

THE CHIPPING NORTON Deanery Magazine.



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LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.
SALFORD.
MILTON & LYNEHAM.
RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
SPELSBURY.

& DAYLESFORD.

JANUARY.

C A L E N D A R .

1916.

1	S	<i>Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>
2	S	<i>2nd Sunday after Christmas.</i>
3	M	
4	Tu	
5	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
6	Th	<i>The Epiphany.</i>
7	F	
8	S	S. Lucian, P.M.
9	S	<i>1st Sunday after Epiphany.</i>
10	M	
11	Tu	
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13	Th	S. Hilary, B.C.
14	F	
15	S	
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17	M	
18	Tu	S. Prisca, V.M.
19	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
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21	F	S. Agnes, V.M.
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27	Th	
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5th, New Moon, 4h. 45m. a.m.

20th, Full Moon, 8h. 29m. a.m.

12th, First Quarter, 3h. 38m. a.m.

28th, Last Quarter, 0h. 35m. a.m.

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

BAPTISMS.—December 5th, Reginald James, son of Louis Albert and Florence Peachey.—December 5th, Emma Ada, daughter of Job and Hilda Townley.—December 23rd, William Edwin, son of William and Helen Lunnun (privately).

MARRIAGE.—December 23rd, James Brain and Emily Wheeler both of this Parish.—December 27th, Charles Edward Bayliss and Ethel Louise Betteridge both of this Parish.—Dec. 28th, Guy Harvey Muriel of Whitehaven and Dorothy Maslin Smith of this Parish.

BURIALS.—December 18th, George Alan Coleman, aged 2 years.—December 28th, Willa Messenger, aged 48 years.

SALFORD.

The year 1915 has indeed been a sad one. Have we done in it what we could, to show God that we are really sorry for having fallen away from Him. Have we been more earnest in prayer, more regular at Church, more frequent in carrying out our Lord's loving and dying command, "This do in remembrance of Me!" if not, how can we expect the Lord of Hosts to stay His hand in this awful punishment of war. Let us make a firm resolve in 1916 to do all we can to the glory of God, and strive to obey His commands, then we may feel sure that the coming year will be a happier one, and that is what we heartily wish for all.

We congratulate 2nd Lieut. M. C. Callis, R.E., on having taken his B.A. degree. It was conferred upon him in the Senate House at Cambridge, on December 3rd. Sir Adolphus Ward (Master of Peterhouse), the Rector, and 2nd. Lieut. H. V. Callis were present to witness the ceremony.

On December 17th, the Fawdry charity coal was distributed, nearly every householder received 1½ cwt., not quite so much as last year, on account of the high price of coal, and on St. Thomas' Day the Fawdry charity bread was given out in the Schoolroom, by the Rector and Mr. C. E. Taylor (Churchwarden), when about 50 householders were benefited. We feel sure all the recipients felt grateful to those gone before, whose kind forethought had provided them with these acceptable gifts.

On Saturday, December 11th, the mothers and wives of the soldiers and sailors of the Parish were

entertained at the Rectory. After tea some very interesting lantern pictures were shown which were of incidents in the great and terrible war, also the story of "How Harry won the V.C." Thanks are due to Mrs. Toulmin, Mrs. R. Callis and Lieut. M. C. Callis for kindly helping the Rector to make the evening an enjoyable one.

Credit is due to those who did Christmas decorations and were able to display such tasteful results in spite of the lack of materials. We were glad to see an increased number of Communicants on Xmas Day, and we trust that those who were unable to come will make a point of carrying out the Church's rule on the first opportunity, thereby showing that they are true and faithful Churchmen.

The Bellringers rang an excellent peal in the evening. They were entertained at the Rectory on December 22nd, and supper being ended, bagatelle and other games were played. At the close Mr. H. Winnett proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and those who had assisted him in providing so pleasant an evening.

Every Parish has been asked to subscribe to the Million Shillings' Fund in aid of the Belgian Soldiers, so that they may have power to hold their Country through the winter. The Rector has received 17s. which he is forwarding.

A Children's Entertainment was held in the Schoolroom, on December 23rd, the proceeds going towards the tea and treat they have in the New Year. Considering the short time they had for preparation it was marvellous how well they all performed and great credit is due to Miss Cull the Headmistress, and her assistants. The programme lasted about 2 hours. The song, "Eight little Mothers," was nicely sung and acted. Recitations by Elsie Wallington, Hubert Barrow and Agnes Bayliss were very well done. The infant girls showed great capabilities by the way they sung and danced. The infant boys rendered the action song, "Soldiers," very smartly, and Freddie Barrow gave commands in a most military way. The Boy Scouts in uniform heartily sang "Till the Boys Come Home," and played a cheery part of the programme. The performers in the last item, a patriotic sketch called "Hearts of Oak," deserved all the applause they got. In the interval Mr. Mace spoke very favourably of the work of the School, and explained that the War was the cause of there being no prizes given this year, but he had asked the Rector to kindly present certificates which were to take their place and he hoped they would take special care of them as in years to come they will be a reminder of the greatest of all Wars; he also said how important it was for parents to see that their children attended school regularly. The Rector when distributing the certificates gave each receiver some useful advice complimenting the successful ones and speaking words of encouragement to the others.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

We, in this secluded little spot, see but little that tells us of the horrors of this awful War, still we know only too well that it is going on, and we must thank God that we have His House in our midst where we may pour forth our supplications, that he will pardon us for our shortcomings and cease to punish us. The Church Tower too which is an emblem of defence, should remind us that the Lord only is the sure defence wither we may flee for refuge in our times of trouble. May He bless us and grant us a happier year.

There was a good congregation at 3 p.m. on Christmas Day also on the Sunday following, when the number of those who attended was greater than the population of the parish.

A small figure representing our Saviour, as the Good Shepherd carrying a lamb on His shoulders, has been placed on the stone bracket on the East wall of the Chancel, and forms a suitable emblem in the Church of a parish entirely devoted to agriculture.

DAYLESFORD.

The collections on behalf of the S.P.G. on Advent Sunday amounted to £1 16s. 8d. a somewhat disappointing total. The boxes will be called in very shortly, and we hope for a good result from them, but we fear that the amount to be remitted to headquarters will fall considerably short of that sent up last year and in many previous years. This is much to be regretted at a time like the present when money is more than ever needed to enable the work of the Society to be maintained at its present level.

The Advent week-night Services were moderately well attended. The same remark applies to the Christmas Day Services, but it is possible that the bad weather which prevailed on that day may have prevented some from attending, especially those who had any distance to come. The number of communicants was, however, well up to the average for Christmas Day, which is matter for thankfulness. The collections at all Services were for the Serbian Relief Fund, and realised a sum of £5 11s. 10d. The collections on the first Sunday in the new year—the day appointed for general Intercession in connection with the War—will be for the British Red Cross Society.

The School was examined on Monday, December 20th, by Mr. Young who expressed himself as satisfied with the progress made since the last examination. At the close of the examination, Mr. Young very kindly presented prizes to the children who had done the best work, and also a prize for good conduct; Nora Stickley, Albert Thornton, and Albert Hill, prizes for School work in their respective divisions; and Thomas Stickley, prize for Scripture. Mrs. Clark is to be congratulated upon the satisfactory results of her careful and painstaking work during this the, first year of her conduct of the School.

A marble tablet has been placed in the Church, the memory of Thomas Percival Sargent, who gave his life for his country in the Dardanelles on October 15th, 1915. The tablet was erected by his many friends, and commemorates one who by his simple unaffected goodness endeared himself to all who knew him, and who will long be remembered with affection not only in Daylesford, but equally in the Parish in Birmingham in which he did so much good work, especially among the boys and young men.

We heartily wish all our readers a Happy New Year, and earnestly hope that it may bring us all "peace with honour."

ENSTONE.

Every good wish to each and all for the year 1916, which we trust may prove the year of victory and an honourable peace.

Mrs. Scott, formerly of Gagingwell, after an illness of considerable length patiently borne, passed away in the month of November at Tormarton (Gloucestershire). She will be held in kind remembrance by many. We have missed the help of her example in regular and devout attendance at public prayer and sacrament. One of her last acts was to send her subscription to the League of Mercy, and that without any reminder. Mrs. Bell was with her for several weeks before the end came, doing the office of a true neighbour and friend.

December 11th completed the attestation of all (so we have reason to believe) who were canvassed in this parish under Lord Derby's Scheme. The way in which the canvassing was done has met with most kind appreciation from headquarters.

Many thanks once more to Messrs. Parsons, D. Collett, C. Collett, Adams, Bolton, Hawes, Tombs, and Allen for their kind help in carting the coal, distributed to the poorer people of the parish.

Those who helped in choir, belfrey and Church decoration this Xmaside deserve special thanks for the kindness and excellence of their efforts. The heavy rain in the forenoon affected the numbers at the 11 o'clock service on Xmas Day. There was the usual excellent effort to attend the 7 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Communion. Carols were sung after Evensong on Xmas Day, and also on the Sunday following.

One was thankful to have such an excellent congregation on the Sunday evening.

We have had a few soldiers home on leave.

It is hoped that a great effort throughout the parish will be made to observe the Day of National Intercession, on Jan 2nd, and it will be a really fresh beginning in spiritual life, a re-dedication of life in all its relations, a realization of God's Presence and purpose. We are meant to be workers together with God. Therein lies our safety and happiness.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

MARRIAGE.—On December 18th, at All Saints, Churchill, William Henry Piper to Georgina Louisa Finch Jarvis.

The Band of Hope have held three meetings since the end of November, at one of which Mr. Herbert Crudge gave a helpful address, illustrated by four diagrams of his own drawing of the human brain and the heart, showing that the use of alcohol was no help to healthy people either to the brain or the heart. He spoke from his experience as a life long abstainer, this should be an encouragement to others who are hesitating still about following the King's example in the matter of Total Abstinence from strong drink and thus helping to win the war by husbanding their resources.

The Rev. Herbert J. R. Marston, late Rector of Icomb and late Incumbent of Belgrave Chapel, Belgrave Square, S.W., and a son of the late Vicar of St Paul, Onslow Square, S.W., preached in Churchill Church on Sunday evening, December 12th, on behalf of the Diocesan Fund for the Oxfordshire Blind Society. He also gave an interesting address in the Schoolroom on the Monday evening illustrated by lantern slides, to a well attended audience, on the work of the Society for the Blind in London. The lecture was made additionally attractive by the conversational way in which it was carried on. Amongst very many excellent pictures, he showed one of the blind expert in poultry, Captain Webb, handling a fowl, by which he can discover its present condition. A collection was made for the Society amounting to 11s. 8d. and a vote of thanks was given to the Lecturer.

The recipients for Jennings' Charity, administered by the Rector and Churchwardens of Churchill, is given away on S. Thomas' Day to eight aged men and women of Churchill. The average age of the eight men was this year 72 years and of the eight women was 71 years.

We are glad that William Wearing and Harry Dix have been home for Christmas.

The Bishop of Oxford is holding a Confirmation at Chipping Norton on April 6th. Should there be those of a suitable age and desire to be confirmed will they please communicate with the Rector.

The Churchwardens have recently renewed the gates at the entrance to the Churchyard, which was work much needed and is a great improvement.

Forty-five Christmas parcels have been dispatched to soldiers connected with the parishes of SarSDen and Churchill. Many letters of appreciation and hearty thanks to the Parishioners, have been received.

The Sunday School Missionary Box for the Rangoon Diocesan Association was opened on Dec. 23rd, and contained 7s.3d. which has been forwarded

to headquarters.

There are still a few subscriptions due for the Deanery Magazines for 1915. Mrs. Edmonds will be glad to receive them as soon as possible.

The Village Library is open weekly, on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 to 4 o'clock, for the exchange of books. The subscription is one penny per month.

SCHOOL NEWS.—The Xmas holidays commenced on Xmas Eve. School resumes Tuesday, 4th Jan.

The School Clothing Club cards were given out the first week in December. The amount of the Club was over £40 and the bonus supplied by the Earl of Ducie and from the Rector of Cornwell for Cornwell children brought up the total to over £60.

CHOIR NEWS.—During the winter the Choir practice is held at 6.30 in Church on Thursday instead of Friday, as that day is more convenient to some members of the Choir.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD WITH LANGLEY.

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.

The day of Intercession for Foreign Missions was observed on December 3rd, with Special Litany of Intercession, and the collections on the following Sunday were given to the S.P.G. amounting to £2 14s. 6d. When all the boxes come in we hope to send up eleven pounds or more.

The Vicar would be glad to hear of five more persons to take in the Mission Field (one shilling a year), also if any desire to take in the Deanery Magazine, the Vicar should be informed at once, this also is one shilling a year.

Sub-Lieut. W. L. O. Carter has been home on leave from H.M.S. Cochrane, and Miss Carter from a hospital at Maldon, Essex.

We were glad to see that Frederick Rainbow, R.N., is recovering from his long illness at Malta.

9th.—Miss Cardew, before leaving for Cheltenham said farewell to the members of the Mothers' Union which she has managed for some years.

The following letter has been received by the Secretary of the Committee of the Concert held on November 2nd, from somewhere in France:—

"Dear Sir, I write to thank you and the people of Shipton who have so kindly subscribed, for your thought of us and our wants out here. I assure you that you could have sent no more acceptable present than the two footballs. I thank you on account of all ranks for your very good wishes.

Yours truly,

RICHARD L. OVEY,

Commanding 1/4 Oxfordshire Light Infantry."

SPELSBURY.

Church Collections, Nov. 24th—Dec 22nd:—
Church Expenses £1 11s. 3½d., Sick and Needy 2s. 10d., S.P.G. £1 16s. 0d.

ROLL OF HONOUR.—The following names have been added since our last number:—Robert Francis Dillon Fitz Gibbon, R.N., Harry Hill Lodge, O.B.L.I., Robert Trinder, O.B.L.I.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will hold a Confirmation in Spelsbury Church, on Wednesday, April 5th, at 3 p.m.

A branch of the Mothers' Union has been started in the Parish and it is proposed to hold a meeting of the same every month and a quarterly service in the Parish Church. Up to the present 22 Mothers have been enrolled and it is hoped that others will join.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

A happy New Year to all!

The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on the following days:—

January 1 (Circumcision of our Lord).
" 6 (Epiphany).
" 25 (Conversion of S. Paul).

S.P.G.—On Dec. 19th, the Rev. A. Shildrick very kindly came over and pleaded the cause of the oldest Church Missionary Society. On the following evening he addressed a very fairly well attended meeting in the Schoolroom, and gave us a most interesting account of his life and work in British Columbia. We hope Mr. Shildrick will visit us again in the near future.

CHRISTMASTIDE.—This usually joyful season was kept as cheerfully as possible under the gloomy circumstances occasioned by the war. The customary interchange of good wishes was, indeed, not wanting. The Church was well attended, and the decorations, though not on such an extensive scale as in former years, reflected much credit on those kind helpers whose work they were. We thank them for their willing support. Mr. and Mrs. Dormer, whom we also thank, very thoughtfully sent an offering for altar flowers. Between forty and fifty Communicants were present at the Celebrations. The collections, in aid of the Church of England Waifs and Strays, amounted to £1 3s. 9½d.

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Private Percy Tidmarsh of this village. Deceased who belonged to the Oxon & Bucks L.I. died on board the Hospital Ship "Takada" on Dec. 11th. According to the official notification death was caused by "Beri-Beri" disease. A short Service was held in memory of the dead soldier by the Rector. The parents who have another son at the Front—unfortunately wounded some twelve months ago—have our sincere sympathy in the loss they have now sustained. Private Tidmarsh will be remembered amongst us for his bright and good natured disposition. A few years

ago he was a member of the Choir.

The presents which we forwarded to our soldiers and sailors for Christmas have safely reached their destinations, and have been much appreciated—judging from the grateful letters received by Mrs. Holbrooke. Those who helped by knitting socks will learn, with pleasure, that in one case a pair of these arrived at the very moment when a certain soldier had left the trenches wet to the skin, without any dry ones to change into.

During the past year there has been, as is generally the case in a village of this population, little to chronicle in the way of village news. Removals have taken place in at least six households. Between twenty and thirty names adorn our Roll of Honour, a fact which does credit to the parish; but alas! we shall see two of these no more, although they will not be readily forgotten. Turning to Church matters, we find that five Baptisms have taken place, while there have been two Weddings, and a like number of Funerals. It is with a feeling of gratitude and encouragement that we note a steady improvement among our Communicants in their attendance at the altar. The number of Communion made is 677. But there are still many of us who are far too indifferent about Churchgoing; this is a sad feature at any time, but it is doubly so when the Country is engaged in a war so terrible and far-reaching in its results.

Our friends and acquaintances are fighting for us—laying down their lives for our safety and honour—and we often find it too much trouble to go up to the House of God to pray for *them*. The reason probably is that either we have not even yet realised the seriousness of the war, or we do not believe in the power of prayer. Possibly our neglect is due to both these defects, but the New Year should find us thinking and acting differently.

History tells us how, in the Siege of Derry, the Cathedral of that city was daily thronged with worshippers, imploring the succour of the Almighty from the enemy at their gates. No doubt we should do the same, but why wait until the enemy *is* at our gates?

There is another matter. We have been frequently told, and with a deal of truth, that this war is a judgment from God because we, as a nation, have ignored His claims. In many places Sunday resembles some exciting week-day, and in a small village like our own we are in danger of imbibing this spirit in a small way. The Sunday newspaper is, for example, becoming a necessity to us. If we must have this doubtful luxury, why not purchase a copy of one of the numerous weekly editions obtainable on the Saturday, and show a Christian protest against the unnecessary labour of those who send and are sent with this Sunday literature? By so doing we should be assisting in the duty of making Sunday a day of rest for others. We ought not only to respect this day ourselves, but we should be careful to place no encouragement in the way of others to disrespect it.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISM.—December 22nd, 1915, William Percy, infant son of Charles Claude and Mary Sarah Ricketts of Milton.

BURIAL.—November 29th, Gertrude Watts aged 44, of Milton.

There passed away from Lyneham at the end of last month, one of its oldest and most respected inhabitants in the person of Mrs. Caroline Duester.

As a member of the little Church at Lyneham she will be very much missed by us all. Ever since St. Michael and All Angels' Church has been built she had acted as caretaker, and was in her accustomed place only the Sunday before her death. No one could have fulfilled her duties with greater care and efficiency than she did and we may truly say of her, that hers was indeed a labour of love. It was most fitting therefore that the first part of the funeral service was arranged to take place in that little sanctuary that she loved so well on Nov. 27th, and although the service was arranged to take place at an hour when it could scarcely be expected that many could come there was a very large number of her old friends gathered to pay their respects to an old friend, and show their esteem for one who throughout a long life had always manifested a very kindly disposition to all her neighbours. She was always willing to lend a helping hand where help was needed and never thought of herself. We regret her loss but we feel sure that her example of kindness and zeal will not only be long cherished, but will be an incentive to others to follow her footsteps. We recognise that our loss though great is her great gain. May she rest in peace and may light eternal shine upon her.

Miss James, we are glad to say, has been appointed as caretaker and we feel sure that she will prove herself in every way a worthy successor to our late friend.

Our Xmas services this year were well attended when we bear in mind the great number of our parishioners who in some capacity are absent from the parish on account of the War. We are always glad to see that our boys when they have a short leave of absence make a point of attending their Parish Church, and we also welcome the large contingent of convalescents who at present are under the charge of the Commandant of the Red Cross Society at Bruern. On Xmas Day we had two or three well known Carols introduced in the Service and the hearty rendering of these was due to a very great extent to these men, who for the present are making their home at Bruern Abbey, we do most earnestly hope and pray that when next Christmas comes these same men will be able to join in these

same Carols under conditions which can alone prevail when peace has been proclaimed. Surely to each and all of us the Xmas message of "peace on earth, good will to men" will have a significance to us that it has never had before, a fuller and more perfect meaning a meaning that will help us to grasp what we really mean by the blessing of peace. I suppose we all feel more and more as the War drags on that we have not yet fully grasped and are not using to the full capacity, the spiritual armoury at our disposal. We hear in some places that our Churches are being thronged with worshippers at the Holy Communion which is being offered specially on behalf of our brave Sailors and Soldiers, and the Services of Intercession are being well attended. I would that we in the Rural Districts could say the same. We believe in the power of prayer and many of us believe too that this great War is one that will be won on our knees in prayer. Perhaps God is waiting before giving us victory to make us realise this.

We shall do well to heed the call of our Church made through the Archbishops and our Diocesan Bishops to set apart for self examination, Preparation for Holy Communion and Intercession, the last day of the year and the two following days of the New Year. It is to be hoped in our own parish that the response will be a very real one, and that none of our congregation will pass it by unheeded.

We regret very much the loss of the family of Mr. Mace from our Parish. Mrs. Mace and her daughter have always been most ready to help in, all Church work and their loss will be very keenly felt, but we hope that our loss will be the gain of Kingham where they are now residing.

It was a very great pleasure to welcome the Rev. Dr. Holbrooke, on Sunday, the 19th, to our Church. Our Vicar exchanged with the Vicar of Rollright, taking the opportunity of preaching as a deputation of the S.P.G. The earnest address given by Dr. Holbrooke at Milton will be long remembered, and he will always be a welcome visitor.

We are pleased to be able to state that as a result of our Missionary Boxes we have sent up £4 15s. 10d., to the S.P.G. being £1 in excess of that sent last year.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY BAPTISM.—Dec. 5th, Frank, son of Frank and Laura May Harris.—Dec. 12th, Thomas Edwin, son of Edward Emery and Ada Mary Luckett.—Dec. 19th, Norman Jesse, son of Walter and Nora May Busby.—Dec. 26th, Hilda Mary, daughter of Daniel and Ellen Matilda White.

COMMUNICANTS during November, 66.
 " " December to 25th, 128.

COLLECTIONS during December:—

	£	s.	d.
Church Expenses	1	4	2
Offeratory Fund	9	1	4
Lighting Fund	11	5	4
Sunday School Clothing Club ...	2	9	0
Poor Fund	14	0	4
Restoration Fund	13	3	4

We are greatly obliged to the Rev. H. J. Kiddell, Rector of Wigginton, for his excellent and very helpful course of Sermons on the Thursdays in Advent.

There was a special Service for the Choir and Ringers at 8 p.m. on Monday, December 20th, when the Rector addressed them on the subject of the service of God, under three headings—(1) "Ye serve the Lord Christ,"—(2) "If any man come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me,"—(3) "My son, if thou come to serve the Lord, prepare thy soul for temptation." We are very greatly indebted to the Ringers for their excellent and frequent ringing during Advent and Christmastide. It has done much to cheer us in these anxious times with the thought of "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever." The singing in the Church lately has been very greatly improved by the addition to the Choir of a number of ladies and young girls, who occupy the seats below the chancel near the organ on one side and the pulpit on the other. We are pleased to welcome into the Choir Mr. John Harris, as tenor and librarian, and Percy Buggins, Percy Inwards, Walter Beale and Frederick Wyton as trebles.

The Church was very prettily and tastefully decorated for Christmas by a willing band of workers under the superintendence of Miss Rushton, and our best thanks are due to all of them. The services on Christmas Day were somewhat marred by the very wet and boisterous weather, but were nevertheless very hearty, and we were glad to see so many communicants. In the afternoon as usual there was Evensong at 3 p.m. with a short address to children, and carols were sung instead of hymns.

The writer wishes all his readers every blessing in the New Year.

CORNWELL.

Rector: Rev. R. P. Burnett, M.A.
 (St. John's College, Cambridge).
 Senior Chaplain H. M. Indian Government,
 (Retired)
 Churchwardens:
 Colonel A. N. Hall, J.P., Cornwell Manor,
 Mr. George Bowles.
 Organist: Mrs. George Bowles.
 Sexton: Mr. W. H. Stowe.

CHRISTMAS.—Christmas passed peacefully at Cornwell. The day turned out wet unfortunately,

which somewhat interfered with our Church attendance at the morning and afternoon Services.

The number of Communicants however was the best on record being nearly 30, viz.: at the early celebration 18 and at the mid-day 11, total 29.

The Church was simply and prettily decorated, and the offertories which amounted to £3 18s. 6d. were given (as in previous years) as a Christmas offering to our kind and most efficient Organist, Mrs. George Bowles.

We were glad to see Francis Williams back in his sailor's kit and wish him and all our other Cornwell lads every blessing and success in their efforts for their King and Country. God bless our brave soldiers and sailors in the hour of danger.

The Rector takes this opportunity of wishing all his Parishioners a happy New Year.

May it bring peace, victory and every blessing.

The first Sunday in the year will be observed as a day of Special Intercession for the Nation and Empire in the time of war, and the offertories will be given to the Red Cross Society.

We are sure all will respond to the best of their power.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

BAPTISM.—December 27th, Evie Maria, daughter of Harry and Elizabeth Parsons of Ascott-under-Wychwood.

MARRIAGE.—December 25th, Frederick Thomas Oliver of Stonesfield to Marlin Lavinia Kite of Finstock.

BURIAL.—December 16th, Isabel Daisy Guy of Finstock, aged 16 years.

On Sunday, November 28th, our old friend the Rev. A. W. R. Tanner preached the Annual Sermon on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's Homes. The collections came to just over £2 and the boxes realized about 35s.

We were sorry not to see more people at the Wednesday evening Services during Advent.

The Christmas Day Services were fairly well attended considering the inclement weather and the number of Communicants was up to the average.

Some excitement was caused on Sunday morning, 26th instant, by the discovery that the roof of the shed of the heating apparatus was on fire, it was however promptly extinguished before any serious damage was done. The Vicar thinks that it would be a very good opportunity for us all to see what can be done to improve and enlarge the arrangements for heating the Church.

The Annual Entertainment given by the members of the Finstock and Fawler G.F.S. will be given at the Schools at 7.15, on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, January 6th and 7th. The proceeds will go towards defraying the cost of hampers which have been sent to the front and the tins of cigarettes to the men serving at home.

RAMSDEN.

A Service was held on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12th, in memory of the late Capt. F. C. W. Wynter, of the 1st O.B.L.I. who was killed recently in battle against the Turks. The greatest sympathy was felt throughout the Parish for Mrs. Wynter, who has now lost two of her three sons in the War. There was a large congregation, among those present were the Hon. E. Ponsonby and Mrs. Ponsonby, Mrs. Lowbridge Baker and Miss Baker, Mrs. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker and Mr. G. H. Dawkins.

We have just had our first soldier on leave from the trenches, Jack Wright, O.B.L.I. He had been away for nine months, and we were all pleased to see him after his terrible experiences. He speaks well of the Army, and himself is a good specimen of a Christian soldier.

Ellis Thornton, 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers, is home resting after being wounded in two places, and after gas poisoning. He was wounded at the taking of Loos, where his regiment lost heavily. But he hopes soon to be fit again.

Lewis Willoughby has been made Platoon Sergeant, O.B.L.I.

The School will meet after the Christmas Holidays, on Monday, January 10th.

A Hymn Book has been kindly presented to the Church by Miss Tipple, of Lower Farm, who is taking great interest in the life of the parish.

All our available men offered themselves for attestation under the Derby Scheme. Fred Dore is the first to be called upon Jan. 20th.

Miss Winnie Hall, the second daughter of the Vicar, recently returned home after a somewhat eventful journey from Russia.

CHASTLETON.

We are glad to see that the Chastleton Roll of Honour has had further additions. Capt. Walford, R.A. who gained the D.S.O. in the early part of the War, also the following names:—George Carson, Cyril Ryman, Harry Robbins Bartlett, George Hadland, Ernest Edward Pike, William Herbert Luckett. Under the Derby Group System:—Harry Medcraft, John Pike, William Arthur Leonard Marshall, Herbert George Raley Marshall, Joseph Whittington.

Sunday, Jan. 2nd, is the day fixed for Intercession on behalf of the Nation and Empire in this time of War.

SCHOOL NEWS.—The will re-open on Monday, January 10th, after the Xmas Holidays.

The children collected 4/- for Xmas presents for soldiers over the seas.

Certificates have been awarded to Dick Tyler, Elsie Tyler and Norah Tidmarsh by the Oxfordshire Education Committee, for good conduct and regular attendance. The children voluntarily and gladly relinquished prizes this year and accepted certificates desiring by this sacrifice to aid the cause of Britain and her Allies.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

On Christmas Day there were two Celebrations of the Holy Communion at Idbury at 7 a.m. and 10.30 and one at Fifield at 8.15. The number of Communicants in both Churches were an increase on former years.

This year it was not possible to arrange for Services at Idbury on S. Nicolas' Day itself, but the Patron Saint was commemorated at the Holy Communion on the previous Sunday, and by a Special Celebration on December 8th. On the following Sunday there was Evensong with Procession. The new Altar rails were dedicated before being used for Communion on December 5th.

On Friday, December 17th, the closing of the Idbury School for the Christmas Holidays was marked by a concert given by the children which had evidently been carefully prepared. Before the re-opening of the School we hope to have the new stoves in position.

