. Hornbuckle, has enlisted in the Sanitary of the R.A.M.C., and his place is being taken by Miss Harris, a certified teacher from Garford, near Abingdon, who seems to be doing well.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

ROLL OF HONOUR.—It is with great regret to the whole village that the sad news came that Wilfred Peachey, aged 17, was killed in action in France on October 26th, 1915. He was a general favourite, and for four years was in the Rector's service. The sympathy of all go out to the parents in their great loss; also for John Henry Beacham, late of Churchill, who was killed in France on September 25th, 1915, aged 20 years.

BURIALS.—Nov. 1st, Ellen Cook, aged 68 years.—Nov. 12th, Martha Watts, aged 78 years.

MARRIAGE.—At Churchill on Nov. 24th, 1915, Alfred George Phillips Treweeke to Edith Annie Thompson.

An interesting address, illustrated with good lantern slides, was given by the Rev. E. C. Summers, the Organizing Secretary for S.P.C.K., in the Churchill Schoolroom, on Nov. 22nd, who was accompanied by the local Secretary, the Rev. R. P. Burnett, Rector of Cornwell. A collection was made at the door which amounted to 7s. 5d. and 2s. 6d. for the rent of the room. A collecting box will be placed in the Sunday School for contributions.

The sum of £32 2s. 5d. was collected for Christmas presents to be sent to our local Soldiers who number 45. Parcels for the Dardanelles and for India and the Persian Gulf were despatched in November, and should reach their destination by Christmas. Messrs. Blair and Giles Edmonds (Secretary), together with a committee, have made the necessary arrangements which have been entrusted to Messrs. Pettipher, Chipping Norton, to carry out.

£2 was collected for the Belgian Soldiers' Fund. A Christmas present will be given to our Belgian Refugees.

Christmas Day coming on Saturday, the Communion Service will be held at Churchill at 8 a.m. and after the Morning Service.—and at Sarsden at 8.15 a.m. the following day.

A Church Parade of the "C" Company of the Oxfordshire Volunteer Training Corps took place at Churchill on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. on October 31st, whilst a few days previously Lord and Lady Moreton entertained the Officers and Men to tea at Sarsden House.