The milk famine in Fifield still continues, many persons cannot get any milk at all and have to be satisfied with condensed milk. Babies and young children are suffering from the want of their natural food. Will no neighbouring farmer take pity on us?

CHARLBURY.

CHARLBURY AND THE WAR.—A parcel from our working party was sent in December by Lady Margaret Watney to each of the 50 men from Charlbury who are at the Front.

The Patriotic Concert, organised by Mr. Howes, realized £16; £12 went to the Red Cross, and £4 in comforts for our men at the Front.

The National Day of Prayer in time of War is Sunday, January 2nd. A letter has been sent to every family who have relatives serving in the Army and Navy, asking them to take part in the Special Services of the Church on that day.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—As the result of Advent Sunday Offertories and the "King's Messengers" S.P.G. Tea and Sale of Work, we sent £17 7s. 3d. This was distributed as follows:—S.P.G. £10 15s. 7d., C.M.S. £4 12s. 1d., Archbishops' Western Canada Fund £1, Bombay Diocese £1. Other sums have been forwarded during the year. We are greatly obliged to the Rev. H. Heathcote and to Mrs. Tanner of Spelsbury Vicarage for speaking to our Missionary Guild.

Our thanks are due to the Rev. T. P. Field, the Rector of Great Rollright and the Rector of Hanborough for their Sermons during Advent.

The Lord Bishop of Oxford has most kindly promised to preach in Charlbury Church, on Sunday evening, April 30th, when the offertory will be for the Diocesan Fund.

BURIAL.—December 16th, John James Eden of Finstock, aged 68 years.

THE CHIPPING NORTON Deanery Magazine.



For the Parishes of



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

ENSTONE.
FIFIELD & IDBURY.
HEYTHROP.
HOOK NORTON.
FINSTOCK.
GREAT ROLLRIGHT.
& DAYLESFORD.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.
SALFORD.
MILTON & LYNEHAM.
RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
SPELSBURY.

FEBRUARY.

C A L E N D A R .

1916.

1	Tu	
2	W	Magistrates' Meeting. <i>The Purification of the B. V. M.</i>
3	Th	S. Blasius, B.M.
4	F	
5	S	S. Agatha, V.M.
6	Sh	<i>5th Sunday after Epiphany.</i>
7	M	
8	Tu	
9	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
10	Th	
11	F	
12	S	
13	Sh	<i>6th Sunday after Epiphany.</i>
14	M	S. Valentine, B.M.
15	Tu	
16	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
17	Th	
18	F	
19	S	
20	Sh	<i>Septuagesima.</i>
21	M	
22	Tu	
23	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
24	Th	S. Matthias, A.M.
25	F	
26	S	
27	Sh	<i>Sexagesima.</i>
28	M	
29	Tu	

3rd, New Moon, 4h. 6m. p.m.

10th, First Quarter, 10h. 20m. p.m.

19th, Full Moon, 2h. 29m. a.m.

26th, Last Quarter, 9h. 21m. a.m.

SPELSBURY.

HOLY BAPTISM.—Dec. 25th, Millicent Maud, daughter of Frederick and Edith Evelyn Lane.

BURIAL.—Jan. 8th, Rachel Sturdy, aged 88 years.

The new lamps in the Church have for some months now been put to the test, and the new heating apparatus since Xmas, and both must be acknowledged to be all the success we could desire. There still remains a debt of £10 4s. 11d. on this work as the following account will show, and your Vicar and the Churchwardens will be grateful for any assistance in this matter.

HEATING AND LIGHTING FUND BALANCE SHEET.

CREDIT.			
To profits of Sale of Work, etc., in the Vicarage Grounds	...	52	2 6
Subscription from Oriol College	...	5	0 0
Ditto from Christ Church	...	1	1 0
Other Sources	...	4	0 0
		£58	7 6
DEBIT.			
Whippell & Co. for Lamps	...	10	19 6
Lantern for Church Gate	...		2 11
John Grundy for Hot Air Apparatus	...	57	10 0
		£68	12 5
Debit	...	68	12 5
Credit	...	58	7 6
Adverse Balance	...	£10	4 11

The scholars of our Sunday School to the number of 42 assembled with their teachers for Tea, Games, Prize-giving and a Xmas Tree on January 5th, a thoroughly enjoyable evening being thus spent. Prizes of Books were awarded to the following children for Regularity, Good Conduct and progress. *Class I.* (Teacher the Vicar).—1 Geoffrey Conduct, 2 Elsie Mitchell, 3 Nellie Dean. *Class II.* (Teacher Miss Harrison).—1 Lilly Howes, 2 Shadrack Cooper, 3 Richard Dean. *Class III.* (Teacher Mrs. Tanner).—1 Hilda Souch, 2 Gladys Souch, 3 Edith Souch.

We much not forget to record our thanks to Viscount Dillon for providing us with a beautiful Xmas Tree, nor Father Xmas for loading it with presents which he distributed to everyone present.

A capital Concert was given in the Schoolroom, on December 29th, by members of the Church Choir. Those who took part in it had their reward in the appreciation of the large audience for every item of the programme. The proceeds amounted to £3 17s. 8d. which has been placed to the credit of the "Vicar's Fund." It may be well to explain what the "Vicar's Fund" is. It is a fund from which many incidental expenses connected with the Church, the Choir and the Sunday School, etc., is defrayed. These expenses though small in themselves amount to something like £10 in the course of a year.

COAL CLUB.—This Club at Xmas completed another useful year of work. That it is appreciated

is shown in the fact that it has 56 members. We are again grateful to Viscount Dillon for his kind donation of £25 towards the Bonus Fund and to the many kind supporters who hauled the coal "gratis" for us.

XMAS TIDE.—Our Christmas Services were glad and cheerful as they ought to be. The music with its Anthem and Carols carefully and reverently rendered, the Church beautified with decorations by loving hands, but best of all an increase over last year in the number of Communicants by seventeen. "Laus Deo."

Church Collections Dec. 25th to Jan. 16th.—Waifs and Strays £1 3s. 11d., British Red Cross Society 14s. 5d., Bell Ringers' Fund £1 3s. 2d., Church Expenses £1 3s. 8d., Sick and Needy 8s. 1½d.

CORNWELL.

BAPTISM.—9th Jan. 1st Sunday after Epiphany, Alfred George, son of W. A. F. and F. M. E. Williams.

THE WAR.—The 2nd Sunday after Christmas (the 2nd of January), was observed as a day of Special Intercession for the War. The Special form of Prayer, issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, being used at the Morning Service. The Services were well attended, and the offertories, which amounted to £1 13s 7½d., were devoted to the Red Cross Society.

We have been pleased to welcome back Harold Cooper after his gallantry at the Front. He was wounded in six places, one in his thigh being a very serious one. He seemed bright and cheerful, and after a ten days' rest has returned to duty at Portsmouth. He hopes to return to the Front again before long.

Mr. Stowe has been busy disposing of pictures of the late Miss Cavell, the heroic nurse so barbarously murdered by the German Authorities. He was able to raise 10/- which has been forwarded to the Cavell Memorial Fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.—On Thursday the 20th of January the children attending our Sunday School had their annual treat at the Rectory. After a good tea, which they all greatly enjoyed, there was a Christmas Tree, laden with many nice presents, crackers, oranges, sweets, etc. A pleasant evening was spent and all seemed pleased with their various gifts. These, as in former years, have been most kindly sent by the Rector's sister, Miss Burnett, of Clevedon, Somerset.

On Saturday, the 22nd of January the Rector entered on the 16th year of his residence here, having been instituted to the living on that day in 1901, by the Bishop of Oxford, Dr. Stubbs. It has been a peaceful and happy time, and a great change from his 20 years' service in India. He trusts he may be spared some years longer to minister to his beloved little flock.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISMS.—Dec. 26th, Bernard Samuel, son of Bernard and Elizabeth Smith.—Dorothy May, daughter of Ernest Edward and Edith Emily Elizabeth Shayler.—Jan. 9th, Rosamund Emily, daughter of Frederick and Helen Alder.

MARRIAGES.—Dec. 27th, Ernest Brice and Alice Annie Cattell, both of Charlbury.—28th, Charles Henry Jarvis of A.S.C., British Expeditionary Force, and Sarah Ann Overs, of Charlbury.

BURIAL.—Dec. 30th, Eliza Gomm, aged 43 years.

At the Christmas Services a large number of Communicants were present.

On Sunday, January 2nd, the National Day of Prayer in time of War, the Special Services were very well attended. There were 120 Communicants of whom 70 communicated at 8 a.m., and 50 at 11 a.m. The whole congregation at 11 a.m. remained to the end of the Holy Communion Service. The offertory for the Red Cross at the Front amounted to £10 5s. 6d.

Captain C. R. Payne, R.N., reached England on Christmas Eve, after some 14 months at sea off Brazil, and at the Cape. He has now taken up his new appointment at the Admiralty, as head of the Signal Department of the War Staff.

The Clerical Society of the Deanery met at Charlbury Vicarage on January 11th, and there were eleven clergy present. We are to meet at Great Rollright Rectory on February 15th.

Our heartiest congratulations to Major Doran on winning the Distinguished Service Order, and also to Captain Christie on winning the Military Cross. Several of those whose names are mentioned on our list in Church have been mentioned in despatches, among others Colonel Frank West formerly of Charlbury Vicarage.

We have seen several of our Charlbury men home on short leave from the Front lately, looking well and cheery.

DAYLESFORD.

The collections on the first Sunday in the year, which was observed as the day of National Intercession in connection with the War, were for the British Red Cross Society, and amounted to £10 12s. 11d. The total amount remitted to the Headquarters of the S.P.G. was £6 0s. 7d. The boxes realized a sum of £4 3s. 9d., as compared with £4 7s. 5d. for 1914, and the total amount sent up in 1914 was £9 1s. 8d. We regret the falling off in the total amount for 1915 of rather more than £3, but it is, perhaps, hardly to be wondered at under existing circumstances, and 1914 was a record year. The box-holders are to be much congratulated upon the success of their labours, and we trust they will not relax their efforts in the current year.

It has been a great pleasure to see one of our

soldiers home from the front on leave for a few days. W. Webley is the first to return in this way, and in spite of all that he has been through, he was looking remarkably well and was in the best of spirits. We hope that others may follow in due course in similar health and spirits. Our thoughts are always with them all.

RAMSDEN.

The Sunday School Tea Party was held on Tuesday, Jan. 4th, and 40 children enjoyed themselves heartily. The tea was provided at the expense of Mrs. Lowbridge Baker and the Vicar. Prizes for attendance during the past year have been won by Marion Thornett (never absent), Nellie Dore, Elsie Pratley, Evelyn Wright, Irene East, Nancy Banting, Patty Banting, Lilly Newman, and Gladys Hodgkins; Albert Collett (never absent), George Willoughby, Bob Banting, Cecil Dore, Arthur Thornett, Donald Dore, Michael Willoughby.

A very successful Social was held on Friday evening, Jan. 14th, to raise funds for Red Cross work. There was a crowded attendance, and a good band of willing helpers. Refreshments had been given by many kind friends, and these were on sale during the evening. All the arrangements were carried out by a Committee consisting of Mesdames Banting, P. Buckingham, Day, Ford, Gibson, Hall, Taylor, C. Willoughby, and Messrs. P. Buckingham, Day, Ford, and the Vicar. The proceeds amounted to £5 2s. 2d. and the expenses 1s. 10d. thus leaving a balance of £5 0s. 4d. Mr. Ford kindly acted as Treasurer.

A Sewing Party is being held weekly at the Vicarage to make garments for Red Cross work in connection with the Oxford centre, and much good work is being done.

A Children's Social was given on Tuesday, Jan. 18, and over 60 children enjoyed a pleasant evening. The price of admission was 3d. and this was expended in refreshments, which were excellently prepared by Mrs. Banting. Here again there was no lack of willing helpers. Mr. & Mrs. Ford, and Mr. & Mrs. Buckingham, took very great interest in the amusement of the children. Miss Hall, Mrs. C. Willoughby, and Mrs. Ford provided the music.

The Services on January 2nd were well attended by Church members, & the weekly Intercessions are being regularly attended, but we are longing for the time to come when we shall all realize that the Worship of God is the duty which stands first in everybody's life, when not only Churches shall be full of people, but also hearts shall be full of the Love of God.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISMS.—Jan. 2nd, Angus Albert Alexander Joseph Fraser, infant son of Albert Fraser and Mabel Bessie May Morgan, of Milton.—23, Anthony Gordon, infant son of George and Elizabeth Carpenter, of Milton.

MARRIAGE.—Jan. 9th, Norman Spencer Franklin of Shipton-under-Wychwood, to Mary Darlington Vennell of Milton.

On Dec. 29th, we held our Sunday School Xmas Treat at Milton, when the children to the number of 70 sat down to a most excellent tea provided for them through the efforts of Miss Gomm, Miss Cross, Mrs. Badger, Mrs. Shildrick and others. After ample justice had been done to the good things, the children were then entertained by games, etc. We owe a debt to Mr. Burch for his great interest in keeping the children amused. They all seemed to enter most heartily into all the games, and there could not be a doubt but that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Way, who is always interested in all the good work going on in the parish, thought that the children would like to hear some of the soldiers' letters that have been received acknowledging their Xmas parcels, especially as some of the children had sent them some of their own handy work in the shape of knitted socks, mufflers, etc. We all gathered from these letters how much our brave boys had appreciated their small gift, and most of them seemed to remember with intense gratitude the plum puddings. Well after the tea was over, the games finished, the letters read, the Xmas presents were distributed by Mrs. Way, and then before the children went home they were each given a mince pie which our good friend Mrs. Way had provided for them.

The National Anthem brought to a close one of the best Xmas Treats at which it has been our pleasure to attend.

On January 6th, we held our Lyneham Treat, and there again everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Miss Horlock and Miss Salter as usual undertook the whole matter and the arrangements reflected great credit on them. We were all very sorry that Mrs. Samuda could not be present, owing to the unfortunate accident which had happened to her some two months ago, but we know that though absent from us in person she was present with us in spirit and no one was, we are sure, more delighted to hear that the children had really a good time, than she was. We shall hope next year to welcome her amongst us again.

Our thanks are due to all those who so kindly and readily assisted us, and to those who contributed so generously to the funds for providing these treats.

The Choir boys were entertained at the Vicarage at the beginning of the year, and received their

awards for regularity of attendance as well as their prizes, and they also spent a very pleasant evening. Our Choir is somewhat reduced in numbers at present, but we are all looking for the time when these defects will be remedied. In the meantime we are glad that our boys attend so regularly and, may we not say, are striving to improve in their work.

We are very pleased to welcome to our parish and to our Church, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Franklin, who on Jan. 9th were married at our Church. We sadly need some new comers to take the place of those who have left our parish. At times our Church looks but thinly attended. The young men who have gone to the War we miss very much, but we do hope it will soon be the time to welcome them back. We extend a very hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, and our best wishes are offered to them in their voyage through life.

On Jan. 19th, another of our parishioners took unto himself a wife, and we extend to Mr. and Mrs. R. Hartley a most cordial welcome. It was the Vicar's privilege to be present, and also to assist at the marriage ceremony, which in every way went off most smoothly. After the wedding ceremony was over a reception was held at the house of the bride's grandfather, to which a great number of friends were invited, and after that the bride and bridegroom left for London where the beginning of their honeymoon was to be spent. We observed that the presents were many and costly and most artistic.

Both couples are young and humanly speaking there is a reasonable hope that a long life is before them. May that life be full of joy and happiness is the sincere wish of their many friends at Milton.

We are greatly indebted to the Rev. H. Heathcote for so kindly coming over and taking the morning service at Milton, Jan. 16th, and the afternoon at Lyneham on the same day. His helpful sermons were most highly appreciated, and we shall hope to welcome him again on some future occasion.

LITTLE TEW.

This parish has recently been transferred to the Deanery of Chipping Norton. Little Tew is glad to know of the welcome on the part of Chipping Norton Deanery.

The Rural Dean is no stranger and is kindly remembered by many at Little Tew as a former Vicar.

The Benefice has been vacant since October 6th, when the Rev. W. S. Hulme resigned to go to Plaitford, Dorset.

The Bishop of Oxford is doing his best to find a suitable gentleman to take the living and the duties that go with it. Meanwhile a neighbour is in charge and does what he can.

HOOK NORTON.

Communicants to Jan. 25th, 88.

Collections during same period:—Red Cross Society and Society of S. John of Jerusalem, £2 11s. 6d.; Oxford Mission to Calcutta, 5s. 6d.; Church Expenses, £1 4s. 4½d.; Offertory Fund, £1 7s. 1½d.; Lighting Fund, £1 7s. 7½d.

HOLY BAPTISMS.—Dec. 29th, Doris, daughter of George William and Eliza Wyatt.—Jan. 2nd, Oliver George, son of John Richard and Eliza Ann Harris. 20th, Gladys Ethel, daughter of Francis John and Ethel Tooley (Privately by reason of illness).

BURIALS.—Eva Beck, aged 5 months.—21st, Frances Blanche Allen, aged 43 years.

We desire to offer Mr. Allen and his family our sincere sympathy on the loss they have sustained through the death of Mrs. Allen. Ever since the family came to live in the village four years ago Mrs. Allen had always been ready to take a willing and active part in any movement to further the welfare of the Church or of the village at large. We shall miss her and her kind, cheerful and practical co-operation very greatly indeed. Above all we shall miss her face in Church, which she loved to attend. It was as our readers know but a comparatively short illness which she had. It is distressing to think that she had to suffer so much pain, but it was the will of God, and she endured it with characteristic patience, courage and cheerfulness. She passed away on January 18th, the anniversary of the day on which S. Prisca laid down her life for the faith, in the year 270 A.D. Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery on the 21st, the day on which S. Agnes, said to have been one of the youngest of the martyrs, suffered in the year 304 A.D. So we may feel that in a sense those words she had so often sung in the Te Deum "make us to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting" came true of her in this world as we trust they may be also true of her in the world which is to come.

The list of "killed in action" among Hook Norton men is, alas, slowly growing, and this month we have the sad duty of recording the death of Corporal James Pargeter, who was killed "Somewhere in France" on January 15th. This is the sixth man we have lost. He was one of the first to join the forces on the outbreak of War in 1914, and had served with credit, as his promotion shows. His memory is and ever will be dear to us, and we think with affection and respect of the young life so nobly given for King and Country, while we offer our sincerest sympathy to his mother and brothers and sisters. May God console them in their sorrow.

We cannot allow this number of the Magazine to go out without expressing our sense of the loss the whole village has sustained through the death of Mrs. James Luckett, of the Villa. Mrs. Luckett

was always ready to give and to help any good cause in its need, and was an example of true broad-mindedness and charity and of kindness to the poor. When we were restoring the Tower a few years ago, and putting in the new clock; she gave two very generous and substantial donations to the funds of her own free will and without being solicited, and we can never forget her kindness, and year by year she would also contribute to the Churchyard Fund. She had reached an advanced age when she passed away on January 24th, and we could not have expected a much longer continuance amongst us. We have cause to be thankful to God for having spared her so long to the village to carry on her numberless acts of sympathy and kindness. Such a life as hers is a great blessing and example to any village.

The Day of Intercession was duly observed on January 22nd, and we were once again enabled to carry out a scheme of continuous prayer throughout the day.

The Sunday School Children's Treat took place in the School on the Festival of the Epiphany, and we have to thank Mrs. John Harris for having so kindly organised it, and the ladies who helped her both with the tea and the subsequent entertainment, and also all those who so kindly contributed either in money or in kind.

The Rector entertained the Choir boys to tea on January 25th, and the Choir men and Ringers to supper on the 26th. At the latter entertainment a letter of remembrance and greeting, signed by those present, was sent to Choir men and Ringers now at the Front.

CHADLINGTON.

BAPTISM.—Richard James, son of W. E. and L. Harvey.

BURIAL.—John Paish, aged 64 years.

On Thursday, December 30th, the Christmas Sunday School Treat was held in the Schools. The children assembled for tea at 4 p.m., after which the prizes were presented by Mrs. Schofield. The rest of the evening was spent playing various games, and a very enjoyable time was closed by the singing of the National Anthem. Our best thanks are due to all who kindly helped in any way to amuse the children and provide and prepare the tea. On Thursday, Jan. 20th, a concert was held in the Schools to provide funds for certain expenses in connection with the Sunday Schools and Choir. The balance will be given to the Red Cross Fund. The actual amount of the takings and their apportionment will be given in next month's issue. The concert was very well patronized, in fact the room was as full as it could be. We are most grateful to Mrs. Schofield, Mrs. Tanner, and Mr. Weight for so kindly coming to help.

ENSTONE.

BAPTISED.—Dec. 12th, 1915, Edna Mary, daughter of Edward and Susan Huckin.

The Lord Bishop of Oxford wrote on Dec. 14th, asking would it be convenient if he were to come and preach in Enstone Church at Evensong on Sunday March 12th. Nothing more convenient than to see our Bishop! He is welcome day or night, midsummer or winter. No one in England to-day speaks with greater prophetic power.

The collections on the first Sunday in January, amounting to £4 11s. 9d., have been forwarded to the "British Red Cross." The weather was anything but favourable, yet a real effort was made to attend Church on that day of solemn National Intercession. We trust that a sustained effort will be made to continue in the spirit of that day.

We congratulate Mr. George Coles upon his recovery after an operation. It was with a thankful heart that he came to Church again on January 2nd.

Since January 15th, Mrs. Drinkwater has been seriously ill. Her neighbours in Church Enstone hope that there will soon be a change for the better.

The Rev. J. E. Philipps has recently spent a few days at Ditchley. Those of us who have the pleasure of seeing him hope that he will soon be restored to health.

The Viscount Dillon was 72 on January 24th. Everyone will be glad that the Viscountess Dillon is recovering from illness.

CHASTLETON.

The Coal and Clothing Club was restarted last year with 13 members for coal, and 10 for clothing. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, Rev. G. A. Sneyd, and W. C. Kettle, Esq., a bonus of 5/- was given on each member of the Clothing Club, while the members of the Coal Club received 6s. 9d. Thanks are due to Messrs. Corbett, Brown, Beale, Jarvis, Gingell, and Willett for their kindness in carting the coal free of charge.

ENTERTAINMENT AT CHASTLETON HOUSE.—In the cause of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, an Entertainment was given at Chastleton House, on Thursday, January 20th, by Mr. and Mrs. Richardson. They arranged a varied and thoroughly interesting programme, and the large attendance afternoon and evening was very gratifying, which included several wounded soldiers. A sum of £23 5s. 0d. was thus obtained and sent to the Society.

The collections on Sunday, January 9th, were divided between the following: the joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society, the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England to be applied by them to the relief of the sick and wounded men of the King's Forces on the various battle fronts, and the Bishop of Oxford's Diocesan Fund.

ROLL OF HONOUR.—We were glad to see Corp. Skelcher home for a few days from the front in Flanders.

A meeting of the C.E.M.S. will take place on Thursday, February 3rd, at 7 p.m.

SALFORD.

BURIAL.—January 28th, Emma Jepson, of Worcester Road, Chipping Norton, aged 83 years.

January 2nd was observed as a Day of Special Intercession for our Nation and Empire in this time of War. The offertory, amounting to 10s. 6d., has been forwarded and acknowledged by the Red Cross Society.

The annual gathering of the old people of the parish was held at the Rectory, on January 4th. A good number were present and thoroughly enjoyed the supper given by the Rector and kindly supplemented by Mrs. C. E. Taylor. Some interesting lantern pictures of the War and other subjects were shown; followed by quiet games competitions. Thanks are due to the Rector, Mrs. Toulmin and the Rev. A. Burnley for their efforts in making the evening such a truly pleasant one.

An oak super altar to match the reredos has been kindly presented to the Church by Miss Norton lately staying at the Rectory.

Memorial and other presentations to the value of over £18 have been made to God's House during the year 1915, and we trust that the good examples may be carried on by others.

A Confirmation is to be held at Chipping Norton on April 6th. The Rector will be arranging classes this month and he earnestly hopes that those who are old enough, and no matter how old, who have not yet been confirmed will come forward and be prepared, so that they may be in a fit state to carry out our Blessed Lord's loving command, "This do in remembrance of Me."

We are glad to announce that Sunday School is, thanks to Mrs. Walter Hill, being held in the Church at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday. Miss Woodward has been very good in managing the morning Sunday School at 10 a.m. for the last 18 months, and will continue to do so with the assistance of Miss Ethel Newman. Our thanks are due to Mr. G. Fawdry for carting coke last month for the purposes of heating the Church.

There are now 17 portraits of our soldier parishioners on the Roll of Honour to be seen in the Church porch, it is nice to be thus reminded of those whom we specially remember in our Intercession.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

We had one confirmed from the parish last year. A confirmation will be held at Chipping Norton Church, on April 6th, and the Rector hopes that there may be more this time. The average congregation is quite fair considering the numbers, but we may rest assured it would be specially pleasing in the sight of God to see more at the Holy Table of His most sacred Feast.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

HOLY BAPTISM.—January 2nd, Freda Emily, daughter of Frederick George and Emily Alderman.

The Bishop of Oxford hopes to hold a Confirmation at Chipping Norton, on April 6th next, at 3 p.m. All desirous of being confirmed must send in their names to the Rector on or before February 7th.

MOTHERS' UNION.—Mrs. Raikes of Whichford Rectory has kindly promised to come and address our Mothers, on Thursday, February 3rd, at 2.30 p.m. There will be a short Service in Church immediately afterwards.

It is with regret that we chronicle the death of another of our soldiers (John Bridges), who died early in the month at Solegate, Sussex. The Captain of his Company writing to the Rector, has given the deceased a most excellent character. He says "Bridges was one of the best men in the Company, he never gave any trouble of any sort and had not even a minor offence of any description against him. The men in his billet tell me he had a cold on his chest for some days, but he refused to go sick and report himself to the Doctor, as he was not going to be a slacker, and meant to do his bit." We offer our sympathy to his widow and children.

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

The Christmas Mid-night Peal cheered us a little and we kept the Season as joyfully as we could, in this sad time of war. The Services were hearty and the Church had been decorated by many hands. There were nearly 100 Communion made on Christmas Day.

After the Carol Service thirty-five book prizes were awarded for Sunday School marks and Diocesan Inspector's Examination and Lord Wharton's Bibles and Prayer Books.

On the Monday, Major and Mrs. Huntington most kindly again gave a Christmas Tree for 91 Children

with carefully selected presents for all. It was in the winter garden at the Court, which entertainment was highly appreciated.

On the following night the Choir and Ringers were entertained at the Vicarage.

Owing to the war as in other Towers, so also our Ringers are reduced in number, and the Vicar would be pleased if three or four young men would give in their names to the foreman (Mr. George Bartlett) who would instruct them in the art of bell-ringing, with a view to their joining the Guild and doing their part in this branch of Church Services. They might begin when quite young; on one occasion lately three generations of our foreman's family were ringing at the same time in the Tower.

We understand that a large quantity of useful presents have been sent to our sailors and soldiers from the Court and from the Old Prebendal House.

On the first Sunday in the year £3 9s. 8d. was collected for the Red Cross and S. John, for the sick and wounded.

On the Day of Intercession the Services were arranged as well as they could be, being Sunday.

On the Fridays in Lent (after the first) a course of Sermons will be preached by the Rev. O. M. Jones, B.A., Vicar of Ferry Hinksey, Oxford.

SCHOOL GARDEN.—Rainfall in 1915: 31.19 ins.—Greatest fall in 24 hours, 1.52 ins. June 27th.

The children subscribed 10s. in pennies to the Over-Seas Club Christmas Gifts Fund.

On 18th January, 9 eggs, brought by the children, were sent to Mr. A. E. Mace, Chipping Norton (nearest National Egg Collection Depot), for our wounded Sailors and Soldiers. Eggs collected each Tuesday are taken to Chipping Norton Depot by Mr Ridley, free of charge.

A Volunteer Training Corps Detachment has been formed. By kind permission of Major Huntington, the members drill in Shipton Court stable yard, on Tuesdays and Fridays, 7 to 8 p.m. (About a dozen young men, attested and grouped are taking advantage of this, by attending the drills). The Detachment is known as the "The Wychwood" V.F.C. The Commandant, Mr. Godley, and the Acting Adjutant, Mr. E. A. Foulkes, have visited the Parade Ground, and on Tuesday, January 18th, Col. Matthews, 90th Winnipeg Rifles, who was on a short visit from France was present to watch the men drill and spoke a few encouraging words to the Company. Mr. Strong, Hon. Sec., will be glad to receive the names of anyone wishing to join.

BAPTISM.—January 16th, May Mervyn Davis.

BURIAL.—December 18th, Elizabeth Smith, aged 82.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Soames, the daughter of the late Canon Carter, which took place at Farnham on January 5th where she was buried on January 8th.

Lord and Lady Moreton gave the School Treat to the children on Friday afternoon, Jan. 7th, which was much enjoyed. Mr. Blair afterwards shewed a cinematograph which delighted the children.

Mrs. Treweeke of the Mount, Churchill, lent her kitchen for the use of two Thrift Demonstrations given by Miss Hodgson, Head of the Oxfordshire Education Staff for Cookery, on Jan. 13th and 20th, at which the attendance was good.

The sad news of the death of Private Percy Cooper, 1st O. & B.L.I. was received by his father, James Cooper, on January 22nd. The Captain commanding his Company wrote to say that he was killed in action at the battle of Ctesiphon during the operations in Mesopotamia November 22nd, 1915. He was 21 years of age. Our sympathy goes out to his family for the loss they have sustained. Five Sarsden and Churchill men have now laid down their lives for their King and Country.

It may be noted that Lance Corporal Stephen Hands was wounded the same day at the same place. He is now recovering from his wounds and from Beri-Beri in a Hospital in India.

The season of Lent begins late this year, Ash Wednesday falling on March 8th. The preachers at Churchill Church have been arranged as follows on Thursdays:—March 16th, Rev. T. C. Tanner, Vicar of Spelsbury; 23rd, Rev. J. A. Burnley, Rector of Chastleton; 30th, Rev. A. W. Callis, Rector of Salford; April 6th, Rev. H. J. Gulley, Rector of Heythrop; 13th, Rev. G. E. Mann, Rector of Fifield.

After a long illness, patiently borne, William Keen, who held the office of Clerk at Sarsden Church for nearly 25 years, passed away on January 6th, aged 60 years. He was much respected and will be missed. Much sympathy is felt for his wife and daughter.

Mr. Stanley Pascoe was married to Miss Woolcock of Chadlington, at Chipping Norton, on January 19th. We wish them all happiness.

The first Sunday in the year was marked in accordance with the Bishop's wishes for observing the National Day of Humiliation. The Friday previous a Special Service was held, and on Thursday, December 30th, the village school children collected the 40 boxes for the Church Missionary Society and brought them to the Church

where a short Missionary Service was held. They then proceeded to the "Mount" where Miss Dorothy Treweeke, the Treasurer, opened the boxes which produced £3 13s. 7d. The secret of this quarterly amount is to be found in giving 1d. or 2d. or more a week *regularly*, not forgetting to ask God's blessing on all sorts and conditions of men, that His saving health may be to all nations.

The next quarterly opening will take place on March 25th.

Magazine subscriptions have been received as follows:—Mrs. Pantin, Mrs. J. Bryon, Mrs. Liner, Mr. H. Peachey, Mrs. W. Ridley, Mr. Haynes, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. F. Widdows, Mrs. Sandals, Nurse Empson, Mrs. Pascoe, Mr. H. Williams, Miss Andrews (Richmond), Mr. White, Mrs. Agg.

The Sunday School prizes, provided as usual by the kindness of the Earl of Ducie, were distributed to 18 boys and girls in the Upper School and 8 in the Infants' School. The Rector spoke a few words of encouragement to the scholars and teachers.

It is just a year ago since we began collecting eggs for the wounded soldiers, and the grand total received and sent away is 3977.

To the National Egg Collection, London ...	3096
.. Military Hospital Oxford ...	270
.. Chipping Norton Hospital ...	611
	3977

The eggs taken to Chipping Norton Hospital have been conveyed weekly by Mr. E. Cox free of charge, to whom we offer our best thanks as well as the donors of the gift of eggs.

BALANCE SHEET OF FUNDS FOR CHRISTMAS PARCELS TO SOLDIERS.

<i>Received.</i>		<i>Paid.</i>	
By Subscriptions	14 0 6	Messrs. Pettiphar's	
Art Union Draw	18 1 11	a/c for supplying &	
		sending 45 parcels	28 17 3
		Mr. Brindle's a/c	
		for printing tickets	
		for Draw	7 6
		Balance	2 17 8
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Parcels were sent to the following:—Sergeants H. Dix, A. Empson, and W. West. Corporals L. Dore, and M. Hicks. Gunner H. Ferriman. Drivers A. Findley, C. Peachey, and E. Sole. Privates A. Betteridge, H. Betteridge, J. Blair, L. Blake, E. Bryon, A. Bryon, J. Bushnell, L. Bushrod, G. Clifton, L. Cooper, P. Cooper, W. Cox, A. Dore, T. Dore, C. Edginton, J. Edginton, H. Hands, S. Hands, F. Harvey, W. Hicks, H. Peachey, P. Peachey, A. Pearce, W. Piper, A. Pudwell, V. Sherborne, G. Smith, R. Timms, W. Timms, A. Trinder, W. Wearing, E. Webb, T. Webb, F. West, Fred West and A. Widdows.

The balance is being used to present the parents of those known to be killed or missing, with enlarged photographs of their sons.

THE CHIPPING NORTON Deanery Magazine.



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FINSTOCK.
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& DAYLESFORD.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.
SALFORD.
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RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
SPELSBURY.

MARCH.

CALENDAR.

1916.

1	W	Magistrates' Meeting. St. David, Aph.
2	Th	S. Chad, B.
3	F	
4	S	
5	<i>S</i>	<i>Quinquagesima.</i>
6	M	
7	Tu	S. Perpetua, M.
8	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee. <i>Ash Wednesday.</i>
9	Th	
10	F	
11	S	
12	<i>S</i>	<i>1st Sunday in Lent. (Quadragesima). S. Gregory, B.C.</i>
13	M	
14	Tu	
15	W	Magistrates' Meeting. Ember Day.
16	Th	
17	F	Ember Day.
18	S	Ember Day. S. Edward, K.M.
19	<i>S</i>	<i>2nd Sunday in Lent.</i>
20	M	
21	Tu	S. Benedict, Ab.
22	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
23	Th	
24	F	
25	S	<i>Annum, B.V.M.</i>
26	<i>S</i>	<i>3rd Sunday in Lent.</i>
27	M	
28	Tu	
29	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
30	Th	
31	F	

4th, New Moon. 3h. 58m. a.m.

19th, Full Moon, 5h. 27m. p.m.

11th, First Quarter. 6h. 33m. p.m.

26th, Last Quarter, 4h. 22m. 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—Mr. Ernest C. Cook,

Deputy Organist and Choirmaster—

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

Churchwardens—Mr. Austin Webb.

Mr. A. J. Bolwell,

for Chipping Norton.

Major Daly, for Over Norton.

BAPTISMS.—February 2nd, Edith Violet, daughter of Stanley George and Emily Rosina Meacher.—Feb. 6th. Harold, son of James and Edith Mary Barnes. February 6th, Leslie George, son of George and Ethel Emma Pratley.—February 6th, Ronald, son of Harry Lindus and Kate Elizabeth Simms.—February 6th, Leslie Eric, son of Alick John and Daisy Louise Chapman.—February 7th, William, son of Stephen and Clara Nurden (privately).—January 30th, Francis Frederick, son of Frank and Helen Webb.—January 30th, George Sidney, son of Violet Franklin.

MARRIAGES.—February 5th, John Henry Wallington of Salford, and Nellie Irene Grantham of this Parish. February 22nd, Albert Robert Bradbury of Lytham, Lancashire, and Florence Eliza Titcomb of this Parish.—February 26th, Patrick Francis Hussey (on active service), of Caterham, and Florence Mabel Dixon of this Parish.

BURIALS.—February 21st, Beatrice May Stickley, aged 15 years.

The Vicarage, Chipping Norton,
March 1st.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Ash Wednesday—the first day of Lent—falls on March 8th. Surely in these serious days the serious time of Lent will come home with special appeal to our hearts. In these sad and searching

days Lent will find many already practising self-sacrifice, self-denial and self-examination and perhaps for the first time some of us will realise the wisdom of our Church in its yearly call to these very things. Repentance too—how many a one has in these days so big with moment for our Country and our Countrymen “Come back” to God and prayed for self and others as never before. To one and all, therefore Lent, this truly memorable year, will have a compelling call and as Jesus Christ the Great Physician “passes by” how deep and earnest will be our cry, “Jesus Master have mercy on me” Lord that I may receive my sight” to see, as I have never seen before, the things that matter.

As the Bishop of Salisbury said the other day “Our Country is calling, calling loudly for men to fight and men and women to work, for guns and shells and money. But God’s calling through all the strife and noise and sorrow and suffering; God is calling to our Country. And that means He is calling to every town and village in the Land, to every home in every town and village, to every man, woman and child in every home.” So convinced of this are the leaders of our Church that this coming October and November there is to be a great “National Mission of Repentance and hope” that no single Parish, no single soul may miss this call. Your earnest attitude this Lent, the trouble you take, the effort you make to attend the special Services will be part of your answer to God’s call and will be the best preparation for this great National Mission these next Autumn days will bring us.

Believe me,

Your sincere friend and Vicar.

H. HERBERT ARKELL.

Ash Wednesday, March 8th:—

Holy Communion 8.

Matins 11.15 (Children will attend).

Evensong and Communion Service 6.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN THE PARISH CHURCH
ON THURSDAYS AT 6.30.

List of Preachers.

March 16th.—Rev. Canon Cornwall, M.A., Vicar of Thornbury, Glos.

March 23rd.—Rev. W. F. D. Curtoys, M.A., Rector of Cronhall, Glos.

March 30th.—Rev. W. E. White, M.A., Rector of Bourton-on-the-Water.

April 6th.—Right Rev. Bishop Corle (late Bishop of Corea).

April 13th.—Rev. J. D., Payne, M.A., Vicar of Charlbury.

MISSION ROOM ON COMMON.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. beginning Wednesday, March 15th.

DAILY SERVICES.

Matins 10.30, Evensong 6.

Wednesday March 15th, is the day annually appointed for Intercession for Home Missions. There will be Holy Communion at 8 and special prayers at Matins, (10.30) and Evensong (6).

MOTHERS’ TEA.—On January 11th, the members of the Mothers’ Meeting were entertained to tea in the Church Room. The Vicar and Mrs. Arkell, Mrs.

Webb, Mrs. T. H. Burbidge and Mrs. Donnelly were present, and helped with the evening's entertainment, when games, etc., were played, and much enjoyed by all the members present. The party broke up at 8 o'clock having spent a most happy evening. The Vicar on his own behalf and on behalf of the mothers, thanked Mrs. Webb for her good work in conducting the Mothers' Meeting—it was thoroughly appreciated by all.

CHOIR BOYS' TEA—The Choir Boys were entertained to tea at the Parish Room on January 13th. The Vicar and Mrs. Arkell were present, also Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Bolwell and Mr. Crowther. After full justice had been done to the excellent tea, games were played and at 7.30 an adjournment was made to the Picture Palace which the boys thoroughly enjoyed.

MISSIONARY BOXES.—In addition to those who already hold boxes, viz:—Mrs. Arkell, Mrs Burbidge, Mrs. George, Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. Padbury, Miss Fox. The following have taken them.—Mrs. Lockwood. Miss Pryer. Mrs. Donnelly, Mrs. Webb, Miss Connie Atwood, Miss E. Alley, Mrs. H. C. Cook, Mrs. G. Townsend, Mrs. Tilling, Master C. E. Drew, Mrs. Woodward, Mr. Woolliams, Mrs. Pearson, Miss Florence Moss, Miss J. C. Smith, Mrs. Bolwell, Miss Salmon, Miss Stephau, Miss Bird, Sister Lily Cork, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Toy, G.F.S. Members, Mrs. Barlow, Mrs. Felthouse, Mrs. Charlton.

On Sunday, April 30th, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will preach at the Morning Service on behalf of the Diocesan Fund.

CONFIRMATION—The Bishop has asked Bishop Corfe, late Bishop of Corea, to take the Confirmation in our Church on Thursday, April 6th, at 3 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Full marks for February. Girls: *Class I.*—Kate Britten, Laura Harris, Ivy Shadbolt, Dorothy Johnson, Margaret Hodgkins. *Class II.*—Marjorie Giles, Leila Merry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Full marks and never absent or late, February: Frank Giles, A. Reg. Fletcher, Percy Smart, Norman Bolter, Sydney Smith, Percy Robinson.

The Vicar will preach a course of Sermons on Sunday evenings in Lent on the following subjects:—

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| March 13th.—True Repentance | } That it may please Thee to give us true repentance, to forgive us all our sins, negligences and ignorances and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy Holy Word. |
| March 19th.—Forgiveness | |
| March 26th.—Sins, negligencies and ignorances | |
| April 2nd.—The Holy Spirit | |
| April 9th.—Amendment of life | |

CHURCH FINANCE MEETING.—This meeting on February 21st was a great success. In spite of a dark

wimtry night (made darker by the restriction of lights) the Church Room was well filled with a representative attendance, the Vicar presiding.

The Archdeacon of Gloucester's brilliant and most interesting address covered the ground of Church Finance generally and held the deep attention of all, from start to finish. We are very grateful to him for coming so far to speak to us.

The Rev. J. D. Payne spoke on the Free-Will Offering Scheme, and he most ably presented to us just the facts we wanted, and brought useful specimens of suitable literature.

The meeting was then open to discussion and Mr. Webb, and Mr. Bolwell spoke, followed by Major Daly and Mr. Burbidge. It was eventually proposed by Major Daly and seconded by Mr. Webb and carried unanimously that the Free-Will Offering Scheme be adopted and the Churchwardens' and Sidesmen were appointed a Committee (with power to co-opt) to draw up a suitable scheme.

Mr. Burbidge's scheme, which he most kindly worked out, was considered an excellent basis to work upon.

It is so important for us all to realize that each should give something (no matter how small as long as it is in proportion to our means) and give it *regularly* to the support of our Church

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers, proposed by Major Daly and seconded by Mr. Burbidge.

GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—The members of the above Society were entertained by their associate, Mrs. Pettipher, at their annual social evening in the Church Room, on January 18th. The Vicar and Mrs. Arkell (also an associate) kindly gave their assistance, and a very pleasant evening was spent in games, dancing, etc. The report of the year's work was read. Four new members admitted; one member married; one premium gained; three invalids helped from the Local Sick Fund; and one bonus on savings granted. We hope the membership will greatly increase now Mrs. Arkell has come among us as an associate, to give her help and sympathy, as for many years there has been only one associate in the parish, with an intermittent candidates' class. This too is restarted by Sister Lily Cork, who will welcome any girl over ten years wishing to join. The C.I.O. is in abeyance owing to the boarding-out system, or it would have been carried on by Miss Birts, who took up Mrs. Nixon's work. An annual subscription, varying from 30s. to 40s., has been collected and sent to the branch secretary direct for the branch expenses a good deal of which is returned to the parish in bonuses and premiums to deserving members. The meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 6 to 8 o'clock, when any girl over 14 years will be welcomed. Particulars and rules of the Society can be obtained from Mrs. Arkell and Mrs. Pettipher, associates.

ENSTONE.

BURIAL.—Feb. 19th, Ellen Reeves, aged 56 years.

The Lady Elizabeth Parker, daughter of the 6th Earl of Macclesfield, died at her residence near Banbury on January 26th, aged 69 years. She lived at Enstone House from 1912 to 1914. We thankfully remember her great kindness and good example. On Sundays she was most regular in her attendance at the Holy Eucharist—never allowing Morning or Evening Prayer to be a substitute for the Lord's own service. Many a subscription list bore evidence, not that she desired it, to her thoughtful generosity and stewardship. Few ladies will be more missed for so many excellent traits of character.

Many will sympathize with Jonah Reeves in not getting leave of absence to attend his wife's funeral. Just over a year ago he joined the Army Veterinary Corps and was soon sent to France. He has had no leave since joining.

Charlie Hawtin, one of our sailor boys, left Portsmouth on January 3rd, 1915, and the first leave that he enjoyed was two days at Alexandria, after assisting in the evacuation of the Gallipoli Peninsula. "Splendid work all round," he calls it. "But after all, so long as we get the sport we don't mind." By "sport" he means the bombardments. He does not want leave or a ship in home waters away from the fun and sport. Until recently a "spud" has been a "proper luxury." "Remember me to old Butty and tell him I am seeing life in good form now." One wonders what he thinks of the blighters who are trying to shuffle out of serving their Country or are "waiting to be fetched."

The real tug-of-war has begun, and much depends on those who must be left at home. Above all we must be cheerful and charitable, as well as determined to win. Lent calls us more than ever it did to increased devotion, as shown in almsgiving, prayer and fasting. The highest of all blessings are not inseparable from what prayer, in its fullest extent, stands for. Duty to God and man involves the discipline of self. Without the discipline of self-denial and abstinence the brotherly spirit will not operate. Personal service is all that some can give—yet it is something from which no other gift can dispense. This Lent does indeed emphasise the call of this hour of our Country's need and difficulty to reality, unity and duty.

The Lord Bishop of Oxford will preach here on the 1st Sunday Evening in Lent, March 12th, at 6 o'clock.

LITTLE TEW.

This parish is still without a resident priest. It is not every Clergyman who could afford to accept the "living." It would be a great help if the Church-people of Little Tew could kindly undertake to pay

all the rates and taxes and dues levied upon the Benefice, and relieve the Incumbent of the burden of keeping in repair what after all is Church property. This may not have entered into their thoughts. It is hoped they may pardon the boldness of this amiable suggestion.

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BAPTISMS.—February 6th, Annie Bertha Elizabeth Honeybone.—February 20th, Ethel Case.

The following Clergy have kindly promised to preach on Fridays in Lent in this Church at 6 o'clock beginning in the second week:—

March 17.—Rev. C. Walford, Vicar of Ascott.

„ 24.—Rev. A. Shieldrick, Vicar of Milton.

March 31, April 7 & 14.—Rev. O. M. Jones, Vicar of North Hinksey, Oxford. (Diocesan Mission Preacher).

Good Friday.—The Three Hours' Service will be conducted by the Rev. E. M. Ralford, St. John's College, Battersea.

The concert, kindly arranged by Mrs. Huntington at The Court on Feb. 29th, was for our soldiers and was a great success.

The subjects of the Sermons on the three last Fridays before the Holy Week will be "The result of Sin," "The Turning from Sin," "The Forgiveness of Sins."

The Deanery Conference meet at Chipping Norton on March 1st to consider the Apportionment of the Diocesan Fund Assessment.

Names should be given now, to the Vicar, of those desirous of Confirmation.

The hour of the Sunday Evening Service has been altered, and will be altered again shortly as the evenings become lighter.

Prayers are offered at all Services daily for our Sailors and Soldiers, and have been throughout the War. Their ready and willing acceptance of necessary discipline and fighting should help us at home to see to it that we also are prepared to accept cheerfully the discipline of Christ's Army and be prepared to sacrifice self in His service. We are all His soldiers and He is our King and the great Captain of our salvation.

The Shipton Company of the V.T.C. are regular at drill and becoming efficient therein.

Mr. F. W. P. Matthews, J.P., has been unanimously elected C.O. of the "Wychwood" V.T.C. (Shipton-under-Wychwood Detachment). Several young members, who joined for training purposes only, have now been called up under the Group System.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

HOLY BAPTISM.—February 6th, Kathleen May, daughter of John and Annie Bridges.

The season of Lent commences on March 8th. There will be the usual Evensong with Sermon on Friday evenings at 6.30. Let us hope that all will make a really earnest effort to spend the season aright. The three-fold duties of prayer, almsgiving and fasting, which our Lord Himself imposes upon us, are more than ever needful for us to observe at the present time. We shall look for good congregations for our special preachers to address.

The Charlbury Patriotic Company gave an excellent variety concert on Tuesday, February 15th, in spite of the fact that several of their members were unable to accompany them. We had a really good audience, although the weather was anything but favourable. The proceeds from the concert realized £2 4s. 6d., which sum, less 10s. for hire of car, has been sent to the local Red Cross Hospital. A small amount of 8s. 6d. was collected in addition at the door, and has been forwarded to the Oxford Times Office, to supply tobacco to our men at the Front.

Mrs. Brassey has made an appeal to the neighbouring villages to make an effort, on one special week, to supply provisions of every kind for the maintenance of the Red Cross Hospital at Chipping Norton. Our week for this parish will commence on March 13th. Such articles of food as bread, butter, meat, poultry, eggs, cheese, tea, sugar, vegetables and fruit will be of the greatest possible use. These may be sent to the Rectory on Tuesday or Friday, March 14th and 17th, whence they will be conveyed to Chipping Norton on the Wednesday and Saturday following.

S. Matthias' Day provided us with a very heavy fall of snow, the heaviest of recent years since 1908. As a consequence much of the usual routine of life was suspended. To the annoyance (?) of teachers and children, or shall we say parents, the school was closed! We can but hope that this severe weather following the promise of an early spring, will not bring in its train an unwonted amount of sickness. It will in any case have the desired effect of keeping back a too forward tendency among the birds.

By an omission last month we failed to chronicle the school tea, which Mrs. Hall kindly provided the children with early in the year. We do so now with all thanks.

Our branch of the Church of England Men's Society met at the Rectory, on Friday, February 18th. It was a pleasure to welcome three new faces. The Rector hopes to regard these as regular members of the Society ere long. The next meeting is fixed for March 3rd, at 7 p.m.

On February 15th members of the Chipping Norton Deanery Clerical Society met at the Rectory.

Eleven of the clergy were present, while others were kept away by bad weather and parish duties. The afternoon passed away all too quickly for us here, but there was much pleasant food for thought and the desire for another such gathering in the near future.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

BAPTISM.—February 13th, Allan James son of James Henry and Ada Harris of Finstock.

A further sum of £5 has been sent to the National Committee for Relief in Belgium, making the total to date sent from Finstock £35. Owing to the increasing cost of living some of our weekly subscribers have fallen off. As the need is still great we hope as many as possible will continue their subscriptions.

The Vicar of Northleigh has kindly promised to preach a course of services at the week-night Services in Lent. Owing to the lighting regulations now in force these Services will have to be held at an earlier hour than usual which may prevent some who are accustomed to do so from attending. I hope those who can will make effort to attend even at some inconvenience to themselves. The Services on Ash Wednesday will be at 11 and 5.30.

On February 6th the Vicar was unable take the Services, being in bed with influenza. Mr. Alderton read Morning Prayer and there was no Service at night. On 13th February, the Vicar was assisted by the Rev. Morris Williams who preached morning and evening.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

We had a nice little collection of news for the January number, which unfortunately reached the Publishers to late for insertion. The only item of news which we can report is the following reference to our soldiers:—

Arthur Mason has recently paid us a visit. It is delightful to see anyone from the trenches looking so well and fit. We hear that he has been followed by Ernest Bond. Arthur Butler has joined the Naval Flying Corps; he is the only one on our list who has aspired to the air. The names of Benjamin Bond (Royal Garrison Artillery), Joshua Jonah Bond (Royal Engineers), and Frederick Bond. (Canadians) have now been added to the Idbury list. We heartily congratulate Major (now Colonel) Matthews, D.S.O., on his promotion.

Idbury School could not be opened till Feb. 2nd, because of the delay in delivering the new stoves which were expected before Christmas. On that day Mr. Parsons, Headmaster of Chilson School, took on the School, because of the illness of Miss Phillips. He could unfortunately only remain till Feb. 9th. Since that date Mrs. Mann has been in charge, regular supplies being impossible to obtain. We wish a speedy return of health to Miss Phillips.

HOOK NORTON.

BURIALS.—February 16th, Caroline Grimmett, aged 71 years.—19th, John Margetts, aged 73 years.—26th, Edward James Brain, aged 11 months.

Communicants from January 30th to February 22nd, 79.

Collectious during same period:—Poor Fund, 12s. 2d.; Restoration Fund, 12s. 1d.; Church Expenses, £1 4s. 10d.; Offertory Fund, 12s. 6½d.; Sunday School, 11s. 0½d.; Choir Fund, 16s. 2½d.

In deference to the new Lighting Orders following upon the most recent Zeppelin raids it has been decided to have Evensong on Sundays at 3 p.m., instead of 6 30 p.m., until further notice. This alteration came into force for the first time on Sunday, February 20th. We make a note of it as in days to come it will be historically interesting.

The Rector had arranged so long ago as last October for Mr. Palmer, the Rector of Princes Risborough, to come and preach to us this year in Lent, and we should have been fortunate in having him, but Mr. Palmer has recently written to say that he has received an appointment as Chaplain in the Army and expects to go abroad shortly, so that he will not be able to come here. We must not grumble at this in such days as these. At the time of writing the Rector has not yet been able to secure anyone to take his place, and any further announcements on the subject of our Special Lenten Services will be made in Church.

We regret to announce that Bert Simmonds who has been missing for many months has now been reported as having been killed in action at Gallipoli on August 6th or thereabouts. James Dring, who was a porter at the station, but not a native of Hook Norton, is also reported killed in action. We offer our sincerest sympathy to the friends and relatives of these two young fellows, so well known to most of us, who have given their lives for their King and Country.

The season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 8th, will be upon us soon with its call to Repentance, emphasised by all that is happening throughout the world by reason of this terrible War. We have many things of which as a Christian community we ought to repent. There is a great neglect of Public Worship on Sunday, especially on Sunday mornings, on the part of so many—so very many—there is the slackness of so many communicants, here is the inconstancy and want of perseverance and moral courage among so many but recently confirmed. These things have to do with the outward observance of religion, it is true, but we cannot but feel that they have their counterpart, and God knows in how many cases, in people's private lives, and speak to us of prayers left unsaid, of Bibles never read, and of lives lived with little thought or love of God, and of hearts that have grown careless, hard, indifferent, worldly, perhaps unbelieving.

Now our Saviour comes to us again in Lent, and stands at the door and knocks, "I died for you, My children, and will ye treat Me so?" (Hymn 198.) What answer are we going to give Him? Let us ask Him to take from us all pride, and hardness of heart and contempt of His Word, and say to Him "make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

Our contribution to the Deanery this month will be of a very limited character, as nothing of great interest has occurred.

We were very pleased to welcome as the preacher, on Sunday morning, February 20th, the Rev. O. M. Jones, the Rector of Ferry Hinksey.

A few of our brave lads, some of whom had just come out of the Trenches, have been home on short furlough, and we are always glad to see that they are regular in their attendance at Church. We shall be doubly glad when we can welcome them home for good, but that time seems far distant, and yet perhaps not so far off as we may at times think. Within the last month many have been called up to serve their King and Country, and those of us still left at home must try and remember them constantly in our prayers. I dare say we have all read that memorable letter of Admiral Sir David Beatty; it is well worthy of very serious thought and reflection, and applies to all and each one of us. He says—"England still remains to be taken out of the stupor of self satisfaction and complacency in which her greatness and flourishing condition has steeped her, and until she can be stirred out of this condition, and until religious revivals take place at home so long will the War continue. When she can look out at the future with humbler eyes and a prayer on her lips then we can begin to count the days towards the end. Surely the Almighty God does not intend this War to be just a hideous fracas, a blood-drunken orgy. There must be some purpose in it all, improvement must be born of it." These are very weighty words, if read aright they bring a terrible indictment against us, and one which we shall do well to reflect upon. I suppose it is now generally known that the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are arranging for a General Mission of our Church, to take place some time in the Autumn, for the special purpose of seeking to make us realize more fully than we have apparently yet done that as a nation we have not in the past given God His rightful place. We have been too eager for pleasure, too zealous in business, and the great and weighty matters which concern our eternal destiny, the honour and glory of God have been neglected. It is not too early for us all to begin to make such preparation as will enable us to take our right and proper share in this great call to repentance, and the season of Lent which is so close upon us, surely would be an admirable time to

set about it with all our heart. May God give us all an abundant outpouring of His Holy Spirit to incline us to this end.

Our Lenten Services this year will be held on Wednesday evenings, as we do not wish to interrupt the Intercession Services on Friday. The time of these Services will be announced later as they have to a certain extent to be regulated by the Lighting Order, which came into force on Wednesday, February 16th.

Our Sunday evening Services at present are held at 5.30 on this account for the present, but as soon as possible they will be held at the usual hour of 6.30. We earnestly hope that this slight change will make no difference to our numbers, but rather on the other hand we hope every parishioner will show that right spirit in coming more regularly, even though it may be at some inconvenience.

CHADLINGTON.

MARRIAGE.—January 25th, Robert Horne and Ida Mary Betteridge.

25th, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

8th, Ash Wednesday.

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

10.30 a.m. Matins and Litany.

7 p.m. Evensong, Communion Service and Sermon.

On Ash Wednesday we enter again, after a long interval from Christmas, into the solemn Season of Lent with its appeal to us for self-examination and renewed efforts after amendment of life. With the many sobering influences around us which this time of trouble brings us, we may not feel we need the special call of Lent so much as in normal years, but we may be sure that if we use this Season well, taking it as an "opportunity" or a "port" into which we may go for spiritual repairs, we shall find it a help and a benefit, our faith in the continual providence of God will be strengthened and confirmed and we shall be ready for the joys of Easter to which we should all the time look forward. There will be a special Service and Sermon each Thursday at 7 p.m. commencing on the 16th inst. The War Intercessions will be said as usual after Evensong on Friday and Sunday.

The proceeds of the concert on January 20th amounted to £4 12s. 6d. Out of this is taken £2 16s. 4d. comprising the following items:—Sunday School prizes 8s. 3d., Stamps and Albums 18/-, Treat 15/-, Choir girls outing to Oxford £1 5s. 1d.

Thus a balance of £1 16s. 2d. is left to be added to the proceeds of a concert on behalf of the British Farmers' Red Cross Association we hope to arrange soon after Easter, so please bear that in mind and turn up in force.

RAMSDEN.

BAPTISMS.—January 27th Alfred George Holfield. February 13th, Thyra Eliza Mary Wright.

A third Social was held in the Schools on Friday evening, February 18th, from 7 till 12 p.m., and it was well attended. The arrangements were made and carried by the same Committee that was available before. We regret that when we gave the names last month, we inadvertently omitted that of Mrs. W. Beames who proved a willing worker. The Treasurer, Mr. Ford, announces a balance of £4 which has been contributed to the funds of the Nursing Association. The Association is very heavily in debt to Lady Margaret Watney who has very kindly financed it for several years, but we hope if opportunities serve, to reduce the Ramsden portion to a further extent. A nurse is a great boon, as many of us in Ramsden have found, and we owe a deep debt of gratitude to Lady Margaret Watney who has very munificently kept us supplied with one.

The Intercession Services will now (n.v.) be held on Wednesday evenings instead of on Thursdays, at 6.15 p.m.

Owing to the Lighting Regulations the Evening Services on Sundays will be held for a few Sundays at 5.45 instead of 6 o'clock.

The C.E.M.S. meetings are being held weekly on Mondays at 8 p.m. and several stimulating discussions on some Bible problems have been held. The attendance has been good.

SPELSBURY.

BAPTISMS.—January 23rd, John Albert son of John Albert and Emily Jane Nixon.—February 20th, William son of Edward William and Edith Gertrude Smith.

BURIAL.—February 18th, Alice Beatrice Simms aged 8 months.

Church Collections January 23rd to February 20th: Sick and Needle 10s. 10d., Church Expenses £2 17s. 7d.

Our Concert to raise funds to send gifts to our Spelsbury Boys at the Front proved both successful and enjoyable. The takings amounted to £4 11s. and with this we have been able to send cake and tobacco, and all who in any way contributed to this cannot but feel rewarded by the many letters of acknowledgment and appreciation which your Vicar has received.

The deficit on the Heating and Lighting Fund of our Parish Church has since our last issue been reduced £5 by the generosity of Viscountess Dillon.

LENTEN SERVICES.—Ash Wednesday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. On Fridays commencing March 17th. Evensong at 7 p.m. with special preachers, viz., March 17th, the Rev. J. D. Payne. On other Fridays as notified when arranged for on the preceding Sunday.

CORNWELL.

S.P.G.—We hope to have our annual offertories for the above Society on Sunday, the 26th of March, and the Sermon in the evening will be preached by the Rev. E. J. F. Johnson, M.A., Rector of Sarsden-cum-Churchill.

The following Monday evening, the 27th, we have arranged for our Meeting and Lantern Lecture, in the Schoolroom, at 6.30 p.m. The Lecture will be given by the Rev. A. Shildrick, Vicar of Milton-under-Wychwood, and his subject will be "New Guinea," certainly a bright one, and we have no doubt the Lecture will be bright also. We trust all who possibly can will make a point of attending both the Services and Meeting, and the holders of Missionary boxes are requested to send them in to the Rector without delay.

THE WAR.—On account of the recent regulations respecting the putting out of lights, our Services for the next few Sundays will be held at 5.30 instead of 6 in the evening. We trust it will not interfere in any way with the attendance. When lighter evenings come, we will revert to our usual hour.

Several more of our Cornwell lads have been attested and passed for Service. We believe now all who are really fit have done so. Well done Cornwell!

LENT.—The solemn season of Lent is about to open upon us. It is at all times a season for contrition, prayer and turning to the Lord, this year more than ever. May we repent us of our many sins, and seek by God's help to live better lives for the time to come. By so doing we shall realize pardon and peace, and be the better for the sorrow and trials He has been pleased to lay upon us. May God grant it for His dear Son's sake.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISM.—January 26th (Adult Baptism), Marion, daughter of David and Annie Bryden.

The Red Cross Sale on February 17th was a wonderful success, realizing over £500. Everyone worked very hard for the good cause.

CHARLBURY AND THE WAR.—Jim Kerwood, of Walcot Farm, was killed by a shell on Sunday night, February 6th, while reading out a passage of Scripture to others in his Company of the Royal Engineers. The same evening we had read out his name in Church with the Special Prayers. His relatives here have the sympathy of all their neighbours.

We are glad to hear from an Officer on leave, what a high position as a regiment is occupied by the Oxon and Bucks Light Infantry at the Front, as among the best of our Troops.

LENT, 1916. ST. MARY'S CHURCH.—The special preachers on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 as far as at present arranged, are:—March 15th, the Rev. T. P. Field; 22nd, the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter, Rural Dean; 29th, the Vicar of Speisbury; April 12th,

the Rev. H. H. Arkell, Vicar of Chipping Norton.

On Sunday, April 30th (1st Sunday after Easter), the Bishop of Oxford will preach at evening Service.

As regards our evening Services on Sundays and weekdays, and the order for darkening lights, the Vicar and Churchwardens, after consultation, decided to follow the example of most of the Parish Churches in Oxford. It did not seem feasible to have our Sunday evening Services earlier than 6 o'clock. We were unwilling, in this year of War, to abandon our weekday Services, which have been a comfort to so many who have relatives serving in the War. Nor can any one tell how long the War will continue, so we have provided dark blinds for the windows and shades for the lights. The deciding factor has been, how best to meet the spiritual needs of our people, and carry out our work. It is intended that this Lent should be specially observed, with a view to the National Mission later in the year.

There have been planted in the new ground of the Churchyard at Shorthampton, two yews and two crab-apples. Now there are to be added two hawthorns, two blackthorns and two wild cherries. Most of these are trees with beautiful spring flowers, and are native English trees, suitable to such an ancient setting. Our best thanks are due to Mr. Vernon Watney. Our Churchyard will look bright and beautiful. This is much better than planting in a Churchyard only the most dismal trees which nature produces. Just as a well-kept Church is a sign of spiritual health, so a beautiful Churchyard is a witness of reverence and faith, being holy ground.

CHASTLETON.

CHASTLETON DAY SCHOOL.—It was proposed by the Oxfordshire Education Committee to close our School, and that permanently on account of the small number of children attending and as a measure of economy. Saving and retrenchment is the order of the day, but let us be careful that we do not carry this too far as an excuse for giving up work which is essential for the betterment of the world. A Village School is an institution of the greatest importance even in a small village and the saving affected would be exceedingly small and the loss to the village very great. In a village School the number of children attending in any one year fluctuates greatly. A petition against closing was gladly signed by the parents of the children and the residents in the village and addressed to the Board of Education in London and the Oxfordshire Education Committee in Oxford. We are glad to hear that the Local Education Authority have now decided to proceed no further in the matter.

A Confirmation is to be held at Chipping Norton on Thursday, April 6th, at 3 p.m.

The Day School children subscribed 5/- to the Nurse Cavell Memorial Fund by selling cards.

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

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

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

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

BAPTISMS.—March 5th. Leslie Thomas, son of John Thomas and Florence Barnett.—March 5th, Arthur Joseph, son of Arthur and Sarah Henrietta Cox. March 17th, Winifred Violet, daughter of George Andrew and Clara Amelia Cooper.

MARRIAGES.—March 11th, Ernest Jeyes, of Christ Church, Luton, and Elspeth Elizabeth Hoare of this Parish.—March 25th, Percy Shepard and Agnes Gadd, both of this Parish.

BURIALS.—March 9th, Charlotte Ann Belcher, aged 79 years.—March 10th, Charles Henry Benfield, aged 70 years.—March 14th, Bernard Arthur Stock, aged 46 years.—March 23rd, Daniel Taylor, aged 83 years.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.—See what the Prayer Book says about Holy Communion at Easter:—"Every Parishioner shall Communicate at the least three times in the year of which Easter to be one." There will be a short preparation for Easter Communion at the end of the evening Service on Palm Sunday.

The Vicarage,
Chipping Norton.
March 28th.

My dear Friends,

Holy Week beginning on Sunday, April 16th (Palm Sunday), is rapidly approaching. This most solemn and important week of all the year might mean a great gain to us if we could only observe each day even in some little way. It will certainly mean a

tremendous loss if we neglect it altogether. Remember the Church meant it to be the great Mission Week of the year. A Mission with a burning message to each heart, straight from the Heart—the broken Heart of the Son of God—as on Good Friday He hangs upon the Cross. But we cannot come upon Good Friday suddenly lest we miss the message—each day this week has its share in bringing that detachment from the world, in making that stillness in our souls in which we catch the message from the Cross. Let us mark each day then by attendance at one of the Services at least. The busiest of us can surely come to the ten minutes Service at 5.30. We are meant to come in our working clothes. There is a one minute Sermon with one thought for the day. This surely will help us to make a "pause" in our ordinary thoughts if we cannot pause in our work. Good Friday—free from work, will be a Holy Day not a holiday, our own to give to Him—who on this day gave Himself for us. Thus and only through the Cross of Good Friday can we pass in spirit to that rush of Hope and Joy each Easter Day brings to every soul, who in Holy Week has "watched" with Christ.—Surely this year of all others we need the bright hopes of Easter for the "life of the world to come." Surely in view of the "National Mission of Repentance and Hope," to be held this coming autumn a well kept Holy Week and Easter will be the best preparation we can have to take our part in that National effort to bring England back to God.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
H. HERBERT ARKELL.

HOLY WEEK.—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 'Ten Minutes' Service on the way to work 5.30 a.m. (see special card). Holy Communion 8, Matins 10.30, Children's Lantern Service 6.30 in Parish Room, Evensong 7.30 with short address.

GOOD FRIDAY.—Litanies 8, Matins 2, Ante-Communion with Sermon 10.30, Three Hours' Service 12—3, Evensong with Service 6. Lantern Service in Town Hall 8. Over Norton Evensong and Sermon 6. Easter Eve Matins and Ante-Communion 10.30, Evensong 6. The Vicar will give the addresses at the Three Hours' Service.

EASTER DAY.—Holy Communion 6, 7, 8; Matins and Holy Communion 11, Children's Service 2.45, Evensong 6. Over Norton Evensong 6.

CONFIRMATION.—We are glad to be able to announce that after all our own Bishop is coming to take the Confirmation in the Parish Church, on Thursday, April 6th, at 3 p.m.

NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE.—It has already been announced that this coming Autumn there is to be a Mission in every Parish in our land, that if possible no single soul may miss the call God has for all at this sad crisis in the history of the World. To further this a Layman and Laywoman are to be chosen from every Parish in our Rural

Deanery to attend a meeting representative of the whole Deanery in our Parish Church Room, on May 4th. We propose therefore to have a general Parish Meeting in the Parish Church Room, on Thursday, April 13th, at 7.30, to elect our representatives. This meeting will come directly after our special Lenten Service at 6.30 on that day—and it is hoped that those attending the Lenten Service will go straight from the Church to the meeting. This meeting will be a short one and Mr. Payne, who is the preacher that night, will briefly explain the outlines of the coming National Mission, after we have elected our representatives.

FREE-WILL OFFERING SCHEME.—It will be remembered that at the General Parish Meeting, on February 21st, the Vicar, Churchwardens and Sidesmen were appointed a Committee to draw up a suitable Scheme. The first meeting of this Committee was held on March 2nd, and an Executive Committee was formed composed of the following:—The Vicar, A. J. Bolwell, T. H. Burbidge, D. St. G. Daly (Major), W. Toy, A. Webb, J. George (Treasurer), W. R. Hamblett (Secretary.) This latter Committee has already been to work, and a letter for general circulation to the Parishioners has been drawn up fully explaining the Scheme, and is now being sent round the Parish. A copy of this letter is issued with this monthly Magazine. The success of the undertaking depends entirely upon ourselves. If we each give in proportion to our means it is *bound* to be a success.

Very many will regret the death of Charlotte Ann Belcher, one of our oldest Parishioners. She was a most regular attendant at the Parish Church, and her presence there will be much missed.

EASTER OFFERING.—The Churchwardens wish it to be known that in accordance with the wish of the Bishop and the custom of other Churches in the Diocese, the collections on Easter Sunday will be given to the Vicar as an Easter offering. It is to be remembered that an Easter offering is the only opportunity for the present generation to increase the value of the living which is not large.

We would remind our readers that the Bishop will preach on Sunday morning, April 30th, on behalf of the Diocesan Fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—*Boys*—*Full marks, March*: Harold Wright, Percy Smart, James Shadbolt, F. Willetts, Robert Nason, Leslie Woodward, Fred. Brooke, Cyril Cross, F. Timms, R. Timms, N. Bolter, L. Timms, S. Smith, Denys Willetts, F. Harwood, K. Giles, F. Lord. *Never absent or late*: F. Giles, C. Harwood, B. Cook. *Girls.*—*Full marks, March*: Laura Harris, Violet Withers, Rose Withers, Dorothy Johnson, Kate Britten, Iris White, Minnie Peates, Emma Peates, Florence Goodman, Elsie Fletcher, Vera Goodman, Audrey Tilling.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD WITH LANGLEY.

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.

BAPTISMS.—February 6th, Annie Bertha Elizabeth Honeybone.—February 20th, Ethel Case.

BURIALS.—Feb. 29th, George Clifford, aged 65.—March 23rd, James Brookes, aged 77.

Shipton is honoured in the person of Thomas Townsend Coombes, 5th Batt. Oxford Light Inf., who has received the D.C.M. He has three brothers also serving.

The Vicarage Work Party have received a letter of thanks for shirts sent to prisoners of war, and the Girls' Friendly Candidates for mittens and cuffs sent to the Navy League.

On 17th, the Lent Sermon was preached by the Rev. C. Walford, Vicar of Ascot.

The death of Mr. James Brookes was not expected. He came down on that morning, but on the day before he had been taken ill with violent sickness. His sister, Mrs. Chapman, alone remains of that generation, and James was the youngest son. He lived in Shipton nearly all his life, and formerly was a Bell Ringer in the Tower, and of late has again rung, since so many of our Ringers have gone to the war. A muffled peal was rung therefore on the evening of the Burial.

The Annual Parish Meeting was on the 23rd, when statements of the various Charities for the year 1915 were read.

The Preacher on 24th will be the Rev. A. Shildrick, Vicar of Milton.

On the three following Fridays the Sermons will be preached by the Rev. O. M. Jones, M.A., Vicar of Ferry Hinksey, on the subjects of: (1) "The Result of Sin," (2) "The Turning from Sin," (3) "The Forgiveness of Sins."

The Three Hours' Service on Good Friday will be conducted by the Rev. C. M. Radford, S. John's College, Battersea.

The Rev. H. B. Morris, of Headington, will assist the Vicar on Easter Day.

The School children continue to bring eggs for wounded soldiers, and sometimes receive letters from the soldiers.

Sub-Lieut. W. L. C. Carter, R.N., has been appointed to a Destroyer, H.M.S. Hornet; Commander, The Hon. B. S. Bingham, Captain.

CHADLINGTON.

BURIALS.—March 16th, Jane Betteridge, 86 years.
March 17th, Vines Huckin, 75 years.

HOLY WEEK.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday :—

8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Matins.
6 p.m. Evensong and Reading.

Wednesday :—

8 a.m. Holy Communion. [No other Service].

GOOD FRIDAY :—

8 a.m. Matins, Litany and Ante-Communion.
12—3, Three Hours' Service.
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon, and the Story of the Cross.

Easter Eve :—

8 a.m. Matins and Ante-Communion.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Easter Day :—

7 and 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Matins, Holy Communion and Sermon.
6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Easter Monday and Tuesday :—

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

Thursday, April 27th. :—

8 a.m. Holy Communion, at which the Collect, Epistle and Gospel for St. Mark's Day (which falls on Easter Tuesday) will be read.

It is hoped that as full use will be made by as many as possible of the extra Services in Holy Week and Good Friday. This is the time for looking into and searching diligently our hearts, in order that our penitence and sorrow for our many sins of many kinds may be deepened and made more real. The Archbishops have announced that some sort of National Mission or general Spiritual Campaign is in contemplation for the latter end of the present year. Further details will doubtless be issued by the authorities in due course of time. Meanwhile, there can be no season more suitable than Passivoutide and Holy Week in which to lay the foundation of a deeper and more sincere repentance and a stronger, brighter hope, from which to approach the greater objective in October or November—the National Mission of Repentance and Hope. The Services for Holy Week and Easter are given above.

It is hoped that every confirmed Parishioner in obedience to the Prayer Book Rubric—will resolutely make every endeavour to come to the Holy Communion on Easter Day.

We hope to have the Concert on behalf of the British Farmers' Red Cross Association in May, either the 11th or 18th. Posters will be issued in good time announcing the exact date.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISMS.—March 24th, Annie Louisa, daughter of Henry and Alice Jones (adult Baptism).—At Shorthampton Church, March 12th, Reginald John, son of William Thomas and Mary Ann Powell, of Chilson.

BURIALS.—February 28th, Ann Maria Griffin, aged 62 years.—March 1st, Hannah Maria Gomm, of Oxford, aged 55 years.—March 10th, Thomas Arthur Dore, aged 75 years.—(At Shorthampton Church) February 26th, Elizabeth Partlett, of Chilson, aged 71 years.—March 2nd, Arthur Edward Barrett, of Shorthampton Farm, aged 48 years.

Mr. Barrett had been Churchwarden at Shorthampton for the past 13 years. He was always most regular at all the Services. He bore his illness with exemplary patience, and he will be much missed. Every sympathy is felt for Mrs. Barrett, who has two sons serving in the Yeomanry at the front.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of George Crump, of Chilson, who joined the Royal Garrison Artillery 10 months ago, and died on March 18th at Aldershot, of spotted fever, at the age of 21. He was confirmed in the year 1909, being prepared in a class of 6 lads from Chilson, of whom at least 3 joined His Majesty's Forces during the War.

S. MARY'S, CHARLBURY.—On April 12th, Wednesday, at 7.30, the preacher will be the Rev. H. H. Arkell, M.A., Vicar of Chipping Norton.

On Sunday evening, April 30th, the preacher will be the Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Oxford.

On Wednesday, April 19th, at 3 p.m., in the Sheldonian at Oxford the Bishop of London will speak about the National Mission.

The National Mission is to take place in every Parish in England about the end of October. We are asked to begin now to prepare our own people. There is evidence of a marked spiritual awakening among our soldiers and sailors. We wish that in every Parish at home there should be a similar awakening in the use of Prayer, Holy Scripture, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Thus when the war is over and the men return home, they will receive a worthy welcome from those at home, who have learned to care about the same fundamental truths with renewed zeal. We desire that the Church of England may be able to offer to God an offering of the same spirit, and in some way commemorate with the devotion and sacrifice shown by our soldiers and sailors and by the peoples allied with us.

Capt. Alured J. Waller, of the Black Watch, was married to Miss Florence Agg at Cheltenham, on March 23rd.

The National
Mission
of Repentance
and Hope, 1916.

RURAL DEANERY
OF
CHIPPING NORTON.

National Mission of Repentance and Hope, 1916.

IN times of War and Calamity a call comes from God that men should repent and put their trust in Him. This year the Church of England in every Parish in the land, guided, as we trust, by the Holy Spirit in direct answer to prayer, seeks to awaken men, women and children everywhere to a fresh start in a life of prayer and work well-pleasing to God.

We, the Clergy of this Rural Deanery, have been called by God to minister His Word and Sacraments in our several Parishes. We desire to appeal with all earnestness and affection to our people to make the life of town and village answerable to our Christian calling. We seek without delay to strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, turn the wicked, restore the penitent: so that all may come to the knowledge of the truth, and live a godly, righteous and sober life.

We all have cause for hope, reasons for repentance. We have the example in every Parish of those who pray to God every day, and are constant in the Service of God in Church on the Lord's Day, and on many working days during this anxious time of War. But we fear that there are households who fail in their prayers either at home or in Church; although they also have those near and dear to them in danger—husbands, sons or brothers serving their King and Country.

There is much in the home life of our Parishes to make us truly glad: there are many who are always ready to give a helping hand to their neighbours. Now and then occur sins which sadden us: the neglect of God's plain command about marriage and purity; the abuse of drink; betting and gambling; quarrels and evil speaking; distrust and disunion; lives spent apart from God, and without faith or hope or love.

If we are saddened by these sins, how much more our Father Who is in Heaven? If by repentance and perseverance we are made glad, is there not joy in the presence of the Angels of God?

The War has revealed to us wonderful comradeship and compassion among all ranks of life. But we can also see now how near we were to the brink of danger at home, from discord, selfishness and sin.

In this year of the National Mission there is a clear call for us all to place our lives afresh under God's guidance and in His keeping. To this call we can all give our answer at once, if we will, by diligent prayer.

Imagine our hopes fulfilled, our prayers in Christ's Name heard: and think of the change that will come over the familiar scenes when this comes true. No home will go through any day without prayer to God for forgiveness and protection, victory and peace. All shall read and hear His holy word. No man or woman will neglect their duty to God on His holy day: all will seek in God's House the comfort which can steady and cheer our lives. We shall preserve God's day of worship and rest as a National blessing.

Those who in past years have been confirmed will resolve to come constantly to the Holy Communion to be strengthened and refreshed. Those who have not been confirmed will seek an early opportunity of preparation, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Ghost the Comforter. We shall all pray and work for the spread of God's Kingdom at home and throughout the world. For God has no favourites. He gave us our world-wide Empire that we should be a light to the world: and that men should glorify God in the day of visitation.

In every Parish in England there will be opportunities during the coming months to hear this call to true repentance and sure hope: so that we may be ready, by the end of October and the month of November, by our own example to renew the spiritual life and welfare of our Parishes.

Shall our soldiers and sailors give daily examples of self-sacrifice and courage, at their Country's call: and shall we refuse to listen when God calls us to make the effort to live a better and happier life? England battles for the right. God expects of us more devotion to Himself, more compassion to our neighbours.

We, whose names are signed to this letter, trust that all our people will be ready to seek our counsel and help in these and all other ways in which, as God's ministers, we can be of service.

We ask for your daily prayers for our sailors and soldiers, for your own homes, for your Parish, for this Deanery, and for England. We shall pray for you. Brethren, pray for us.

W. COLLINGWOOD CARTER,	Vicar of Shipton, Rural Dean.
H. HERBERT ARKELL,	Vicar of Chipping Norton.
RICHARD P. BURNETT,	Rector of Cornwell.
J. A. BURNLEY,	Rector of Chastleton.
A. W. CALLIS,	Rector of Salford.
A. CARY ELWES,	Vicar of Finstock.
THOMAS P. FIELD,	Curate of Chadlington.
ERNEST C. FREEMAN,	Rector of Hook Norton.
H. J. GULLEY,	Rector of Heythrop.
H. R. HALL,	Vicar of Ramsden.
H. HEATHCOTE,	Curate of Leafield.
S. W. B. HOLBROOKE,	Rector of Great Rollright.
EDMUND J. F. JOHNSON,	Rector of Sarsden.
T. W. LEE,	Vicar of Leafield.
J. P. MALLESON,	Vicar of Little Tew.
GOTHER E. MANN,	Rector of Fifield.
WILLIAM J. PALMER,	Vicar of Enstone.
JULIUS D. PAYNE,	Vicar of Charlbury.
CHARLES J. SHEBBEARE,	Rector of Swerford.
A. SHILDRICK,	Vicar of Milton.
THOS. C. TANNER,	Vicar of Spelsbury.
C. WALFORD,	Vicar of Ascot.
E. LL. WEIGHT,	Curate of Chipping Norton.

Whitsuntide, 1916.

A Daily Prayer.



Lord God Almighty, Who hast brought Thy judgments upon all the earth, that the inhabitants of the world may learn righteousness: We entreat Thy Divine Majesty so to turn the hearts of the people of this Land, that sorrowing for our sins with true repentance, and trusting in the hope of Thy salvation, we may be renewed to do Thee service and shew forth Thy praise from one generation to another: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

We have to congratulate Lieut. G. Horsman Bailey and his relatives on the receipt of a Military Cross for services in Gallipoli. He was one of the first officers to reach the peninsula and one of the last to leave. The life and work there have been peculiarly arduous, and the medal would have been well earned in any case, but we hear that it was awarded for special acts of gallantry.

The two allotments managed by the gardeners of Fifield have produced a splendid crop of vegetables during the past year, and in addition to a number of hampers sent to hospitals, about a ton has been sent to the fleet. Fifield is a registered branch of the "Vegetable Products Committee" and sends its contributions carriage free from Shipton Station. Any other village or individual could likewise despatch contributions from Shipton, carriage free, by obtaining a proper label from F. W. P. Matthews, Esq., and acknowledgments of such gifts would be sent direct to the donors from the ships to which they have been delivered. Contributions of vegetables for the Navy are urgently required.

The annual Service of the Mothers' Union was held in Fifield Church, on the eve of Lady Day at 2.30. There was a very good attendance, and seven new members were admitted, namely:—Mrs. Houlton, Mrs. Markham, Mrs. Godden, of Fifield, Mrs. Wilkins, of Idbury, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Leadbetter, and Mrs. Roberts of Foxcott. The sermon was preached by the Rector. The hymns were better sung than in previous years, and we are much indebted to Mr. Hill for so kindly coming from Westcote to play the organ. The corporate Communion will be at Fifield, on Sunday, March 26th, at 8.

The Scouts paraded at Fifield Church, on Sunday March 17th. Mr. Matthews, C.O. of the "Wychwood" V.T.C. kindly drilled them after service, and has promised to do so regularly.

A few candidates from Fifield and Bould are preparing for Confirmation at Chipping Norton, on April 6th. Our prayers are on their behalf.

Medicinal herbs are much needed. Mrs. Mann will be glad to know the names of those who have any in their gardens to dispose of.

MARRIAGE.—Fifield. On March 14th, John George Simms, of Chipping Norton (at S. John Baptist Church) to Fanny Scrivens of Fifield.

SPELSBURY.

BURIAL.—March 18th, Charles Cross, aged 82.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday:—
Ante Communion 8 a.m.
Mattins 10. Evensong 6.
Good Friday:—
Litany 8 a.m.
Mattins and Ante Communion 10 a.m.
Three Hours' Service 12 to 3.
Evensong 6.

Parishioners will observe a change from former years with regard to the Good Friday Services. In addition to those prescribed by our Liturgy there will be the "Three Hours' Devotion" from 12 noon to 3 p.m. For the information of those unfamiliar with this form of devotion, let me just say a word. It consists of seven addresses based upon the seven sayings of our Lord upon the Cross, followed by short prayers and hymns with intervals of quiet for meditation. For those who may not be able to attend for the full three hours, the singing of the hymns will provide the fittest moments for them to come or go from the Church. Those who have had experience of the form of Service certify to its helpfulness, and surely it is fitting that the hours of our Lord's Passion should be held sacred and free from worldly thoughts, and so whether in the Church or at home let us resolve to meditate upon our Lord's Passion whereby He wrought our redemption.

EASTER DAY.

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Mattins & Holy Communion, 11 a.m.
Evensong, 6 p.m.

A Confirmation will be held in our Parish Church on Wednesday, April 5th, at 3 p.m. by Bishop Corfe. Let us remember the candidates daily in our prayers, "that they may yield themselves up to God in body, soul and spirit, for the rest of their lives." There can be no better preparation for our Easter Communion than for us to remember our own Confirmation and to examine ourselves as to how far we have been faithful to our Baptismal promises then renewed and ratified, and to enquire of our own heart what obedience we have yielded to the Holy Spirit then given us through the laying on of hands.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS, Feb. 20th to March 3rd:—

Sick and Needy	...	12	0
Church Expenses	...	1	7
Oxford Diocesan Fund		15	9

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

BAPTISM.—March 8th, John, son of George John and Lily Louise Fowler, of Fawler.

BURIAL.—March 13th, John Fowler, aged 13 days.

The Services on Good Friday will be at 11 and 7, and on Easter Sunday there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7, 8.15 and mid day.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISMS.—Hazel Marjorie, infant daughter of Edward J. W. and Mary L. Nichols of Milton.

On Sunday, March 12th, at the Parish Church at Ascot-under-Wychwood, there were four Candidates presented for Confirmation who received the Apostolic Rite of the laying on of hands by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese: Percy Hartley Barton, Winifred Bertha Howard, Dorothy Marguerite Tustin, and Muriel Constance Parsloe. The prayers of the congregation are asked on behalf of these, that they may be true and loyal servants and soldiers of the Cross all the days of their life.

We are having our Special Lenten Service this year on the Wednesday evenings, instead of Friday as heretofore, as since the war commenced we have had a Special Service of Intercession on the latter day, and we do not desire to break up this Service. It is true we do not get a great number of people, but those few who do come evidently regard it as a great opportunity of remembering those who are serving in the Army in their prayers in the House of their Father. We have hoped and shall hope to see a greater number of our people, especially those who have sons or brothers or those nearest to them who are engaged in some way or other in this awful conflict, using this opportunity, and also the Service of Holy Communion which is held on Thursday morning, of remembering them at the throne of grace, and in conjunction with all those who are present offering up their prayers and petitions, that the protecting hand of God may be their shield and defence, and as we think of those near and dear to us who are called upon to fill such posts of special danger as falls to the lot of every soldier, how many and countless are the thoughts that fill our hearts, and which God would love us to express as we kneel before His altar or supplicate Him in our Intercessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone have just received official notification of the death of their son, Private S. T. Rathbone of the 4th L.N.L., which occurred on June 15th, 1915. Before leaving home, in a conversation with his mother, he evidently recognised the possibility of his not returning, for he said to her: "If I fall I shall fall in a good cause and be in the path of duty." He has fallen in the execution of his duty, and we may well believe and hope that now he rests in the Paradise of God, where the noise of conflict is for ever hushed and peace eternal reigns.

On our roll of honour there are 86 names of those who are serving King and Country in some capacity or other, and the names of nine of those who have fallen as follows:—

G. Clemons—H. M. S. Cressy.
Pte. S. T. Rathbone—4th L.N.L.
Pte. C. Wiggins—1st O. & B.L.I.

Pte. T. Miles—3rd Worcester.
Pte. H. Burrus—1st Gloster.
Sergt. R. Wiggins—3rd Worcester.
Pte. T. Coombes—O. & B.L.I.
Sergt. J. E. Barnes—10th Gloster.
Pte. L. Parsloe—1st O. & B.L.I.

On Wednesday, March 15th, the Rev. A. K. Chignell, Organizing Secretary for the Diocese of New Guinea, very kindly officiated at the Lenten Service, giving us a most helpful address on the necessity of patience, after which he addressed a meeting at the Schoolroom on Mission Work in New Guinea. He gave us a most interesting lecture which was highly appreciated by those present. We were delighted to see so many people present, and we welcome the young boys and girls who formed part of the audience. They may have been impressed with the lantern slides, but we also think they were profited too by the lecture, and certainly this is one way in which we may reasonably hope to interest the young in Mission Work, and it can hardly be doubted that when this war is over, the Mission Work of the Church will play a far more important part in the Church's work than it has done in the past. The Vicar was away on Friday, the 17th, addressing meetings on Mission Work, and he could not but observe that there seemed to be a much deeper interest evinced than is always manifested at such meetings.

On Wednesday, the 22nd, the Vicar of Eustone, very kindly came over and preached for us, and we are sure his words of counsel and instruction were much appreciated by the congregation. We were glad to see so many present and hope that the congregation will continue to increase.

On the Festival of the Annunciation the members of the Women's Union made their Corporate Communion at the 8 o'clock Service. In the afternoon they met at the Iron Room and a short address was given by the Vicar, after which they were entertained at tea by Mrs. Way.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

MARRIAGE.—At Churchill Church on March 4th, 1916, Albert Henry Bayliss, of the parish of St. Ebbe, Oxford, and Charlotte Andrews of Churchill.

The Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society acknowledges with gratitude the receipt of £2 16s. 6d. being a contribution from this parish.

The Church Missionary Society has received £16 5s. 3½d. for the year ending 31st March, 1916, from the parishioners, the details of which will be published later in the Annual Report.

The Mothers' Meetings have been well attended throughout the five winter months.

We have to thank the Revs. T. C. Tanner, E. R. Mosley, A. H. Burnley, A. W. Callis, R. P. Burnett, for their Sermons during Lent.

Extract from the London Gazette. "Crown of

Siam, Whitehall, March 22nd. The King has been pleased to give and grant unto Cecil Bedell Follett, Esq., Divisional Superintendent of Police, Bangkok, his Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the insignia of the fourth class of the order of the Crown of Siam, which decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Siam in recognition of valuable services rendered by him." Mr. Follett is a brother of Mrs. Giles Edmunds, of Haughton House, Churchill.

Mrs. Giles Edmunds has received the following Magazine subscriptions:—Mrs. C. Widdows, Mr. Clarke, Mrs. C. Cox, Mrs. Bushnell, Mrs. Matthews, Miss Croxton, Mr. H. Widdows, Mrs. Biles, Mrs. W.A. Treweeke, Mrs G. Edmunds, Mrs. W. Peachey, Mrs. W. Cox, Mrs. Mace, Mrs. Rose, Mr. Brecknell.

The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting was held in the Infants' School, on Friday, March 24th, when the Trustees presented the Charity Accounts which were passed. There was a very small attendance.

The Annual Meeting of the Pig Assurance Society was held in the Infants' School, on Friday, 24th March, when there was a good attendance of members. Mr R. Ferriman was elected Chairman, and the Committee and Inspectors were re-elected without change. It was decided to adopt the Statement of Accounts presented by the Secretary, the same to be audited by Mr. Giles Edmunds. The accounts are as follows:—

<i>Receipts.</i>	<i>Payments.</i>	
Subscriptions and Insurance Fees received from members	Paid to Mr. Timms loss of Pig	2 11 0
4 13 7	Mr. F. Alder, opening same	1 0
	To carry forward from year	2 1 7
£4 13 7		£4 13 7
<i>Cash Account.</i>		
Balance in Bank 1915	...	40 5 5
Interest from Bank	...	18 11
Balance in hand 1916	...	2 1 7
	To carry forward	£43 5 11

A vote of thanks to the Committee, Inspectors and Officers generally was passed unanimously.

WM. H. ANSON, Hon. Sec.

HOOK NORTON.

BURIALS.—February 26th, Edward James Brain, aged 11 months.—March 18th, James Illes, aged 74 years.

Communicants during March, 88.

Collections during same period: Church Expenses, 12s. 11d.; Church of England Waifs and Strays, £1 5s., Offertory Fund, 10s. 3d.; Lighting Fund, 15s. 3d.; Nursing Association, £1 3s. 1½d.; Poor Fund, 10s. 3d.; Restoration Fund, 7s. 6d.

We have been very fortunate in securing Canon

Whitaker, the Rector of Souldern, as our special preacher this Lent, and we are very grateful to him for giving up his time to come to us. He will preach every Tuesday in Lent at 3 o'clock.

Now that the days are getting longer we shall be able to have Evensong on Sundays at 6 p.m. without any danger of infringing the lighting regulations, and accordingly it will be held at that hour until further notice.

Now that we are drawing near to Holy Week and Good Friday we venture to express the hope that they will be observed devoutly, and more devoutly than ever, and it behoves all good Christians not only to observe them themselves but also to try to get others to observe them, and to understand them. Their neglect of them seems to be due principally to three causes, and the first of them is ignorance. It is a solemn fact, almost incredible and astonishing, but nevertheless a certain fact that in spite of all the teaching given in the School and by the Church these many many years, there actually are people even in our midst who do not know what happened on the first Good Friday. It sounds incredible but it is true, and what we have to do is to combat this ignorance by precept and example with all the patience and perseverance we can command. A second cause is wrongheadedness. There are people who argue, "if Jesus Christ won for us upon the Cross the forgiveness of sins, then it is a day for rejoicing," and so they have tea-drinkings, and so on. Could anything be more utterly selfish? They think only of themselves, and not at all of what He suffered. It is like a man rejoicing at his father's death because he has come into money by it. A third cause is indifference. Some people do not care at all whether Jesus Christ died for them or not, or suffered anything else for them. They are indifferent to this or anything else that has to do with religion. This means that they have not the love of God in their hearts. These people are in a very dangerous condition, for it is certain that we cannot be saved without the love of God. A man once asked our Lord, "Which is the first and greatest Commandment?" and our Lord answered, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy mind, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength. This is the first and greatest Commandment." It ought not to be difficult to love God. We do not find it difficult to love people who are good and kind and loving to us, and God is infinitely good and kind and loving to us, and if any day teaches us that more than another it is Good Friday. Only we shall never see it if we do not give up our minds to think of it. Indifference kills all religion in our hearts, all prayer and worship and faith and hope and real charity. Let us beware of it, it is our deadly enemy,

CORNWELL.

CORNWELL PARISH MEETING.—The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st day of March, the Rector presiding. There were also present, Colonel A. N. Hall, Messrs G. Fawdry, G. Bowles, J. H. Williams and W. H. Stowe. The proposed basis for a County Rate was submitted to the meeting and agreed to. Colonel Hall and Mr. G. Fawdry were unanimously re-elected overseers for the ensuing year.

S.P.G.—We had our annual sermons and offerings for the above Society, on Sunday, March 26. The sermon in the morning was preached by the Rector, and in the evening by Rev. E. J. F. Johnson, Rector of Sarsden-cum-Churchill.

The Annual Meeting and Lantern Lecture was held on Monday evening, the 27th. The lecture, the subject of which was "New Guinea" was given by the Rev. A. Shildrick, Vicar of Milton-under-Wychwood. The Rev. A. W. Cullis, Rector of Salford, kindly provided and manipulated the lantern. In spite of its being a wild snowy night there was a good attendance. Altogether the sum of £2 8s. 8d. was raised for the Society, as under:—

Offeratories	19 4½
Meeting	10 3½
Boxes	19 0
	£2 8 8

The boxes showed a considerable increase over former years. We hope they will still go on increasing. Anyone wishing to have a box is requested to apply to the Rector.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.—This solemn season is approaching. We trust all will attend the Services who possibly can, while all our Communicant members will make a point of Communicating on Easter Day. Several of those who did so last year are now at the Front, while one, Freddy Hill, has died in the service of his King and Country.

NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH.—This solemn Mission is to take place in the Autumn. We shall soon be making preparations for it and hope to call a special meeting to elect a male and female parishioner, who, with the Rector, will form a local committee to make the necessary arrangements. We ask for the prayers of all our people for the work of the mission, and trust that God will indeed stir up the hearts of His faithful people that they plentifully bringing forth the fruits of good works, may of Him be plentifully rewarded. Amen.

DAYLESFORD.

We are suffering from a plague of flies in the Church which has so far defied all efforts made to deal with it. They swarm everywhere, and are swept up daily, literally by thousands. We should be grateful to anyone who can prescribe an effective remedy. Possibly owing to this cause, combined with very wintry and inclement weather, congregations have been unusually small of late. May there be an improvement in all respects speedily.

The sympathy of ail is extended to the Wood family in their sorrow, caused by the unexpected death of their eldest daughter in Canada after the birth of her first little baby. Alice Wood went out to Canada about three years ago, and married about a year ago Percy Painting, who also emigrated from Daylesford. Very happy letters have been received from her up to within the last few days before the sad news of her death was received, so that the shock was all the greater. The baby lives and thrives.

"The National Mission of Repentance and Hope" should be engaging our thoughts and prayers from now onwards. The methods and details of its working are being taken in hand and arranged now by the Bishop of Worcester's Evangelist Council, which met for the first time at Birmingham on March 21st, and divided itself into portions, one to deal with Worcestershire and one with Warwickshire. The Worcestershire portion meets again at Worcester, on March 27th, when, no doubt, further progress will be made, and spheres of action allotted to various workers. Till these preliminary details have been arranged it is not possible to say much about the scheme, but we can at least be preparing ourselves to take our part in it and making up our minds to do the utmost that lies in our power to make it a success in our own neighbourhood. There is no doubt that we all need this call to come back to God in the three respects mentioned in our Bishop's message to the Diocese, viz., of Worship, of Holiness of life and of Christian Fellowship.

The Bishop of Worcester has honoured the Rector by appointing him Rural Dean of Blockley in succession to Canon Houghton, Vicar of Blockley, who, to the great loss of the Deanery, has felt himself obliged to resign the office, which he has so well filled for 36 years, on account of increasing years and failing health.

THE CHIPPING NORTON Deanery Magazine.



For the Parishes of



CHIPPING NORTON.
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CHASTLETON.
CHADLINGTON.
CHURCHILL & SARDSEN.
CORNWELL.

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

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.
SALFORD.
MILTON & LYNEHAM.
RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
SPELSBURY.

& DAYLESFORD.

MAY.

C A L E N D A R .

1916.

1	M	<i>S. Philip, A.M., & S. James, A.M.</i>
2	Tu	
3	W	Invention of the Cross. Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
4	Th	
5	F	
6	S	<i>S. John E. before the Latin Gate.</i>
7	Sp	<i>2nd Sunday after Easter.</i>
8	M	
9	Tu	
10	W	Magistrates Meeting.
11	Th	
12	F	
13	S	
14	Sp	<i>3rd Sunday after Easter.</i>
15	M	
16	Tu	
17	W	Meeting of Board of Guardians.
18	Th	
19	F	<i>S. Dunstan, Abp.</i>
20	S	
21	Sp	<i>4th Sunday after Easter.</i>
22	M	
23	Tu	
24	W	Magistrates Meeting.
25	Th	
26	F	<i>S. Augustine, Abp.</i>
27	S	<i>Ven. Bede, P.</i>
28	Sp	<i>5th Sunday after Easter.</i>
29	M	Rogation Day. <i>The Restoration.</i>
30	Tu	Rogation Day.
31	W	Rogation Day. Meeting of Board of Guardians.

2nd, New Moon. 5h. 29m. a.m.

17th, Full Moon, 2h. 11m. p.m.

10th, First Quarter. 8h. 47m. a.m.

24th, Last Quarter. 5h. 16m. a.m.

31st, New Moon, 7h. 37m. p.m.

Notes for the next Magazine should be sent not later than May 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.

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—Mr. Ernest C. Cook,

Deputy Organist and Choirmaster—

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

Churchwardens—Mr. Austin Webb.

Mr. A. J. Bolwell,
for Chipping Norton.

Major Daly, for Over Norton.

BAPTISMS.—April 2nd, Alban Dennis Rowland, son of Albert Henry and Violet Ethel Hill (privately).—Hilda Rose, daughter of William Walter and Winifred Stickley.—Albert Roland, son of Leonard and Mary Ann Wearing.—24th, Margaret Patricia, daughter of George James and Coral Esmé Norris.—Sylvia, daughter of George James and Coral Esmé Norris.

MARRIAGE.—April 29th, Reginald Jones, of the parish of St. Frideswides, Oxford, and Edith Brain of Over Norton in this parish.

BURIALS.—March 30th, Mary Matthews, aged 80 years.—April 4th, Alban Dennis Rowland Hill, aged 24 hours.—Edward Davis, aged 78 years.—12th, John Eden, aged 82 years.—15th, Mary Ann Kerry, aged 75 years.—19th, Rachel Coates, aged 77 years.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.—Judging by the attendance at the Special Services, there was a very real effort made by many, in this critical year of our Country's history, to keep Lent, Holy Week and Easter. The congregations present at the Thursday evening Services were decidedly good, and we understand well above the average—especially the first three. The Holy Week Services were well attended throughout—the 5.30 a.m. Service on the way to work surpassing all expectations—the approximate numbers being: Monday 60, Tuesday 70, Wednesday 80, Thursday (wet) 80. The sight of so many ready for the day's work, but pausing on their way at God's House, to mark each day of this solemn week by a real effort to recall the Sacred Scenes of our Lord's Death and Passion, was a moving one and

cannot fail to have made a deep impression not only on those present, but the whole parish who heard of it. Who of us who attended will forget the calm sweetness of the early morning stillness, as we listened once again to the old old story of Jesus and His Love. The other Services too, were better attended, we believe, in consequence of this early effort. Thus we were more ready to enter into the deep sadness of Good Friday, and the great gladness and joy of Easter Day. We wish more could see their way to attending the whole of the Three Hours' Service—the numbers attending the last half of the Service were very encouraging. The Town Hall was quite full for the Lantern Service, and we hope the slides were the means of bringing home to many the great facts of this most Sacred Day. We thankfully record a decided increase in the number of Easter Communicants—in all there were 393, including Private Celebrations. But there still must be very many Communicants who missed the greatest Service on the greatest Day of all the year—Why? Large congregations attended the other Easter Services and the singing was bright and hearty. The Church was very tastefully decorated & the following kindly assisted Mrs. Arkell: Miss Barlow, windows and font; Miss Burbidge, pulpit; Miss Cooper, choir screen and stalls; Mrs. and Miss Felthouse, windows; Miss Joslin, choir screen and stalls; Mrs. Lockwood, creation window and S. window; Mrs. G. Mace, altar and windows; Mrs. Morrison, windows; Miss Walker, windows and font. Flowers were sent by the following:—Mrs. Arkell, Mrs. Chamberlayne, Mrs. Daly, Sister Lily Cork, Mrs. Jeffries, Mrs. H. Pettipher, Mrs. Percy Saunders, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Wilkins.

Our fingers in spite of their reduced numbers gave us glad peals.

LENT AND THE CHILDREN.—To impress upon the children of the Parish the importance of keeping Lent, a weekly class was held in the Parish Room, on each Monday, at 6 p.m. The children seemed to appreciate the effort made, for the attendances were splendid and increased week by week. There was a short address given at each class, and a reading from Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress re-told for children. In Holy Week there were two Lantern Services in the Parish Room and we hope that the beautiful Tissot slides shewn taught them something more of the lessons of the Cross and Passion of Christ.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.—On Thursday, April 13th, the Rev. J. Payne came very kindly to this Parish to preach at the weekly Lenten Service. At the close of the Service there was a meeting in the Parish Room, to elect Parish representatives for the Ruri-Decanal Meeting with regard to the National Mission. Mrs. Arkell and Mr. Pearson were unanimously elected to represent the Parish. Mr. Payne in his sermon in

Church spoke of the project of the Mission and its organization. He also helped us in explaining more fully certain details at the after meeting in the Parish Room. In connection with the Mission some of us journeyed to Oxford to hear the Bishop of London at the Sheldonian. We shall always remember his wonderful faith and personality, and his reference to our 5.30 a.m. Services in Holy Week was a pardonably proud moment for those of us who were present.

THE CONFIRMATION.—Our Bishop himself came to take the Confirmation Service, on April 6th, and we were very glad indeed to welcome him again to the parish. The Service at which there were 135 candidates presented, was very beautiful, and the inspiring words of the Bishop will long be remembered. The Bishop wore his cope and mitre. Our own parish presented 65 candidates. The following is an alphabetical list:—

Akers Florence Annie.
Bickerstaff Annie Elizabeth.
Brain Beatrice Lily.
Bunting Minnie.
Castagnola Rose Louise.
Castagnola Helen Maud.
Cyphus Edna May.
Coleman Hilda Evelyn.
Dore Ada Annie.
Ellens Margaret.
Gibbs Evelyn Kate.
Giles Kate Agnes.
Giles Millicent Ivy.
Giles Ethel.
Harwood Doris Mary.
Harwood Emily Evelyn.
Harrison Violet.
Hawtin Ada Annie.
Hawtin Rose Mary.
Higgs Mary.
Jeffries Maud.
Johnson Dorothy Lily.
Knight Katherine.
Malpass Emmie.
Mealin Olive May Queen.
Newman Elsie May.
Pink Alice Emily.
Sanders Hilda.
Shurman Edith.
Stickley Gladys Evelyn.
Tilling Constance Dorothy
Alice.
Tomblin Ellen.
Tonkins Violet.
Webb Sybil Adeline.

Ward Elsie Elizabeth Leah.
Williams Violet.
Williams Eleanor Jane.
Winnett Grace.
Woodward Elsie May.
Woodward Annie Ethel.

Aekerman James Reuben.
Aekerman Raymond
William.
Burford Albert Edward.
Carey William Robert.
Giles Frank Henry.
Giles William Alfred.
Guy Joseph Leslie.
Grantham Alfred Reginald.
Grantham George Edward.
Harris Richard Frank.
Hitchcock Sydney.
Kerry Percy.
Merry William George.
Moulder Albert Ernest.
Moulder George.
Peachey Percy William.
Powell Francis William
Dennis.
Robinson Frank William.
Sanders Joseph Henry.
Sewell Arthur Edwin.
Stanley Arthur Reginald.
Vickeridge Ernest John.
Wilson William Charles.
Worvill Frank.
Wright Harold.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISM.—Gweneth Margaret, daughter of Herbert Robert and Eva Castle.

BURIAL.—April 4th, Henrietta Overs, aged 33 years.

The Services during Holy Week were well attended, especially on Good Friday when many were present at the Three Hours' Service and at the Evening Service. On Easter Day all the Services throughout the day were very well attended. At Charlbury 187 communicated. Inasmuch as a good many of our communicants are away serving in H.M. Forces we may feel very thankful that so many were present. The Vicar wishes to thank everyone for the generous Easter Offering of £27 13s. 1d.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.—The Vicar and six of our people attended the meeting in the Sheldonian, on April 19th, at which the Bishop of London spoke.

CONFIRMATION.—The following candidates were confirmed at Spelsbury by Bishop Corfe, on April 5th:—Charles Albert Wakefield, Edwin Sidney James Allen, Marion Bryden, Olive Brooke, Margaret Robertson Brooke.

Seven of our Sunday School Teachers attended the meeting at Leafield on April 15th.

The Bishop of Oxford is to preach in Charlbury Church, on Sunday evening, April 30th.

CORNWELL.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.—We had Services twice daily, 11 and 6, during Holy Week, with a short address at the latter Service.

The Services on *Good Friday* were the same as on Sunday, and, considering how many of our people are away, were well attended.

The Church never looked prettier than on *Easter Day*; there was an abundance of flowers, both garden and wild, and our kind friends worked hard to make it worthy of the most joyful Festival of the whole year. We heartily thank them all, children included, for their kind and most successful efforts. On *Easter Day* there was Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and also after the Morning Service. The number of Communicants was very satisfactory, though we missed our kind Squire and Mrs. Hall, who were away on a well-earned holiday. The "Easter Offerings" as in former years were devoted to the fund for Church Expenses. It was a peaceful and happy day, though our thoughts naturally dwelt on the past, and those who had laid down their lives for their country. May God preserve those who are still fighting for us and by next Easter may we see peace once again established throughout the world.

On Friday evening, the 28th of April, we hope to have our Annual Vestry Meeting at 6 p.m., and immediately after it a meeting of the Parishioners to elect a male and female representative to act with the Rector as a Local Committee, with reference to the ensuing "National Mission of Repentance and Hope." We hope all who can will attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—*Girls*—Full marks April: Ivy, Shadbolt, Laura Harris, Maggie Hodgkins, Violet Withers, Rose Withers, Olive Coles. *Boys*—Full marks, April: Chris. Buckingham, Ernest Buckingham, Alfred Britten, Gordon Bent, Lancelot Hodgkins, Frank Karn, Frederick Timms, Reg. Timms, Victor Alley, Norman Bolter, Leslie Timms, Sydney Smith, Dennis Willets, Kenneth Giles, Frank Lord, George Rice.

NATIONAL SOCIETY.—The offertory on Sunday morning, May 21st, will be given to this Society. There will be a special Preacher.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY BAPTISMS.—April 2nd, John William, son of Harry and Emily Esther Turnock.—Walter Henry, son of Harry and Emily Esther Turnock.—Lilian Florence, daughter of William and Annie Cresida Harris.

Communicants during April to April 25th, 184.

Collections during same period: Church Expenses, £2 2s. 8d.; Offertory Fund, 15s. 1½d.; Lighting Fund, 11s. 11d.; Sunday School, 11s. 8d.; Easter Offering, £5 9s. 10½d.

One of our farmers, prevented by ill health from attending Church, recently sent the Churchwardens a donation of £1 towards Church Expenses. It has occurred to us that others, especially among the better off, might be glad to know how welcome such acts of practical consideration are. Shortage of labour, bad weather, necessary Sunday work, e.g., among cattle, and at the Brynbo Steel Co.'s Works, during this time of war, as well as ill health often keep from Church those who would otherwise be there, and it is cheering when anyone shows by such acts of sympathy and consideration that he understands that the upkeep of the Services, such as lighting, heating, cleaning and other expenses, e.g., Choir, Sunday School, printing, insurances, salary of Clerk, remain the same and have to be met by those who have consented to make themselves responsible for them.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.—A paper is being published by the S.P.C.K. in connection with the forthcoming National Mission of Repentance and Hope. It is called the Bulletin of the National Mission, and is published monthly at the price of one penny. It should be interesting to everyone of us. It may be obtained either direct from the head office of the S.P.C.K., Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C. or from Messrs. Hayes of Chipping Norton, or Mr. Stevens, near the Cross at Banbury. In the first number there is a very important paragraph explaining the difference between this National Mission and the ordinary Parochial Mission, which is so helpful to the understanding of the whole matter that we will venture to quote it at some length. The ordinary Parochial Mission "has aimed at each individual separately; if he were converted or strengthened, this would affect his action as a citizen of his nation; but that was incidental. In this Mission the position is reversed. The message is to the nation, and to the individual first and foremost *as citizen*; if he is to serve his nation as a citizen (*a true patriot*) he will need conversion and consecration himself, and the appeal to individuals will be not less strong, but rather stronger, because it is through his national and social responsibility that the appeal will come. There is a real difference between a converted nation and a nation of converted individuals. All the

citizens of a nation might be individually converted and yet the public life be conducted on principles other than Christian. Good Christian people kept slaves for centuries; yet now we say that slavery is an unchristian institution. A converted nation would be one whose citizens tried to order all their relationships to one another and to other nations by Christian principles; there would very likely still be many failures; much actual wrong might still be done; but a nation ordered by justice and love, so far as it was deliberately ordered, would be something at which no mission has hitherto aimed. Moreover this is not to be a Mission of Clergy to Laity, but of Christians to non-Christians. It is an attempt to discharge for the first time the permanent Mission of the Church as a whole, to the nation as a whole."

It is very hard to take in the idea of the National Mission all at once. We may feel that we do not know what we are aiming at, or what is expected of us. Nobody seems to have a clear idea about it, or to be able to explain it to us with the clearness we desire. But let us not impatiently turn away. What it all means and whither God is leading us will appear in time, and meanwhile we can think about it day by day, and pray about it, and study what is written about it. There are some beautiful prayers to help us, e.g., "Show Thou me the way that I should walk in, for Thou art my God." "Open then mine eyes that I may see the wondrous things of Thy law," and there are beautiful considerations also, e.g., "The earth was without form and void (*i.e.* all was confusion), and God said, let there be light, and there was light"—"The Lord is my light"—"When He (the Holy Ghost) is come He shall guide you," Understanding and guidance will come—"When the morning was come Jesus stood on the shore."

We are very grateful indeed to those who decorated the Church so beautifully for Easter. The decorations really are a great help in bringing home to us the message of the Church. They teach through the eye. The lovely spring flowers recall the Resurrection of our Lord, and foretell our own, and they tell us also what a beautiful thing that is in human life when men rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. The Choir also, using music to teach through the ear, helped us very much throughout the day, and especially with the anthem. We all ought to be happier for Easter Day.

The Oxford Diocesan Missionary Festival is to be held this year at Banbury on Tuesday, July 18th. Among the speakers will be the Bishop of Oxford, the Rev. J. B. Seaton (late Archdeacon of Johannesburg—a very able man), Major-General Scott Mouchieff, K.C.B., Canon Scott Holland and Mrs. Knight-Bruce. An interesting feature of the Festival will be a Children's Pageant.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

BAPTISM.—(Born February 13th, 1916.) At Sarnden, on April 9th, Frederick son of Job and Bertha Elizabeth Keen. Sponsors: the Parents and Bernard Henry Somerton.

BURIAL.—On April 7th, Agnes Andrews aged 24 years.

The Churchyard Committee Meeting was held on Easter Monday at the Schoolroom, when the accounts for the past year were presented and passed. The annual expenses and the voluntary rate for the year practically balance. There is a balance in hand, in case of emergency, of £15.

The Annual Vestry Meeting was then held at which the Churchwardens' accounts were presented and passed. The Rector having thanked the Warden for fulfilling their duties so well. He appointed Mr. Giles Edmonds in the place of Mr. R. Dick, who will shortly be leaving the parish to take up the work of Sub-Agent to the Earl of Scarborough, at Lumley Castle, Durham. Mr. W. A. Treweeke, in proposing that Mr. William Henry Peachey be elected Parish Church Warden, congratulated him on the excellent way in which the Church accounts had been kept, and considered that the parish would be well served by his re-appointment. This was carried unanimously. There was a balance in hand of £3. The various items of expenditure amounted to over £80. The following were elected Sidesmen:—Messrs. W. A. Treweeke, H. Jordan, R. Ferriman, F. Widdows.

Under the Act for the Defence of the Realm, the Rector has been requested by the Chief Constable for Oxfordshire to stop the striking of the Church clock at night during the War. It was found to be difficult to alter the striking every evening and morning, except on Sundays. It remains silent therefore on week days. Amongst the Church Expenses was £3 for the repainting and regilding the hands and figures of this clock; and a great improvement it is. The new Churchyard gates complete the repairs in that place, which is now quite satisfactory in every respect.

A meeting of the qualified electors of the parish followed at which thanks were given to the collectors of the Churchyard rate:—Messrs. F. Widdows, R. Ferriman, W. H. Anson, Taylor and Cox.

Mr. Giles Edmonds was appointed to attend the Deanery meeting in Chipping Norton on May 4th, at 2.30, in connection with the National Mission. The Rector with the Churchwardens and Sidesmen and Mrs. Giles Edmonds, Miss Treweeke, Miss Burditt, Mrs. and Mr. Anson and Mr. Cooper were elected to serve on the Committee.

A meeting will be held in the Reading Room, on Thursday, May 11th, at 1.45, to explain the War

Work for Women at which Miss O'Brien will speak. The chair will be taken by Giles Edmonds, Esq., J.P. Also at 3 p.m. at Kingham, when the Chairman will be Sir Henry Cunyngham, K.C.B.

The Archdeacon of Oxford is holding his Visitation in Chipping Norton, on the 11th May, at 3 p.m.

SCHOOL NEWS.—The children sent 139 eggs to the Oxford Infirmary and Eye Hospital.

The Lent Boxes produced £1 5s. 8d.; of this 5/3 was sent to the Children's Cot Fund at the Radcliffe Infirmary, and £1 0s 5d. to Dr. Barnado's Homes. Charlie Kent collected most in his box, and Sam Hepden was second.

The result of the needlework competition at Oxford is out. Though Miss Stringer has been here only six months, she was able to win three prizes in the Senior Division and Miss Matthews has two prizes in her Division. The winners are:—Freda Ferriman 2nd, May Wearing 2nd, Nora Timms 2nd, Flora Widdows 3rd and Doris Shadbolt 3rd. In the Infants, prizes for Kindergarten were won by Cyril Ferriman, Winifred Griffin and Doris Taylor.

At the Parish Council Meeting Mr. F. Marlin of Rynehill, and Mr. W. Henry Peachey were appointed Overseers, and Mr. F. Widdows was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Dick's resignation of his office as Parish Concellor.

The following have paid their Magazine subscriptions:—Mr. Brecknell, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Alder, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Wiggall, Mrs. Wiggins, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. J. Sherbourne, Miss Ridley, Mrs. H. Rathbone.

CHASTLETON.

CONFIRMATION.—On Thursday, April 23rd, the Bishop of Oxford held a Confirmation at the Parish Church, Chipping Norton for the parishes of the Deanery. There were three candidates from this parish: Mand Eveline Ward, Susie Gingell, Dorothy Tidmarsh.

VESTRY MEETING was held in the School, on Monday, April 24th. The Churchwardens' accounts were examined and passed. J. W. Whitmore Jones, Esq., was appointed Rector's Churchwarden, and Mr. Gingell, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Millard were appointed Sidesmen. A table of fees and charges for marriages and funerals was presented.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL AT KITEBROOK.—The Officers of the above are Mrs. E. T. Pritchard as Commandant, Mrs. Mark Style as Quartermaster, and Mrs. C.T. Richardson as Assistant Quartermaster.

The Oxford Diocesan Missionary Festival Service will be held in Banbury, on Tuesday, July 18th. The sermon will be preached by the Bishop of Stepney.

MILTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.

BAPTISMS.—April 15th, John Edward, son of Edward and Augusta Smith of Milton.—Nancy Rosalind, daughter of Edward and Augusta Smith of Milton.—Charles Crescens, son of Edward and Augusta Smith of Milton.—16th, Gordon Gabriel, infant son of Gabriel and Mary Ann Griffin of Churchill.—Samuel, infant son of John and Harriet James of Reading.

MARRIAGE.—On Easter Tuesday, Osborne Mills Jones to Muriel Dorothy Crawshay.

Our thanks are due to the Rev. Dr. Holbrooke, who on April 11th gave us a most helpful sermon at our Lenten Service. We should like to have seen a larger congregation, but the early hour at which our Services have been held this year is not convenient, and we sincerely hope that before another Lent comes round the need of such an hour will not exist.

The Clerical Society met this month at the Vicarage and a good number was present.

The Good Friday Services were well attended at Milton. The afternoon Service at Lyneham was not as large as on some former occasions. It seems a difficult matter to bring home the great reality for which this day stands, as, if this could be done we feel confident that our Services on this day would be attended by every Churchman. Difficult as it may be, we must still go on trying and still go on hoping that the Tragedy of Calvary may become more and more real as the years go by.

Our Easter Services this year at all places were well attended, and were as usual bright and hearty, despite the fact that many of our young men are away from home on Military Duty. Our number of Communicants was slightly larger than last year, and our collections which amounted to £5 19s. 0d. slightly in excess of last year also. We are indeed very grateful to all those who undertook the decorations. We thought we had never seen the Church looking more beautiful; everything was in such perfect taste and nothing overdone.

On Easter Tuesday a very pretty wedding took place, when the eldest daughter of Mrs. Crawshay, of Holnfield, Milton, became the bride of the Rev. O. M. Jones the Vicar of Ferry Hinksey. Miss Muriel Dorothy Crawshay has not been a long resident in Milton, but during her short residence here has become very justly a popular favourite and she will be very much missed. Ever since the Hospital at Bruern has been in active operation she has been one of the most regular nurses, and it was to us as it must have been to her, a source of great gratification to see so many of our soldier boys, whom she has been helping to nurse back to health, present at her wedding. The bridesmaids were Miss Olive Crawshay sister of the bride, and Miss M. Crawshay her cousin. The Vicar of Milton, assisted by the

Rev. Owen S. E. Clarendon, the Vicar of Ilfley, officiated.

The Easter Meeting was held on Tuesday evening, April 25th. The number present was not as large as could be desired. The accounts of the year were submitted, duly audited and accepted. We refrain from drawing any attention to our financial condition at the present, as a full statement will be printed and circulated later on; but it may be said although it has been a most satisfactory year everything considered, there is yet room for improvement, and if the parish is to carry on successfully its work we must ask for and receive an increased offering. The chairman at the meeting spoke of the advantages of the envelope system as it certainly provided for the systematic giving which was lacking, and it also stimulated the interest of the young, and certainly acted as an educating power. Mr. H. E. H. Way was again appointed as Churchwarden. It was felt that the past year's success was mainly due to his interest. The Vicar appointed Mr. R. Hartley as his Warden. The following were appointed Sidesmen:—Messrs. A. Pratley, J. Silman, W. Barker, C. Burch, J. Baker, R. Timms, J. Bond, G. Rickert. Mr. Way and Mrs. Shildrick were then appointed as delegates to attend the Committee Meeting to be held in Chipping Norton, on May 4th, 1916, in reference to the National Mission.

The Oxford Diocesan Missionary Festival is to be held this year, on Tuesday, July 18th, at Banbury. Why not get up a party to go? Further notice will appear probably in next month's Magazine.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

BAPTISMS.—2nd April, Frederick John, son of James William and Lily Louisa Franklin of Fawler.—6th April, Frederick Charles, son of Frederick Charles and Florence Smith of Finstock.

BURIAL.—5th April, Charlotte Matilda Oliver of Finstock, aged 61 years.

The Rev. Hornagold Wright, Vicar of Northleigh, kindly came over and preached on the Thursday evenings in Lent. Owing to the lighting regulations the service had to be held at rather an early hour which no doubt kept some of those away who usually attend these services.

On Easter Sunday there were Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7, 8.15 and Mid-day at which about the usual number were present. The Church was simply but effectually decorated, Mrs James Harris being responsible for the Pulpit and Chancel windows and Mrs. Welton for the Font. We have to thank Mrs. Dawkins of Wilcote for her gift of flowers for the decoration of the Church.

The amounts contributed through the Free-Will Offering for the second quarter were for the Church at Home £1 9s. 6d., Church Abroad 13s. 11d.

SPELSBURY.

BURIAL.—April 4th, Joseph Sheppard, aged 80 years.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon of April 5th, Bishop Corfe held a Confirmation in our Parish Church, and "laid hands" upon eighteen candidates from this Parish and on five from Charlbury. It is very many years since a Confirmation was held in our Church, and certainly it is a day to be remembered by the Candidates themselves as also by the large and devout congregation present. Let us all treasure up the helpful words of the Bishop, based upon Psalm xxv. 4.

The Candidates from Spelsbury were:—

Males.—George Wm. Hy. Drinkwater, Ernest George Wakefield, Alfred Douglas Wakefield, John Lodge, Kenneth John Cross, William Charles Hunt, Meridith Hunt, Alfred Dean, Tom Dean. *Females.*—Alice Maud Drinkwater, Louisa Wakefield, Mary Hall, Jizzie Agnes Akers, Annie Elizabeth Townley, Elsie Mitchell, Jennie Dean, Nellie Dean, Lottie King.

Our grateful thanks are due to Revs. J. D. Payne, T. P. Field, C. Walford, E. J. F. Johnson and W. J. Palmer, for preaching to us on our Friday evening Services during Lent.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL, CHIPPING NORTON.—Spelsbury was asked to contribute "Provisions" for the above for one week commencing March 27th. Spelsbury responded generously and it is pleasing to live in a Parish so full of cheerful givers. The list of donors is a long one, comprising practically every household and therefore too long to print. It took three journeys by motor car to convey the gifts to the Hospital, which consisted of Potatoes, apples, greens, carrots, onions, parsnips, tea, sugar, coffee, cocoa, rice, cornflour, lard, flour, eggs, jam, honey, four fowls, and £2 13s. 6d. in cash. The Hon. Mrs. A. Brassey, Assistant Commandant of the Hospital, has written as follows to your Vicar:—"We shall be so much obliged if you will convey our most grateful thanks to the inhabitants of Spelsbury for their generous gifts to the patients in this Hospital, all most acceptable and very much appreciated, also for the sum of £2 13s. 6d. towards the funds."

We have to acknowledge and thank for the gift of a new "Fair linen Altar Cloth" of beautiful design and workmanship from Miss Marion Redwood. It will be in use for the first time on Easter Day.

EASTER DAY.—Our Church was made beautiful with gifts of flowers tastefully arranged by loving hands. The music was bright and triumphant and what rejoiced us most, there were fifty-eight Communicants at the two Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist and we were glad to see present the recently confirmed among that number. The solemn Services of Holy Week, especially those of Good Friday with its "Three Hours" Service, we cannot but hope, prepared many a heart for the joy of Easter and had no little part in

bringing an increase of the number of Communicants to the Altar. "*Laus Deo.*"

Church Collections—March 25th to April 24th:—Church Expenses, £2 8s. 5d.; Sick and Needy 4s.; Jerusalem and the East Mission, 10s.; Easter Offerings, £1 12s. 4d.

CHADLINGTON.

BAPTISMS.—March 26th, Thomas Henry, son of W. H. and S. E. Newbery.—April 23rd, Lillian Jane, daughter of H. and A. B. Belcher.—Millicent Annie Mary, daughter of G. B. and W. M. Edginton.—Stanley Howard, son of J. H. and R. J. G. Cooper.

MARRIAGE.—April 24th, Ernest Cooper and Annie Laura Manley.

BURIALS.—March 25th, Thomas Latham Ward, 83 years.—April 5th, Frank Mayled, 75 years.

Our best thanks are due to the Lent Preachers, who came from near and far on the Thursdays in Lent. We were very sorry that the Rev. H. Heathcote was unable to come owing to the severity of the great blizzard which made it impossible to get over from Leafield.

The Three Hours' Service on Good Friday was well attended all through, and there was a large congregation at Evensong.

The Services on Easter Day also were well attended, and considering the number of Parishioners away from home "doing their bit," the number of Communicants, 97, and the collections, £4 7s. 1d., were very gratifying. The Church was beautifully decorated, in fact, it has seldom looked more beautiful. The number of arum lilies on the Altar and in the Sanctuary was especially noticeable. The singing also at the Services was very good, and especially at Evensong, when the Canticles and Anthem were extremely well and very carefully rendered. Thanks are due to the long and painstaking practices of the Choir and the capable support of the Organist. Our best thanks are due to them and also to the many who so willingly and cheerfully helped in the decorating of the Church, and also to all who so kindly lent plants and gave flowers for the decorations, as well as to the children who brought countless bunches of primroses.

On Saturday, April 15th, we drove over, seven in number, to Leafield to attend the quarterly meeting of the Sunday School Association, when a very interesting and thoughtful paper on "The War and the Day of the Lord" was read by the Rev. J. P. Malleson, Vicar of Great Tew.

The date of the Concert on behalf of the British Farmers' Red Cross Association is definitely fixed for the 25th inst. in the Schools, at 7.30. p.m.

It is hoped to hold a Rummage Sale, on behalf of Parochial Fund, in the Reading Room on Thursday, May 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Rummage should be brought to the Reading Room any time after 9 a.m. on Wednesday.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

CONFIRMATION.—The Bishop of Oxford held a Confirmation in Chipping Norton Church, on April 6th. The following candidates were from this Parish: Charles Matthews, Florence Hudson, Mabel Nurden, Iris Tompkins, Winifred Tanner, Beatrice Walker.

NATIONAL MISSION.—Mrs. Holbrooke and Mr. Dormer have consented to be our lay representatives at the Denery Meeting, to be held on May 4th next, at Chipping Norton.

EASTERFIDE.—This Festival was well observed in our Parish. There were two Celebrations of the Holy Communion, at which 48 Communicants were present. This number was slightly below that of last Easter, but illness and absence from home account for the decrease. The Church was tastefully decorated by willing and ready members of the congregation, who were not handicapped by a lack of spring flowers. Mr. Dormer kindly sent a donation towards the purchase of white flowers for the Altar. The collections amounting to £1 10s. 4½d. were in aid of Church Expenses.

EASTER VESTRY.—This was held in the Schoolroom on Easter Monday, at 11 a.m. The Churchwardens accounts were examined and passed; there was a small adverse balance on the year's working of £1 14s. 0½d. which compared very favourably with last year's accounts, when the Churchwardens were some £12 in debt. The outgoing Wardens and Sidesmen were thanked for their past services, as also was the Organist, Mrs. Hughes, whose efficient and painstaking services, performed voluntarily, have been greatly appreciated. The Rector again nominated Mr. Hughes as his Warden, while Mr. Harvey was re-appointed as Parish Warden. The Sidesmen were re-elected.

Mrs. Penson-Harris asks for notice to be given through these pages of a village collection, which she proposes to make during the third week in May, on behalf of the Oxfordshire Prisoners of War Fund.

We have to add the following names to our Roll of Honour: Harold Dormer, Percy Moss.

SALFORD.

The Bishop of Oxford held a Confirmation at the Parish Church, Chipping Norton, April 6th, at 3 p.m., when the following who had been prepared by the Rector were presented:—Ivy Gladys Rose, Dorothy Emily Brooks, Cecil Herbert Hiatt, Frank Hurst, Albert James Newman, William Charles Alan Pearce, and Albert Wallington, and it is hoped that they will become regular Communicants, remembering that this all important Service was ordained by Christ Himself.

Notice will be given of the Vestry Meeting which will be held as early as possible this month.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

Six female candidates were presented at the Confirmation at Chipping Norton on April 6th, and one at S. Mary Magdalen, Oxford, on April 18th. All of these (with one exception) made their first Communion on Easter Day.

Both Churches were prettily decorated for Easter, and the number of Communicants was quite up to the average.

Another of our soldiers has gone to his rest. Harry Duester, of the Gloucester Regiment, was sent home wounded in the autumn of 1914, and remained in hospital for many months. Last summer he was sufficiently restored to be able to work, but was attacked by a great pain in the head, which proved to be tumour on the brain. For over six months he has suffered intense pain, with hardly any hope of recovery. Though the exact connection between the disease of which he died and his wounds is not clear, there can be no doubt that he died for his country as really as if the end had come whilst he was still in France. He was buried with military honours at Honeybourne on Maundy Thursday. Much sympathy is felt with his widow, and his widowed mother, who still lives at Idbury.

Another sad death occurred at Fifield on Easter Monday when Mrs. Oakley was taken away from her husband and six children, with whom much sympathy is felt. She was a Communicant and a member of the Mothers' Union. Wreaths have been received from the Mothers' Union and the School.

Fifield:

BAPTISMS.—On April 16th. Gladys Letitia Alice, daughter of Tom and Mary Jane Hughes.—On April 23rd, Phyllis Awdry, daughter of Albert Henry and Gertrude Mabel Case.

BURIAL.—On April 27th, Sarah, wife of Thomas Oakley.

Idbury:

MARRIAGE.—On April 26th, Joseph Archibald Miles to Edith Emily Hill.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT LEAFIELD, APRIL 16TH.—Six parishes were represented, including eight of the Clergy.

The Rev. J. P. Malleon, of Great Tew, read an address on "The War, the Day of the Lord," which is to appear in the "Contemporary Review."

The Rev. H. Heathcote, in the absence of a Lecturer on Church History, read from the Report of the Diocesan Church History Society, 1915-16, the Essay on the Church of England in the 14th and 15th centuries.

The meeting was a good one, and encouraging under the circumstances.

THE CHIPPING NORTON Deanery Magazine.



For the Parishes of



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CHARLBURY & SHORTHAMPTON.
CHASTLETON.
CHADLINGTON.
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CORNWELL.

ENSTONK.
FIFIELD & IDDBURY.
HEYTHROP.
HOOK NORTON.
FINSTOCK.
GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.
SALFORD.
MILTON & LYNEHAM.
RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
SPELSBURY.

& DAYLESFORD.

JUNE.

CALENDAR.

1916.

1	Th	<i>Ascension Day.</i> S. Nicomede, P.M.
2	F	
3	S	
4	Sh	<i>Sunday after Ascension Day.</i>
5	M	S. Boniface, B.M.
6	Tu	
7	W	Magistrates Meeting.
8	Th	
9	F	
10	S	
11	Sh	<i>Whitsun Day.</i> S. Barnabas, A.M.
12	M	<i>Monday in Whitsun Week.</i>
13	Tu	<i>Tuesday in Whitsun Week.</i>
14	W	Ember Day. Meeting of Board of Guardians
15	Th	
16	F	Ember Day.
17	S	Ember Day. S. Alban, M.
18	Sh	<i>Trinity Sunday.</i>
19	M	
20	Tu	Translation of S. Edward, K.M.
21	W	Magistrates Meeting.
22	Th	[Corpus Christi.]
23	F	
24	S	<i>Nativity of S. John Baptist.</i>
25	Sh	<i>1st Sunday after Trinity.</i>
26	M	
27	Tu	
28	W	Meeting of Board of Guardians.
29	Th	S. Peter, A.M.
30	F	

8th, First Quarter. 10h. 59m. p.m.

15th, Full Moon. 8h. 42m. p.m.

22nd, Last Quarter. 12h. 16m. p.m.

30th, New Moon. 9h. 12m. a.m.

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

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

Vicar—Rev. H. H. Arkell, M.A.

Assistant Priest—Rev. E. Ll. Weight.

Sexton and Clerk—H. H. Langton, (protem).

Organist and Choirmaster—Mr. Ernest C. Cook,

Deputy Organist and Choirmaster—

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

Churchwardens—Mr. Austin Webb.

Mr. A. J. Bolwell,
for Chipping Norton.

Major Daly, for Over Norton.

BAPTISMS.—May 7th, Lewis Reuben, son of William and Ada Turner.—May 9th, Doris Edith, daughter of William and Annie Knight.—May 28th, Percy Reginald, son of Alfred George and Marlin Louisa Alder.

MARRIAGES.—May 22nd, James Samuel Hathaway and Eliza Sarah Ackerman, both of this parish.

EASTER VESTRY.—Our Vestry Meeting was held in the Church Room, on April 27th, at 8 p.m., the Vicar presiding. The following were present, Rev. E. L. Weight, Messrs. A. J. Bolwell, Lieut. Cook, A. G. Felthouse, A. F. Gear, W. Hamblett, F. King, Sidney Lewis, W. I. Mann, F. Morris, W. E. Morrison, T. H. Pettipher, A. Webb, C. Wilkins, A. J. Woolliams.

The minutes were read and duly passed. The Churchwardens then presented their accounts. Mr. Webb explained that the deficit of £18 9s. 3d. was chiefly owing to the extra expense incurred in insuring the Church against Zeppelin Raids & the loss of a subscription of £5. He was glad to be able to point out a decided increase in the offertories in spite of a late Easter.

After due examination the accounts were unanimously passed. The election of Churchwardens followed and Messrs. A. Webb and A. J. Bolwell were unanimously re-elected for Chipping Norton, and Major Daly was unanimously re-elected for Over Norton.

The Sidesmen were all re-elected with Mr. W. Hamblett in place of Mr. J. S. Hall who has left the town.

The Churchyard Committee was re-elected with the addition of Messrs. Felthouse, Gear and Wilkins with

power to fill up vacancies occurring during the year. The Vicar made special reference to the very able way the Churchwardens had carried out their duties during the vacancy of the living, and he also alluded to the resignation of Mr. J. S. Hall as sidesman and the real loss the Church had sustained by his departure from the Parish. His work and influence for good would be felt in very many ways. After other business the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar.

NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE.—Our arrangements in connection with the National Mission are gradually falling into shape. As will be seen from the notice below we have a meeting in the Church Room, on Wednesday, 7th, at 8 p.m., to hear an address on the "Origin, Necessity and Purpose of the Mission," and the following day, June 8th, is to be observed as a Quiet Day. This Quiet Day will be a great opportunity for deepening our spiritual lives and a great help to prepare us to help forward the Mission by Prayer and Service. Then again, our Missioner for conducting the Mission in the Autumn has been secured. The Vicar has asked Rev. E. L. Jenner, Vicar of Llangasty, Taly-llyn Breconshire, to be our Missioner, and the Bishop has already given his sanction. Mr. Jenner hopes to visit the Parish in July and again in September, to meet our Churchworkers and Special Committees, the Mission itself being at the end of October or in November. Also on Sunday, September 17th, 1916, we hope to have Canon Hobhouse, Residentiary Canon of Gloucester, preaching twice in the Parish Church on the different aspects of the National Mission. These dates thus link us up to the autumn, when the special effort is to be made. Let us one and all, pray for ourselves and our Parish.

NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE.—

Wednesday, June 7th.

MEETING IN CHURCH ROOM 8 p.m.

Speaker, REV. A. J. HODSON, M.A. late Assistant Diocesan Missioner at Gloucester.

Subject, "Origin, Necessity, and Purpose of the National Mission."

Thursday, June 8th.—"QUIET DAY."

(conducted by Rev. A. J. Hodson.)

- 6.30 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 8 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 11 a.m., Matins and 1st address.
- 12.15 p.m., Litany and Intercession.
- 1 p.m., Lunch in Church Room.
- 2.30 p.m., Second Address.
- 4 p.m., Tea in Church Room.
- 5 p.m., Evensong.
- 6.30 p.m., Last Address.

H. HERBERT ARKELL,

Vicar.

N.B.—The Rule of Silence will be observed.

Lunch is provided 1s. per head. Tea 6d.

SPELSBURY.

HOLY BAPTISM.—May 17th, Thomas Spenser, son of Charles and Ethel Elizabeth Gamage.—Iris Kathleen, daughter of Charles and Ethel Elizabeth Gamage.—Jack, son of Charles and Ethel Elizabeth Gamage.—Charles Henry, son of Charles and Ethel Elizabeth Gamage.—May 21st, Ida May, daughter of Albert Edward and Alice May Sturdy.

HOLY MATRIMONY.—April 29th, Aubrey William Smith & Lilian Frances Millin.—May 18th, Edward Cross and Elizabeth Sarah Millin.

EASTER VESTRY.—The Annual Easter Vestry Meeting of the Church was held on Wednesday, April 26th. The accounts of the past year were presented, examined and passed as follows:—Credit £29 6s. 11½d.; Debit £33 5s. 11d.; leaving an adverse balance of £3 18s. 11½d. The Churchwardens in presenting these accounts pointed out that the deficit was due to no decrease of income but to the increase in the cost of fuel and oil, and also to a heavier expenditure than usual upon the fabric of the Church. It was determined to make an effort to wipe off this deficit, and we are happy to be able to record that subscriptions have kindly been made or promised, so that by the time these notes are in the hands of our readers we have every hope this will have been done. Messrs. A. Holloway and H. Howes were again appointed Churchwardens respectively by the Parish and Vicar with thanks for their past services. The following were appointed Sidesmen: Messrs. E. W. Conduct, F. Penson, C. Hunt, E. Sturdy, F. Boxley and T. Mitchell. The Vicar gave a statement of the Church Collections for the year Easter, 1915, to Easter, 1916:—

Sick and Needy	4	9	11
Oxford Diocesan Fund	1	18	10
S.P.G.	1	16	0
Universities' Mission to Central Africa	6	3	
Jerusalem and the East Mission	10	0	
Radeliffe Infirmary	4	7	10
British Red Cross	14	5	
Waifs and Strays' Society	1	3	11
Churchyard Fund	18	6	
Bell Ringers' Fund	1	3	2
Church Expenses	28	12	8
Total	£46	1	6

Spelsbury was privileged to welcome the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild of Church Bell Ringers to its Tower on Saturday, May 13th. The Guild Service was held at 4.15 p.m., and we all value the thoughtful words of the Preacher, the Rev. S. W. B. Holbrooke, D.D., on "Bearing Witness." After the Guild Service 45 Clergy and Ringers sat down to a "meat tea" in the Vicarage. The meal being ended, the Guild business was transacted and social intercourse enjoyed. A pleasant afternoon ended with a hearty vote of thanks

to the ladies who had so ably catered for the gathering.

Our Children's Flower Service on Sunday afternoon, May 21st, was well attended, and the flowers have been sent to the following London Hospitals: Great Northern Central, East London Hospital for Children, Paddington Green Children's Hospital, Queen's Hospital for Children (Bethnal Green), Victoria Hospital for Children (Chelsea), The Hostel of God (Free Home for the Dying) Clapham.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS, April 30 to May 25.—Sick and Needy, 5/6; Church Expenses, £2 10s. 2d.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

Mr. William Bond who died at Winchester on April 26, was connected with both Fifield and Idbury, but chiefly with the latter parish. His brother, Mr. R. Bond, still lives at Idbury and his sister Mrs. Belcher at Foscott. He was one of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents of Winchester. Born in 1830, he was brought up in Fifield and Idbury, and began life by working on the farm now held by Mr. Sturch. Later on he went into domestic service, and was in the employment of one of the Canons of Winchester. In 1868 he became Verger of the Cathedral and served under four Deans and seven Bishops. He showed many royal and distinguished visitors over the Cathedral, and four years ago had the honour of being presented to King George and Queen Mary. He had a great affection for the Cathedral, and an intimate knowledge of everything connected with it. Two years ago he was appointed Assistant Librarian in addition to his post as Head Verger, and held both offices till the time of his death. At the funeral, the first part of the Service was sung in the Cathedral, where there was a large congregation, including most of the Cathedral Clergy, with two Archdeacons and the Dean. Mrs. Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union, was present. The interment took place in the Cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by the Dean. May he rest in peace.

Gunner Henry Arthurs, who helped partly in the first formation of the Scouts, very kindly gave them an instruction on signalling, during his recent visit. Both his explanations and demonstrations were exceedingly clear, and it is hoped that the Scouts will have greatly profited. He said that what he himself had learnt with the Scouts was of great assistance to him in his subsequent studies of the subject.

At the Vestry Meeting at Idbury, on May 9th, Mr. E. Sturch was elected Churchwarden with Mr. Corson.

BAPTISM—*Fifield*, on May 14th, Mildred, daughter of William and Florence Edith Evans.—(*Correction*), *Fifield*, on April 16th, Gladys Letitia Alice, daughter of Tom and Mary Jane Haynes.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD WITH LANGLEY.

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: J. Stead.

April 28.—After examination, three boys received Lady Reude Exhibitions at Burford Grammar School, viz., Frederick Puffett and Gordon Rathbone from Milton, and Albert Lambert from Shipton.

April 29.—Mr. Charles Wright was hurt in the arm by a steam saw. Fortunately the nurse at Ascot was able to attend to it promptly, and the doctor at Burford Cottage Hospital.

The Vicar attended the gathering of Archdeacons and Rural Deans, May 8—11, at Cuddesdon, at the invitation of the Bishop.

May 11.—The Vicar and Mr. Mawle and Mr. Dee, Churchwardens, attended the Archdeacon's Visitation at Chipping Norton, and the Wardens were admitted to office for the ensuing year.

May 13.—The Vicar and four ringers attended the Guild Meeting at Spelsbury.

We are glad to find that our young ringers, Burton Gaiger, Laurance Pittaway and Percy Avery, are progressing in the art.

There were 46 at the Meeting, and sound advice was earnestly given us by the Preacher, Dr. Holbrooke, of Great Rollright. The Vicar of Spelsbury gave us a hearty reception.

Victor Bartlett has joined the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars.

On St. George's Rose Day, the amount collected and sent to Lady Margaret Watney was over Three Pounds. The collectors were: The Misses Matthews, the Misses C. Carter, Miss Parsons, Miss Hartley, Miss Clifford, Mrs. Barnes, Miss E. Powell.

The Vicar desires to know of any persons who would take in London children for the "Children's Country Holiday Fund." For particulars apply to the Vicar.

On the evening of May 20th, the Church Clock was put on one hour at the request of the Home Secretary in concurrence with the Archbishop of Canterbury.

May 20.—The Vicar and the Deanery Representative, the Rev. E. C. Freeman, Giles Edmonds, Esq., and Mrs. Holbrooke attended the newly-elected Diocesan Mission Council at Oxford. The number present was 120.

May 27.—A Chapter of Deanery Clergy was held at the Vicarage. Twenty-two out of twenty-five were present. The Litany was said at 12 o'clock, and the afternoon was spent in discussion concerning the National Mission.

The Vicar would like to call the attention of readers to the article on The National Mission by

the Rector of Hook Norton in the May Magazine.

BAPTISMS.—May 18th (privately), Stella Mary Shaylor.—Irene Sybil Shaylor (twins).

BURIALS.—May 1st, Sarah Longshaw, aged 62 years.—May 4th, Angelina Susan Boyd, aged 85 years.

The Vicar has received a letter from Thomas George Smith from New Zealand, son of Robert and Miriam Smith. He was born in the year '52.

On the Rogation Days there will be Special Intercessions offered after Evening Service.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

HOLY MATRIMONY.—Cyril James Hiron to Dorothy Edwards Penson-Harris. We wish a long and happy life to both of the above.

BURIAL.—April 28th, Ann Barrett, aged 66 years. The Rector and Mr. J. W. Hughes attended the Archdeacon's institution in May, at Chipping Norton.

On May 26th, the Mothers' Union quarterly Service was held. We have to thank the Rev. T. C. Tanner, Vicar of Spelsbury, for his appropriate address.

Will all who are interested in the work of the S.P.G. bear in mind St. Peter's Day, June 29th. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., when Intercessions and a collection on behalf of this Society will be made.

NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE.—This important event in the life of the Church and Nation is now claiming much of our time and consideration. Surely, the most self satisfied amongst us must see that things generally are very far from what they ought to be. Never was there a time when repentance was more needed than at the present, and until we have repented, and this in no half-hearted fashion, we have very little, if any, ground of real hope. In our own village for instance, how many are the failings, alas! of which we are guilty. They do not emphasise the truth that we are fast getting away from God. Our plain duty is to get back to Him. This can only be brought about by a sincere repentance of the past, coupled with an earnest determination to live as we ought to live. It is of no use to beat about the bush in this matter, nor is it honest to say that a Mission of this kind is not desirable. There are many instances of failure to live as Christians ought to live all over the Country. Probably, these have ever existed. But whether they have existed in the present acute form is another question. What are we to say respecting our Sunday observance, our selfishness, our home influence? No honest Christian can say that our efforts in respect of these are entirely in harmony with Bible teaching. They are gradually, but surely, degrading us as a Christian country, and if unchecked, even worse troubles than we now have will be on us.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY BAPTISM.—May 14th, Frederick Sydney, son of Robert James and Dorothy Gardner.—May 21st, Alfred George Verdun, son of Alfred William and Florence Caroline Brain.

Communicants from April 30th to May 21st, 61.

Collections during same period: Poor Fund, 13s. 2d.; Restoration Fund, 9s. 9½d.; Church Expenses, £1 5s. 0½d.; Offertory Fund, 15s. 5d.; Lighting Fund, 10s. 7½d.; Sunday School, 13s. 11d.; Choir Fund, 10s. 6½d.

The Easter Vestry was held on the Friday after Easter, when the Rector nominated Mr. Pettipher Bennett as his Warden for the ensuing year, and Mr. John W. Harris was unanimously re-elected by the people as their Warden. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring Wardens for their services during the past year, and also to the Organist, the Deputy Organist, the Ringers, the Choir, the Sidesmen, the Parish Clerk and the Lady-helpers. The Churchwardens Accounts showed a balance in hand, and the Rector submitted the accounts of the Poor Fund, the Sunday School Fund, the Offertory Fund, the Lighting Fund, the Choir Fund and the Churchyard Fund, which were approved.

At a subsequent Vestry held on the 15th of May, a resolution was unanimously passed, that a faculty should be applied for authorizing the removal of the gallery in the North Transept.

At the Easter Vestry, Messrs. G. Groves, J. Clarkson, H. Dickens, E. Colegrave, W. Pargeter, H. Allen, W. Holmes and T. Stallard were appointed Sidesmen.

We regret to announce that Ernest Embra, once a boy in the Choir, has been reported killed in action in the Persian Gulf. He belonged to the Oxon and Bucks Light Infantry, and had previously seen service in Flanders, where he was wounded. He came home for a short time during his convalescence, and then returned to active service. From our knowledge of his character and general bearing, we feel confident that he had all the makings of a good soldier, and we deeply sympathise with his mother and family in his untimely end, but let us thank God that he did his duty. His brother Albert is now at the front in Flanders.

Mrs. Harris, of the Post Office, passed away on the morning of Sunday, May 14th, as the bells were ringing for Church, after a short illness, and we all ought to have the most grateful recollections of her. She was always so patient, kind, and courteous and obliging. She had been Postmistress, we understand, for the long period of thirty-five years, and carried out her ever-increasing and continual duties with the most exemplary, indefatigability and industry, and will be much missed by everybody in the village.

There is to be a special Service for men, on Sunday, June 4th, at 3 p.m., and for women on Tuesday, June 6th, at the same hour, in connection with the National Mission of Repentance and Hope, and the

Rector wishes very much that there may be a good attendance on both occasions, so that he may be able to explain the origin and aims of the Mission to as many as possible. There has been no movement in the Church on so large a scale for many hundreds of years, if indeed ever. It is a veritable 'call of God' to us, and Day of Judgment. From one end of England to the other, this mighty stirring of the depths will be going on, and we must pray that old and young will be caught up in a great movement of return to God, and swept along in a strong current of religious zeal and enthusiasm and love for God, which will leave enduring marks behind it on the lives of men and women in great cities and country villages for many generations to come, purging out the evil and leading to a better and happier state of life throughout the nation.

Whit Sunday this year falls on June 11th, we hope that all Communicants will prepare to communicate at one of the celebrations of the Holy Communion, *i.e.* at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., or after Morning Prayer.

CORNWELL.

Rector: Rev. R. P. Burnett, M.A., St. John's College, Cambridge; Senior Chaplain H.M. Indian Service (Retired).

Churchwardens: Colonel A. N. Hall, Cornwell Manor; Mr. George Bowles.

MEETINGS.—On Friday evening, the 28th of April, two meetings were held, *viz.*, the Annual Vestry Meeting and a meeting to elect a lay male and female representative to act with the Rector as a local committee to arrange for the approaching "National Mission of Repentance and Hope."

At the Vestry Meeting the Rector re-appointed Colonel Hall as his Churchwarden for the ensuing year, thanking both him and Mr. Bowles for their kind services in the past. Mr. Bowles was re-elected the Parish Churchwarden for the 39th time, having been first appointed in 1878. He is, we believe, the oldest Churchwarden in the Deanery, if not in the whole Diocese of Oxford. We hope he will continue to fill the office for many years yet to come.

The Churchwardens' and Offertory Accounts were submitted and considered very satisfactory. The sum of £9 was raised by subscriptions to our new "Church Fund." Our help to outside objects, so far from suffering from the war, show an increase in several instances. We hope the present year will prove equally satisfactory.

At the subsequent meeting, Mr. George Fawdry and Mrs. A. N. Hall were appointed representatives to act with regard to the local Mission next autumn.

THE NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE & HOPE.—Our first step with reference to the above will be taken on Thursday evening, the 8th of June, at 6.30 p.m., when the Rev. E. C. Freeman, Rector of Hook Norton, who takes a keen interest in the subject, is coming over to tell us all about it. We hope all our parishioners, young and old, will make a point of attending. Meeting in School, 6.30 p.m.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

Very little of interest has happened in our parish since we last went to press. We were very glad to welcome back, for a few days, Private Wilfred Parsloe. Before he went away to serve King and Country, Wilfred was a regular attendant in the Choir, and we were very glad to see him in his accustomed place on Sunday last. Like most of our soldier lads, he is very modest in describing his lot in this awful war, but in reading between the lines, we can gather that he has had an experience which he will remember for many years to come. How thankful should we all be to welcome them home for good.

Another former member of our choir, Private W. Hopkins, is to be congratulated on his marriage. The particulars are as follows: At the Parish Church, Lydford, Devon, by the Rev. G. L. Thorpe, on Easter Monday, Private W. Hopkins, of the Oxford & Bucks Lt. Infantry, to Emma Stephens of Lydford. Our heartiest good wishes are extended to the bride and groom. May they have a long and happy life and eventually return to Milton and take up their abode with us.

We are all, I hope, thinking much about the National Mission of Repentance and Hope which is to be held in the autumn. At present the Clergy are trying to bring the matter before their congregations, and in most parishes allusion has been made to it in Sermons, but we all trust as time goes on to seek and obtain a full and hearty co-operation of our people. When the various plans and arrangements mature the whole subject will be brought before our people. In the meantime we can all be doing our utmost to insure the success of the Mission by very diligently and seriously examining our lives and trying to search out the various habits that are keeping us away from our God, and very earnestly asking God to give us the Holy Spirit, to convict us of sin, and grace for amendment of life. Let this thought be ever in our minds and let us all strive to be more earnest in prayer, more diligent in waiting upon God, more determined that in the future our life shall be an amended life, a life lived more in accordance to God's Will, and one that will redound to His honour and glory.

MY DEAR EDITOR,

I don't know if you ever allow correspondence in the shape of a letter in your Magazine. If you do will you allow the following to appear in your next issue:—

I was very much struck by what your correspondent from Hook Norton spoke of in the May number about the farmer who was prevented by ill health attending Church did, viz., sending a very liberal subscription towards Church expenses.

Of course he was only doing what was right, but it so seldom happens that many of our people so circumstanced feel it at all necessary to act as he did, and yet if they could be brought to think right on the subject, they would, on reflection, see that whether they are at Church or not Church Expenses go on as

usual and have to be met. Now, Sir, this reminds me that we Churchmen have very seriously forgotten that almsgiving, especially for the service of God, is as much a part of worship as prayer and fasting, and we must all recognise that it is a duty incumbent on all to carry out the Apostles' injunction to give "as God hath prospered us." I believe that systematic giving is what we should all aspire to, and I feel that the best way to encourage this is by adopting what is known as the envelope system. It has many advantages, one of which is, that the little child by having an envelope can be taught the duty of giving from the very earliest years, and a habit formed when young is not likely to be laid aside as years go on. It makes them feel too, that they are distinctly interested members in the work of the Church. I speak from experience when I say that in a Church, of which I was the Pastor a few years ago, we introduced this system and found it worked admirably. Till then we always had to be having extra collections for various objects, constantly making special appeals and never getting further ahead. When we introduced the envelope system we had no need for these appeals. The terrible catastrophe awaiting us, foretold by the pessimists, never overtook us, but our collections increased, and there was no continual need of special appeals.

Would it not be worth while to try this system in our parishes? I am not necessarily an optimist, neither would I wish to be esteemed a prophet, but I feel perfectly certain that the system in two years' working would justify itself, and we should not wish to go back on that in vogue at present.

I should very much like to hear the opinion of some of the readers of your Magazine.

Yours sincerely,

A. SHILDRICK.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

The Sarnden Easter Vestry Meeting was held on April 29th, when the Parish accounts were passed and Mr. J. M. Blair was re-elected Churchwarden.

A Church Parochial Council Meeting followed, when the collectors of the Churchyard Voluntary Rate were thanked. The same committee were re-elected. Mrs. Blair was thanked for acting as treasurer for the Deanery Magazine.

On May 11th, a meeting was held at Churchill for the Agricultural War Service for Women when a fair number attended. The chair was taken by Mr. Giles Edmonds. Miss O'Brien, the Organizing Secretary, explained the matter, and after the meeting left for Kingham, where she addressed another gathering. Although women are being employed in small numbers on the farms, they do not wish to have their names placed on a Village Register, from an unfounded fear that they might be called upon to work away from the neighbourhood of their homes.

The Archdeacon of Oxford held his Visitation at Chipping Norton on May 4th, at which the three Churchwardens and the Rector were present.

The Rector attended the annual meetings of the C.M.S. and the Bible Society in London on May 2nd and 3rd.

On May 4th, the representatives of the parishes of the Deanery for the Mission of Repentance and Hope met at Chipping Norton, when Mr. Giles

Edmonds was elected as the representative of the laymen of the Deanery.

The contribution from this parish made on S. George's Day for war work amounted to £2 6s. 6d.

May 23rd.—The inmates and nurses of the Red Cross Hospitals of Bruern and Chipping Norton spent the afternoon at Sarsden Rectory.

The following men visited their homes at Churchill from the "front" lately: Ernest Sole, Hubert Bettridge, Cecil Peachey and Hubert Hands.

The Services on May 14th were taken by Rev. Charles Edmonds, Rector of Fontwell Magna, Dorset, who exchanged duties with the Rector. This exchange has taken place five times in the last ten years.

Mr. Robert Dick has been instrumental in collecting 5,127 eggs from the parishes, and has sent them as follows: National Egg Collection, London, 3096; Base Hospital, Oxford, 270; V.A.D., Chipping Norton, 1761. Many thanks to him for all his trouble.

The Rev. J. W. Balding, C.M.S. at Ceylon, will, all being well, address a meeting at Sarsden Rectory on June 27th, at 3.30 p.m., in behalf of this Society.

There were a good many interested people near the Church on Saturday evening, 20th May, when at 9 p.m. the hands of the clock were pushed forward by Mr. George Widdows.

The Churchill Company of V.T.C. furnished the guard for patrolling the Railway from King's Sutton to Banbury and to Aynho, on Thursday, 18th May. The journey there and homewards was by motor car, and eight members of the Company went under the charge of Mr. Blair and Mr. Watts.

Owing to the war, the customary procession by the school children was omitted this year, and the celebration of Empire Day was restricted to special lessons on the Flag, the Motherland and her Colonies.

CHARLBURY.

MARRIAGE.—April 27th, Thomas James Powell and Alice Maud Jones.

BURIAL.—April 29th, John Duester, aged 80 years.—May 18th, Harry Timms, aged 69 years.

The Charlbury Easter Vestry was held on April 28th. Altogether in the year a sum of £279 11s. 6d. had been given in offertories. Mr. J. A. Bowl and Mr. A. E. Allen were appointed Churchwardens.

The Sidesmen are Messrs. Wilson, Luker, Price, Tame, Lane, Bowles, Milton and Kitching.

The visit of the Bishop of Oxford on Sunday evening, April 30th, brought a large congregation to Church. He gave us a most interesting sermon on the Resurrection of Nature, Man and the Church. The offertory was for the Oxford Diocesan Fund, to which we sent £10. Also an annual subscription of £3 3s. was sent by a parishioner of ours.

THE WAR.—We were very sorry to hear that Christopher Dyke had been killed in action in the Persian Gulf, and every sympathy is due to his father and mother.

Some eight more of our Charlbury men in the Oxon & Bucks Lt. Infantry, who have been training for a long time, have now started for the front.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.—The Rector of Hook Norton, who is one of the Diocesan Society of Mission Clergy, has most kindly arranged to conduct a service of Intercession, and give an address on the objects of the Mission in St. Mary's Church, Charlbury, at 5.30 p.m., on Thursday, June 22nd.

At 4.30 p.m. there will be a tea on the Vicarage Lawn. All our own people and anyone from neighbouring parishes are welcome, and we hope that this opportunity of making a definite start with the ^{work} of the Mission may be generally used.

CRITSON.—Mr. Harry Barrett, of the farm, has succeeded his uncle as Churchwarden of Shortampton Church, and was admitted to his office at the Archdeacon's Visitation on May 11th.

CHASTLETON.

Mr. W. Willett at the Easter Vestry Meeting was re-appointed Parish Church Warden. He is to be congratulated on the excellent way he carries out his duties.

SCHOOL NEWS.—The children did extremely well in the Oxford Prize Scheme for Needlework. The nine competitors gained 12 awards:—

1st Prize	7	6	...	Susie Gingell
1st Prize	5	0	...	Vera Corbett
1st Prize	3	0	...	Vera Corbett
2nd Prize	2	6	...	Vera Corbett
2nd Prize	2	0	...	Ivy Newbury
1st Prize	3	0	...	Ethel Whittington
2nd Prize	2	6	...	Rita Newbury
2nd Prize	2	6	...	Marjorie Clark
3rd Prize	1	6	...	Cynthia Corbett
Commended	...	...	...	Ivy Newbury
Commended	...	...	...	Norah Tidmarsh
Commended	...	...	...	Marjorie Clarke

Railway fares to Oxford were kindly paid by Mrs. Whitmore Jones, and Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Gingell were good enough to drive the children to the Station.

THE CHURCH ARMY very warmly thank all those who took boxes in aid of the War Fund.—Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Jarvis, Mrs. Tibbles, Mrs. Willett, Miss Burnley, Susie Gingell, Vera Corbett. The sum of £1 3s. 2d. was collected, viz., A, 10/1½; B, 2/-; C, 2/7½; D, 1/6; E, 5/10½; F, 1/0½.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore Jones have kindly given an engraved Roll of Honour to the Church.

A Meeting of the Managers of the Day Schools will be held on Wednesday, June 7th, at 6 p.m.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.—The Bishop of Oxford is anxious that we should be preparing ourselves for the National Mission which will take place about the beginning of November.

SALFORD.

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held at the Rectory on May 23rd, when the Rector thanked the Churchwardens for the helpful way in which they had carried out their duties, and re-elected Mr. C. E. Taylor as his Warden. Mr. Walter Hill being again elected as Parish Warden. The Church accounts were presented and passed, and showed an adverse balance of £3 5s. od., which was not to be surprised at, considering the year has been an expensive one; outside charities have to be supported. One or two items of expense that have occurred this year will probably not occur again, and there has been a debt of several pounds on the books for some years, so we may consider the balance, although an adverse one, not altogether unsatisfactory. We have to thank the following for their subscriptions received and included: Major Daly, £1 10s., out of the sum he forwarded for Parish charities last October, Mr. C. E. Taylor, £1, Mrs. Urban Thornton £2, Messrs. Thornton Brothers 15s., M.C.C. 7s. 1d., Mr. A. Cross 5s. Others have promised to support the fund, and we believe one or two others will do so, if asked. We are a poor Parish, and Mr. Churchwarden Taylor remarked how readily the offerings, though small, were given, when performing his office of collecting. It is sincerely hoped that we may be able to publish in the next magazine that the debt of £3 5s. od., has been completely wiped out.

The Rector has still a few of the Nurse Cavell portraits left, price 2d. each, he has already forwarded 4/6 to the Nurse Cavell Memorial Fund for those sold.

It is proposed to have a parochial tea and games in the Rectory grounds, on Saturday afternoon, June 10, tickets 4d. each, must be bought at the Post Office, not later than June 8th. If neighbours and friends will kindly assist it is hoped to hold a Rummage Sale at the same time, the proceeds to go towards helping to clear off the Church Expenses debt and other Parish purposes.

ENSTONE.

BAPTISED.—April 30th, John Frederick son of Bertie and Gertrude Akers.—May 28th, Deena Ivy, daughter of William and Mary Elizabeth Hathaway.

Buried.—April 8th, Rebecca Huckin, aged 85 years.—April 20th, James Henry Pinfold, aged 14 months.

No notes were sent last month. The Vicar went out on Easter Monday for the remainder of the week and the Vestry meeting was not held before Easter Saturday night. However, it is not too late to record the special appreciation of the Good Friday Service from 2 to 3 p.m. and what great cause for thankfulness Easter Day was from beginning to end.

At the Easter Vestry, the Churchwardens and sidesmen were re-appointed. Perhaps it was too much to ask for on Easter Day, considering the times, that the whole of our debt should be wiped out. Last

year's adverse balance of £19 17s. 6d., on account of the new heating apparatus, was reduced to £9 2s. 6d.

But for the increased cost of fuel and the revision of insurance, there would have been no debt.

Instead of waiting for the Church insurance to fall due on June 24th (for £3,000 at an annual premium of £2 5s. od.) it was raised at Lady Day to £7,500 at an annual premium of £5 12s. 6d. Only that week Skeflingthorpe Church, near the Vicar's old home, was burnt down, vastly under-insured.

On May 11th, Vicar and Churchwardens attended the visitation of our kind and respected Archdeacon, who was much pleased to see the details of the revised insurance.

On May 13th, nine ringers were present with the Vicar at the Spelsbury meeting. Arthur Hawtin, Eddie Huckin and Reggie Bennett were there for the first time as probationers. Several of our ringers are in the army, but young and old have come forward to carry on. It helps our ringers when they go to the Guild Meetings to find what a goodly company they belong to, and the usefulness and dignity of their work. Our welcome at Spelsbury was most cordial and magnificent, and thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Tanner. Over 40 sat down to tea: nor shall we forget Dr. Holbrooke's appropriate address in Church. The autumn meeting will be held at Shipton.

On May 23rd, the Vicar attended the Rural Dean's Chapter.

Mrs. Rebecca Huckin was connected with many in the Parish, besides leaving 7 children, 42 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren.

We regret that Fred Hawtin reported missing, was killed in action last September 25th. Frank Reynolds has also been killed in action.

Felix Regan went down with his submarine, E 22. They all served in our choir. We need hardly say that their relatives have the sympathy of the Parish. After Service one Sunday evening since Easter, a muffled peal was rung as a mark of respect to their memory.

RAMSDEN.

NURSING ASSOCIATION.—Two entertainments were given on Friday, May 5th, by the Northleigh Black and White Troupe, which were well patronised. The entertainments were admirable, and reflect great credit on those who have brought the troupe to such perfection. The proceeds amounted to 5 guineas.

On Wednesday, the 10th, a Rummage Sale was held at the Vicarage, and 11 guineas was secured for the funds of the Association. We are most thankful to all those who have assisted by their gifts and their work in reducing our obligation to Lady Margaret Watney, the Treasurer of the Association. Our Parish Secretary has worked hard, and she is to be congratulated upon her success in clearing off £21 of the debt.

THE CHIPPING NORTON Deanery Magazine.

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JULY.

CALENDAR.

1916.

1	S	
2	S	<i>2nd Sunday after Trinity.</i> Visitation of the B. V. Mary.
3	M	
4	Tu	Translation of S. Martin, B.C.
5	W	Magistrates Meeting.
6	Th	
7	F	
8	S	
9	S	<i>3rd Sunday after Trinity.</i>
10	M	
11	Tu	
12	W	Meeting of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
13	Th	
14	F	
15	S	Translation of S. Swithun, B.
16	S	<i>4th Sunday after Trinity.</i>
17	M	
18	Tu	
19	W	Magistrates Meeting.
20	Th	S. Margaret, V.M.
21	F	
22	S	S. Mary Magdalene.
23	S	<i>5th Sunday after Trinity.</i>
24	M	
25	Tu	S. James. A.M.
26	W	S. Anne. Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
27	Th	
28	F	
29	S	
30	S	<i>6th Sunday after Trinity.</i>
31	M	

8th, First Quarter, 10h. 55m. a.m.

21st, Last Quarter, 10h. 33m. p.m.

15th, Full Moon, 3h. 40m. a.m.

30th, New Moon, 1h. 15m. a.m.

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

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

Vicar—Rev. H. H. Arkell, M.A.

Assistant Priest—Rev. E. Ll. Weight.

Sexton and Clerk—H. H. Langton, (protem).

Organist and Choirmaster—Mr. Ernest C. Cook,

Deputy Organist and Choirmaster—

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

Churchwardens—Mr. Austin Webb.

Mr. A. J. Bolwell,

for Chipping Norton.

Major Daly, for Over Norton.

BAPTISMS.—June 4th, Violet May, daughter of William Henry and Maud Daisy Hunt.—June 11th, Bertha Zilpha May, daughter of Frank and Agnes Towner.

MARRIAGE.—June 1, Cyril Cowley Baylis Wadley and Eva Gibbs.—June 10th, William Calcutt and Martha Ann Parsons.—June 18th, Horace William Townsend and Eva June Alley.

BURIAL.—June 23rd, Ernest Bickerstaff, aged 20.

PAROCHIAL FÊTE.—We hope for a good attendance at the Fête on July 6th. The arrangements have all been made. We only want now a fine day and plenty of patrons. There are many attractions arranged for, and some valuable prizes will be given for the different competitions, including live and dead stock, viz., six fowls and a leg of mutton. One feature among the stalls (which consist of Dairy, Sweet and Flower) will be a "Do Without" Stall or Rummage Sale which will commence at 6.30 for everyone to have an equal chance of securing the immense bargains. Anyone in need of a bargain—well, here you are! Concerts too have been arranged for, and many ladies and gentlemen are kindly giving their assistance, including Miss Madge Shillingford of Oxford. Come and make the Fête a great success!

THE NATIONAL MISSION.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.—The Parish Church Room on June 7th was well filled to hear Mr. Hodson's address on the "Origin, Necessity and Purpose of the Mission," and we can report good progress and steadily increasing interest.

THE QUIET DAY.—The Quiet Day on June 8th was very well attended throughout and we believe a real help to many of us. In addition to our own people we were so glad to welcome our friends from the surrounding parishes. Representatives came from Chastleton, Great Rollright, Great Tew, Salford, Sursden and Swerford, including the Incumbents of each parish. Mr. Hodson's addresses were listened to with deep attention. They were based on Acts I., 6, 7, 8. He spoke under three heads: (1) "The need"; (2) "The preparation"; (3) "The Work of the National Mission." He said the disciples in this passage were on the edge of a new experience and they wanted to know the programme. They wanted *knowledge*. There was a characteristically human question. The answer was characteristically divine: "It is not for you to *know*"—"But ye shall receive *Power*." They thought they wanted *Knowledge*—Christ knew that they wanted *Power*. History (the speaker went on) repeats itself. To-day we stand on the edge of a new experience. As it was with the Apostles, the old world is slipping away—a new world dawning—a new England, new Europe, new world—and in the National Mission the Church calls us to bear witness—and we each at once want to know exactly what we have got to do. We cry out for knowledge, but Christ tells us (as He told His Apostles) what we need is *Power*. We want another Pentecost in the Church of England, and therefore we have come together to-day to wait upon the Holy Ghost. With the power of His Presence it is wonderful how opportunities will be shown us—but first we must open our hearts to His Power—and the speaker ended by reminding us that to win Christ for our homes, for our nation, for the world—nothing less than this was worthy of the sacrifices of this awful war. We wish we had room for the three addresses in detail, but this short summary may help those who were not present. We congratulate the ladies' committee in charge of the lunch and tea—it was well arranged, and a balance of 18/5½ will go towards expenses of printing, etc.

A SHORT WEEKLY SERVICE OF INTERCESSION on behalf of the work of the National Mission (open to all) has been fixed for Wednesdays at 8 p.m., and Holy Communion will be celebrated every Thursday at 7 a.m. with Special Intercession for work of the National Mission in the parish.

SALFORD.

HOLY BAPTISMS.—June 16th, Gladys Violet Harvey, Hollis Hill Farm.—June 25th, Frederick Ernest Newman.

FUNERAL.—June 30th, Daisy Florey, aged 25 years.

We are being reminded of the coming National Mission. We must prepare for it, if it is to be a blessing. We have been living unto ourselves, God is calling us to live to Him in the service of others. He is calling us to come and take our part in making the Nation more worthy of those who have laid down their lives. We were attested in our Baptism and now we are called up.

Unfavourable weather, no doubt, kept many away from our Parochial Party and Rummage Sale, held at the Rectory, June 10th, but we are glad to hear that the proceeds will enable us to pay off the Church Expenses debt and leave a little balance for Red Cross and Parochial Funds. Thanks are due to the many kind neighbours and Parishioners who helped us with their hands, with gifts for the tea and prizes and contributions for the sale, and also those unable to be present, who were good enough to send subscriptions, making up for losses we suffered through the rain. Particulars of proceeds will be published later.

Two letters have been received from Miss Coll, the late Schoolmistress, in which she expresses her thanks to all those who so kindly helped her to make the children's tea and entertainment a success. She, too, should be thanked for what she did to make the evening an enjoyable one, and be congratulated on being able to hand over a balance of 18s. 6½d.

We are pleased to see Lieut. V. E. Toulmin, of the Northants Regiment, home again after over 8 months in Gallipoli and Egypt, and to find that he is able to take back his old place at the Lectern. We hope he may soon recover his health and strength.

Little did we know that Salford was well represented in the Sea Fights off Jutland. We are very glad to see H. S. Beasley, L.C.C., home again for a short rest, after going through what must have been a terrible experience. He is proud of his ship's performances, and smiles at the German's account of the battle.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

BAPTISMS.—At All Saints', Churchill, on May 28th, Francis Rowland (born March 21st, 1916), son of Charles and Emily Blake, *Sponsors*: Father, Fred Alder and Alice E. Hibbins.—At S. James', SarSDen, on June 11th, after the 2nd Lesson at the Sunday afternoon Service, Dorothy Mabel (born May 12th, 1916), daughter of Henry James and Daisy Dorothy Belcher, *Sponsors*: Parents and Mabel Pratt.

The Offertory on Ascension Day at Churchill, 5s., was sent to S.P.C.K. through Rev. R. P. Burnett.

On June 18th, 8 a.m., 5s. was sent to the Girls' Friendly Society through Miss Way.

On June 20th, the Rector attended the Mildmay Annual Conference, in London.

On June 24th, S. John Baptist's Day, a Missionary Service was held at Churchill Church, when 37 Missionary Boxes were presented and afterwards opened at the Reading Room by Miss Dorothy Treweeke, the Secretary for C.M.S., the proceeds amounting to £3 18s. 3d., or an average of 2d. a week from each contributor.

SCHOOL NEWS.—On Monday, June 10th, Mr. Dean, H.M.I. visited the mixed School in the afternoon.

On the last Saturday in May, Mr. Dick was presented with a gold watch suitably inscribed, together with a gold Albert and spade guinea, subscribed for by the Earl of Ducie, the Tenantry of Sarsden Estate and the Parishioners of Churchill and Sarsden. Mrs. Dick also received from the ladies of the Parishes, a gold curb bracelet. The presents which were much appreciated conveyed the good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Dick from all the subscribers on their leaving, after a connection of more than 22 years in this village. Mrs. Dick specially wishes to thank all who subscribed to the present, as she had no opportunity of personally thanking all her kind friends.

It is hoped that Mr. Giles Edmonds will fill the vacancy on the Coal Club Committee rendered vacant by Mr. Dick's departure.

PIG CLUB.—The quarterly subscriptions were paid on June 24th. There has been a compensation payment to one member during the quarter.

RAMSDEN.

Since our last report we have lost three Ramsden men in the trenches in France: Harry Panting, Augustin Newman and William Buckingham. This brings Ramsden's losses up to eight, which is a large number compared with the number serving, just over forty. Very great sympathy is naturally being shown for the friends of those who have been taken. But the nation is not yet on its knees to plead with God to put an end to the present distress. The war seems by most men to be taken as a matter of course, something against which prayer to God is of no avail. This is not however the teaching of the Bible or of the Christian Church. Memorial Services have been held for those who have fallen, and these have been very well attended.

Our Head Teacher (on supply for Mr. Hornbuckle who is in the Army in France) has been smitten with German measles, but we are fortunately getting her place filled from Oxford.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

HOLY BAPTISM.—June 4th, Alice May, daughter of Albert and Sarah Tanner.

The Rev. H. Kenney, Diocesan Organising Secretary, hopes to preach in our Church on Sunday, July 16th, on behalf of the S.P.G. The collections will be given to this Society.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.—The need of a Mission is perfectly clear; the Nation is so apostate that it hardly bears any of the marks of a Christian Nation. There is hardly any test of a Nation's loyalty to God, which is so searching, as the observance of Sunday. If we can imagine an intelligent and enquiring heathen standing in the streets of one of our large towns or in our villages on a Sunday, seeking to find traces of the religion which England professes, we can hardly imagine that he would be favourably impressed with what he saw. Spiritual laziness and indolence, selfish pleasure, heedlessness, boisterousness and indifference to religion would be evident enough; but signs of a religious nation would be sadly lacking. He would find only a few at worship, especially at the Lord's Own Service in the early morning; and his general impression would be that England talked a great deal about Christianity, but was in no true sense a Christian Nation. A few years ago, something of this sort actually happened. It was in the days of the awakening of Japan, when a Religion was sought which was worthy of being adopted as a National Religion, and which would mould this awakening life of Japan on sound and healthy lines. A deputation of intelligent and earnest Japanese was sent to London to study the effect of Christianity on the life of the greatest city in the world. The deputation studied the life of London under many aspects—Social, Religious, Industrial, and Political—and on their return to Japan reported to their Government that the greatest Christian city in the world was in such a woeful state of sin and corruption, that they could not recommend Christianity as the National Religion of Japan. Thus the door of Japan was slammed in the face of Christianity, owing to the woeful condition of our own country. Since that time, Christian Missionaries have been working quietly in Japan, and the sincerity of their lives has converted many. One Japanese gentleman of high standard, fearing the influence of the Missionaries on his son, sent him to be educated in London lest he should become a Christian if he stayed at home! Are not these things sufficient in themselves to make us all acknowledge the need of a National Mission of Repentance? To my mind the most appalling feature of our national life is *the utter indifference* to religion which characterises so large a part of our nation. So many professing Church people do not seem to realize in the slightest degree that they have any religious duties to perform either on Sunday or in the week. They allow months and months to pass without receiving the Holy Communion, and do not seem to think it matters: Worship is given a second place in

their lives: Prayer is neglected: and the whole spiritual life is at its lowest ebb. Consequently true Christian principles cease to govern their business life, and the while men drift farther and farther from God.

OXFORDSHIRE PRISONERS OF WAR FUND.—A collection made throughout the village by Mrs. Penson-Harris on behalf of the above amounted to £2 14s.6d. The Hon. Secretary in acknowledging the receipt of this amount says, "We are most grateful to the people of Great Rollright for contributing such a large sum; will you kindly convey to them our warmest thanks, and accept the same yourself for the trouble you have taken?" It is hoped to make a similar collection in the village in six months time.

Our School is to be inspected in Religious Knowledge by the Diocesan Inspector on July 17th next.

We were pleased to recently welcome Privates W. Cooper and W. Sole home from the Front. Both have been away for a long period.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD WITH LANGLEY.

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

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

Side-men:

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. Stead.

On the Rogation Days the Litany for the Diocese was used and Prayers for the precious fruits of the earth. The Church was decorated for Ascension Day and kept bright with flowers over Trinity Sunday. There were several attending the chief Services in the morning, which was a cause of thankfulness in the Feast.

Miss Carter is nursing the wounded at the 3rd General Southern Hospital, County Section, Oxford.

We find Hubert Watts' name as a prisoner from Kut in "The Times" of 24th. We believe they are well treated. Hubert has, more than once when a boy, saved others from drowning.

6th.—Much sympathy was felt for the Bradley family on the fatal accident to their son.

Sub-Lieut. C. Carter is making good recovery in Hospital at Kensington after a breakdown from strain.

On Whitsunday there were 100 Communicants, and it was marked by the attendance of several District Platoons of the V.T.C. on Parade at the Evening Service. If other Districts are equally efficient, the V.T.C. movement should be of great value for protection for the Country, if need so requires.

Many women at Shipton have responded to the appeal, and help in agricultural matters.

Will any householder offer at once to call together half-a-dozen others for study on some aspect of the Mission? If so, the Vicar would provide some special papers of suggestions—for study circles.

BAPTISM.—May 28th, George Thomas Bridges.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY BAPTISM.—May 28th, Henry Oliver, son of George William and Emma Harris.—June 16th, Cecil Maurice, son of Majendie and Sissy Sarah Marves Brown.—June 18th, Ronald Leslie, son of John William and Hannah Grace Maun Fairbrother.

Communicants during June to 25th, 132.

Collections during same period: Church Expenses, £1 3s. 3d.; Bishop of Oxford's Fund, £2 2s. 6d.; Offertory Fund, 12s. 8d.; Lighting Fund, 12s.; Poor Fund, 14s. 1d.; Restoration Fund, 10s. 6d.

A Memorial Service for Lord Kitchener was held in the Parish Church, on June 13th, at 7.30 p.m., and was well attended. It followed as far as possible the lines of the Service held in St. Paul's Cathedral earlier in the day, and included Hymn 27, "Abide with me," which is said to have been Lord Kitchener's favourite hymn, and Hymn 437, "For all the Saints who from their labours rest." The opening voluntary was "I know that my Redeemer liveth." The Dead March in Saul was played after the Lesson, and the National Anthem was sung before the Blessing. At the conclusion of the Service, Miss Dickens played Stanley Harbord's Requiem Aeternam, the congregation remaining in the Church until it was ended. It is given to few men to be so widely and deservedly trusted and respected as Lord Kitchener was by all sections of his fellow Countrymen. When we ask the reason of the universal confidence felt towards him the answer is an easy one. He was known to be *absolutely straight*, his motto might well have been "Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy Country's, thy God's and truth's." It is said that every day before he went to the War Office, he went to Church to pray for God's guidance and help, and if that is so, we "know wherein his great strength lay."

We regret to announce the death from illness, at Bovington Camp in Dorset, of Private Thomas Frederick Rose, of the Oxon and Bucks. Light Infantry. Directly the war broke out he was eager to join, but he was then under military age, but as soon as he was old enough he seized the first opportunity, and had only been a few weeks in the Army before he was taken ill. The military authorities appear to have been most kind and sympathetic and to have done all that was possible to save him, but it was not to be. Several letters from his comrades state how well he was getting on and how great a favourite he was. We offer our sincerest sympathy to his relatives.

A special Service for men was held on the Sunday after Ascension Day in connection with the National Mission of Repentance and Hope, and for women on the following Tuesday. Both Services were well attended. The Rev. E. P. Baverstock, Rector of Whitechurch, near Reading, is coming to

address us on the same subject on Tuesday, July 11th, in the Church at 7.30 p.m. in the evening. Previous visits of Mr. Baverstock to Hook Norton have always been appreciated, and we do not doubt that those who remember him will be glad of the opportunity of hearing what he has to say on such an important matter, and that the Service will be well attended. On the following morning there will be a special celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.

An event of interest to the people of Hook Norton, took place on June 20th, when the Rev. Ernest V. Cox, son of a former Rector of Hook Norton, was married to Miss Holmes, daughter of the Vicar of Bampton, in Devonshire. We take this opportunity of wishing Mr. and Mrs. Cox every happiness in their married life.

We have to thank the Ringers for ringing a muffled peal on the occasion of the Memorial Service for Lord Kitchener.

The Annual meeting on behalf of the Bible Society, took place in the Schoolroom, on Tuesday, June 20th, when a most interesting address was given by the Rev. H. J. Cossar, the Organising Secretary for the Diocese of Ely.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

MARRIAGE.—May 27th. Joseph James Beaney of Eastbourne, Sussex, to Margaret Louise Hopkins of Milton.

BURIALS.—June 13th, William Allen of Lyneham, aged 70 years.—21st, Cécile M. I. Samuda, of Bruern Abbey, aged 55 years.

The funeral of William Allen, which took place on June 13th, was largely attended by his many friends and relatives. For a long time past he had been confined to his bed and latterly was called upon to bear a great deal of pain, which was borne very patiently. For many years he had resided in Lyneham and will be much missed. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and family.

We deeply regret having to record the death of Mrs. Samuda, of Bruern Abbey, which occurred on Saturday, June 17th. The funeral, which took place on Wednesday, 21st, was very largely attended. She had a very large circle of friends, many of whom were present. The Church was thronged, and many of the parishioners realized that they had lost in her a kind and sympathetic friend. The loss to the parish is irreparable, for in every good work she was always most deeply interested, and whatever she undertook was successful. Her place as a Church helper both in Milton and Lyneham will be very difficult to fill. The coffin was borne by six of the convalescent soldiers, whom she had helped to nurse back to health, and

the others were present at the Service as mourners. The Red Cross Nurses to the number of about 25, were also present to pay their last respects to their Commandant. The Service was taken by the Vicar of the parish, kindly assisted by the Rural Dean the Vicar of Shipton. Three of her favourite hymns were sung by the combined choirs of Milton and Lyneham, the last, "Now the Labourer's task is o'er" being sung at the grave. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those near and dear to her, and we humbly pray that God who has called her home may give to them grace and strength to bear the sorrow and bereavement that her loss has entailed upon them.

A Parish Fête is to be held in the Vicarage Grounds, on July 26th, to commence at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of raising money to clear off the debt incurred by putting in the drain from the furnace room. There will be stalls for Sale of Work made by the Women's Guild, Tea Stall, Rummage Stall and others. There will be also games and contests. We do most earnestly appeal for the patronage of our fellow parishioners, and also those of our friends who are not parishioners. If the weather is propitious we shall hope to see and welcome a great crowd, and we shall do our best to make them thoroughly welcome. We shall gladly welcome any kind of a gift that can be converted into money, nothing will come amiss, nothing will be too large or too small, and there are few that cannot send something. Come and help!

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISM.—(At Shortampton Church), June 18th, Margaret, daughter of Edward Emmanuel and Julia Green, of Chilson.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.—On Thursday, June 22nd, the Rev. E. C. Freeman, Rector of Hook Norton, came to hold a Service in Charlbury Church preparatory to the Mission. We were very glad to have some 250 people present at this Service, including detachments from Chadlington, Pudlicote, Chilson, Spelsbury, and Finstock. After Prayers and Intercessions, we listened to a most full and clear address on the origin and objects of the Mission as a Divine call, an effort to awaken every Parish in the land, a reminder of our past failures and present opportunities and an inspiration for the future. The time for criticism was now past. The Rulers of our Church had given us a clear call to obey. We are most grateful to Rev. E. C. Freeman for the good start he has given us.

Previous to the Service we had an Organ Recital by Rev T. P. Field, and two violin pieces by Mrs. Schofield, which were heard by a good number and thoroughly appreciated. Afterwards 111 people sat down to tea.

We have to thank a Committee of 20 ladies, who visited throughout Charlbury on behalf of the

National Mission, and to whom we are all indebted.

We hope all our people will read carefully the letter written to them by the Clergy of our Deanery.

The Services on Whit Sunday were well attended throughout the day, and a good number of Communicants were present.

£3 4s. 7d. has been sent to the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society by our Secretary, Mr Frank Cowley, from Boxes in Charlbury.

We are delighted to see our neighbour, the Vicar of Finstock, recovering after his severe operation.

THE WAR.—We were very sorry to hear of the death of William Edward Buckland, who has been killed in action in France, and our best sympathy is with his father and mother. He was prepared for Confirmation in 1909 and confirmed in Charlbury Church. Since he went out to the front this year, he wrote to the Vicar on February 21st and April 10th, speaking of the Services of the Church which he attended, when possible, "from 6 to 7 on week day nights"; and also he spoke of the Chaplain's Bible Class. We hope to have a memorial in Charlbury Church to those who have laid down their lives in the War. Mrs. Sear, lately of Dustfield Farm, has sent £1 towards this object, in memory of her son Sackville Joseph Sear who fell in action in the Australian charge at the Dardanelles on August 6th.

SPELSBURY.

MARRIAGE.—June 10th, Harry Edgar Benfield and Lucy Beatrice Niblett. Edward John Sturdy and Ivy Austin.

BURIAL.—June 10th, Mary Wiggins aged 57 years. Mr. O. J. Hitchcocks, our Clerk, and Sexton has been called to the Colours where our good wishes follow him. During his absence Mrs. Hitchcocks will continue the work of cleaning the Church and Mr. T. Harris of Taston has kindly undertaken the work of Sexton.

Two of our Bell ringers on June 10th entered upon the Holy State of Matrimony, and we offer them our congratulations and good wishes. They are both now serving with the Colours, and they no less than ourselves will be glad when peace allows of their return to their homes and to their work in the Belfry.

Spelsbury Churchyard has had in the past the reputation of being reverently cared for and just at present it certainly maintains its character. There is very considerable expense in keeping the grass short and we feel that there must be very many who would be willing to contribute towards the Churchyard Fund. Church collections, May 28th to June 23rd: Sick and Needy, 4s. 1d; Church Expenses, £1 19s. 3d; Oxford Diocesan Fund, 12s. 5d.

CHAULINGTON.

BAPTISMS.—May 14th, William John Aston, son of A. W. and B. J. Hemmings.—Primrose Doris May, daughter of F. H. and E. J. Faulkner.—June 11th, William John, son of W. T. and F. M. Nixon.

BURIAL.—June 16th, Walter Clements, aged 77 years.

The number of communicants and the attendance at the Services on Whit Sunday were quite satisfactory considering the number of absentees and the illness of various kinds. The Church was beautifully decorated, and we are most grateful to all who so kindly gave flowers, lent plants and helped in the decorations. At Evensong the choir sang the hymn "Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire," set as an anthem, very nicely. The Collections throughout the day were given as a Free-Will Offering to the Curate-in-Charge and amounted to £55 6s. 7d. The Rev. T. P. Field desires to thank all most sincerely for so generous an offering.

We wish to thank Mr. C. Webb for so kindly playing the organ at very short notice for the Services on June 18th. Mr. Stevens was unable to play owing to the illness of Mrs. Stevens, who, we are glad to say, is better again.

On May 25th, an excellent concert, to raise funds for the British Farmers' Red Cross Association, was held in the schools. The room was crowded and the audience thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the various items of the programme, which included songs by Mrs. A. Carey Elwes, Miss Walker and Mr. Percy Abraham, a violin solo by Mrs. Schofield, a small string band, who—especially in the second item—stuck manfully to their guns—or rather violins at a critical period and won triumphantly through to a successful and unanimous close. Also an excellent performance by the Northleigh "Black and White" Troupe, who delighted an appreciative audience for over half an hour. We are most grateful to all who so kindly came from far and near to help, and who so generously refused to receive any remittance of transport expenses. Mr. Abraham of Lower Court most kindly took the chair, and at the conclusion of the concert made an appropriate speech. In addition a collection was made at the door to help to swell the proceeds of the entertainment, and altogether the sum of £9 15s. 2d. was sent to the Treasurer of the Association, who wrote a most grateful letter in reply, together with the formal receipt. We also thank all who assisted in the "rough and tumble" of converting the schoolroom into a concert room and *vice versa*.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

On Ascension Day the Holy Communion Service was sung at Fifield at 9 a.m. There were several Communicants. At this Service an oak Credence-table was used for the first time. It is a gift of a friend of the Church who desires that his name should not be mentioned.

On Whitsunday there was a large number of Communicants in Idbury Church at 6.30 a.m. and in Fifield Church at 8 a.m.

It has not yet been possible to make any definite arrangements for the National Mission of Repentance and Hope, to be held in October and November, by the whole Church of England. The joint letter signed by the Clergy of our Rural Deanery, (will all being well) be distributed to every house. On July 9th, Evensong will be without music at 6 p.m. in Fifield Church, and at 6.30 there will be a special Service of preparation for the Mission, lasting from three-quarters of an hour to an hour, at which Mission hymns will be sung. It is hoped that all Parishioners will make an effort to be present to ask for God's Blessing on the Mission.

We were very glad to receive a visit from Harold Bond, when he was at home a short time ago. It is wonderful how well and strong our young men look after all they have gone through. Henry Arthurs is now in France. Colonel Mathews, D.S.O., has again been wounded, but we are much relieved to hear that he is going on well.

CORNWELL.

NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE.—On Thursday evening, the 8th of June, the Rev. E. C. Freeman, Rector of Hook Norton, kindly came over and explained the object of the proposed Mission. The Meeting took place in the Schoolroom at 6.30 p.m., the Rector presiding. There was a very fair attendance, though owing to the shortage of labour just now, some of our male members were unable to attend. Mr. Freeman very fully and clearly explained the origin of the Mission, and the objects which it is hoped may be achieved thereby. All seemed deeply interested, and we trust will do all in their power, especially by their prayers, to promote its success. The Mission takes place about the end of October, and the Rector hopes to attend a retreat for the Clergy in preparation for it, the end of July. He would call special attention to the letter issued by the Clergy of the Rural Deanery on the subject. He trusts all who possibly can will attend the week-day Services, meanwhile, especially the Service of Intercession for the War, held on Wednesdays at 11 o'clock. Of course these busy times many are unable to come, but that is all the more reason why those who can should do so. The old promise stands, "When two or three are met together in My Name there am I in the midst of them."

NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE, 1916.

The following letter has been issued by the Clergy of the Deanery, and we beg to call attention to it:—

In times of War and Calamity a call comes from God that men should repent and put their trust in Him. This year the Church of England in every Parish in the land, guided, as we trust, by the Holy Spirit in direct answer to prayer, seeks to awaken men, women and children everywhere to a fresh start in a life of prayer and work well-pleasing to God.

We, the Clergy of this Rural Deanery, have been called by God to minister His Word and Sacraments in our several Parishes. We desire to appeal with all earnestness and affection to our people to make the life of town and village answerable to our Christian calling. We seek without delay to strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, turn the wicked, restore the penitent: so that all may come to the knowledge of the truth, and live a godly, righteous and sober life.

We all have cause for hope, reasons for repentance. We have the example in every Parish of those who pray to God every day, and are constant in the Service of God in Church on the Lord's Day, and on many working days during this anxious time of War. But we fear that there are households who fail in their prayers either at home or in Church; although they also have these near and dear to them in danger—husbands, sons, or brothers serving their King and Country.

There is much in the home life of our Parishes to make us truly glad: there are many who are always ready to give an helping hand to their neighbours. Now and then occur sins which sadden us: the neglect of God's plain command about marriage and purity; the abuse of drink; betting and gambling; quarrels and evil speaking; distrust and disunion; lives spent apart from God, and without faith or hope or love.

If we are saddened by these sins, how much more our Father who is in Heaven? If by repentance and perseverance we are made glad, is there not joy in the presence of the Angels of God?

The War has revealed to us wonderful comradeship and compassion among all ranks of life. But we can also see now how near we were to the brink of danger at home, from discord selfishness and sin.

In this year of the National Mission there is a clear call for us all to place our lives afresh under God's guidance and in His keeping. To this call we can all give our answer at once, if we will, by diligent prayer.

Imagine our hopes fulfilled, our prayers in Christ's Name heard: and think of the change that will come over the familiar scenes when this comes true. No home will go through any day without prayer to God for forgiveness and protection, victory and peace. All shall read and hear His holy word. No man or woman will neglect their duty to God on His holy day: all will seek in God's House the comfort which can steady and cheer our lives. We shall preserve God's day of worship and rest as a National Blessing.

Those who in the past years have been confirmed will resolve to come constantly to the Holy Communion to be strengthened and refreshed. Those who have not been confirmed will seek an early opportunity of preparation that they may be strengthened by the Holy Ghost the Comforter. We shall all pray and work for the spread of God's Kingdom at home and throughout the world. For God has no favourites. He gave us our world-wide Empire that we should be a light to the world: and that men should glorify God in the day of visitation.

In every Parish in England there will be opportunities during the coming months to hear this call to true repentance and sure hope: so that we may be ready, by the end of October and the month of November, by our own example to renew the spiritual life and welfare of our Parishes.

Shall our soldiers and sailors give daily examples of self-sacrifice and courage, at their country's call: and shall we refuse to listen when God calls us to make the effort to live a better and happier life? England battles for the right. God expects of us more devotion to himself, more compassion to our neighbours.

We trust that all our people will be ready to seek our counsel and help in these and all other ways in which, as God's ministers, we can be of service.

We ask for your daily prayers for our sailors and soldiers, for your own homes, for your Parish, for this Deanery, and for England. We shall pray for you. Brethren, pray for us.

A DAILY PRAYER.

Lord God Almighty, Who hast brought Thy judgments upon all the earth, that the inhabitants of the world may learn righteousness. We entreat Thy Divine Majesty so to turn the hearts of the people of this Land, that sorrowing for our sins with true repentance, and trusting in the hope of Thy salvation, we may be renewed to do Thee service and shew forth Thy praise from one generation to another: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.

The Chairman of the Sub-Committee for Literature and Study Circles, asks me to bring before the Deanery the advisability of the promotion of Study Circles. They might be formed to take up such subjects as: The Prayer Book, Service of Holy Baptism, "Holy Communion," "Church History," "Spiritual Needs of the Parish," etc., etc. It is not essential that the Clergy should be present. We recommend "Our Mission Study Circle and how we worked it"—S.P.G. One Penny—as an excellent guide to the working of a Circle or any subject.

Yours faithfully,

W. COLLINGWOOD CARTER,

Rural Dean.

G.M.S.

A most successful and well-attended Meeting in support of the above, was held in the Grounds of Sarsden Rectory, on Tuesday afternoon, the 27th of June, by the kind invitation of the Rector and Mrs. Johnson. Quite a large number of the local clergy were present, including the Rural Dean. The deputation was the Rev. J. W. Balding from Ceylon, who delivered a most deeply interesting and encouraging address, giving an account of his thirty years work in the Isle where the spicy breezes blow, but where the "vileness" of the population is by the mercy of God, and the work of the C.M.S. and other kindred societies becoming a thing of the past. The Meeting was a great success and all seemed much interested. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson kindly entertained all present to tea at the conclusion of the Meeting.

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CHARLBURY & SHORTHAMPTON.
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GREAT ROLLRIGHT.
& DAYLESFORD.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.
SALFORD.
MILTON & LYNEHAM.
RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
SPELSBURY.

AUGUST.

CALENDAR.

1916.

1	Tu	Lammas Day.
2	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
3	Th	
4	F	
5	S	
6	Sh	7th Sunday after Trinity. Transfiguration of our Lord.
7	M	Name of Jesus.
8	Tu	
9	W	Meeting of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
10	Th	S. Lawrence, D.M.
11	F	
12	S	
13	Sh	8th Sunday after Trinity.
14	M	
15	Tu	[Falling asleep of B. V. Mary.]
16	W	Magistrates Meeting.
17	Th	
18	F	
19	S	
20	Sh	9th Sunday after Trinity.
21	M	
22	Tu	
23	W	Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
24	Th	S. Bartholomew, A.M.
25	F	
26	S	
27	Sh	10th Sunday after Trinity.
28	M	S. Augustine, B.C.D.
29	Tu	Beheading of S. John Baptist.
30	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
31	Th	

6th, First Quarter, 8h. 6m. p.m.
13th, Full Moon, 11h. 0m. a.m.

20th, Last Quarter, 11h. 53m. a.m.
28th, New Moon, 4h. 25m. p.m.

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

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

Vicar—Rev. H. H. Arkell, M.A.

Assistant Priest—Rev. E. Ll. Weight.

Sexton and Clerk—H. H. Langton, (protem).

Organist and Choirmaster—Mr. Ernest C. Cook,

Deputy Organist and Choirmaster—

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

Churchwardens—Mr. Austin Webb.

Mr. A. J. Bolwell,

for Chipping Norton.

Major Daly, for Over Norton.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.

We hope and believe things are going steadily forward. The chief feature of our work this month has been our open-air Services. The first was held on Sunday evening, July 9th. We cannot do better than publish the account given in the *Oxfordshire Weekly News* :—

"There can be no question that the open-air service on Sunday for the National Mission was most successful, if we can use such a word in this connection. It was very well organized, and very carefully carried out. Immediately after the conclusion of evensong in the Parish Church the Vicar and choir went in procession down the main aisle and passed out through the south door, passing up Church-street some yards, where a pause was made giving the congregation time to form up in fours immediately behind. As soon as the rear of the procession had reached the top of Church-street and passed into Market-street, the choir started singing "Onward Christian soldiers," which was at once taken up all along the line. Two more hymns were sung before the Green was reached. Here a great number of people were waiting, and a very large congregation assembled. The service consisted of a shortened form of evensong, with four well known hymns and an address.

The Vicar (Rev. H. Herbert Arkell), in the course of his address, said: We have done a very unusual thing to-day. Never before have the choir and clergy, with the congregation, come in procession straight from the grand old parish church to hold a service in the open-air. But, he said, these are unusual days, and demand unusual actions.

If any of us live 20 years hence, we shall look back on the days we are now passing through as days of the greatest crisis in the world's history, as days in which the destiny of England and our Empire is being decided. The danger is not from without, but from within. The danger is not from our

enemies without—our splendid sailors and soldiers have already got the measure of our enemies, and he believed in God's good time victory would come. The danger is from within. The danger is lest we at home in England in our hearts do not rouse ourselves to answer to God's call. Thousands of our soldiers are being confirmed in the trenches, thousands are finding God, thousands are praying as they never prayed before, and are looking forward to the time when they will return to this country to continue to live with God and for God. The danger is lest when they return, they shall find us, who have remained at home, still careless and Godless and prayerless. Thousands of our brave countrymen are dying for us on the battlefield. Are we worth dying for? What about drinking, gambling and impurity? Must we not root out these awful sins, and make ourselves worthy of all this self-sacrifice, and the Vicar ended with an earnest appeal to all who had strayed away from the Good Shepherd to come back to the fold, to all who had been confirmed to come back to prayer and Holy Communion, to come back to the fellowship of Christ's Church, to the delight of worship, to once more enter their grand old church, and regularly attend the service.

The address was listened to with deep attention. The clergy and choir, followed by the congregation, returned to the Church in the same manner as they came, singing hymns on the way.

The Vicar said a Collect in the churchyard and once more gave the Benediction, and the congregation returned home, after a very striking and memorable service."

The second open-air Service took place on Sunday, July 23rd, at the same time, the place chosen being at the bottom of London Road. It passed off equally well. The Vicar's address was based on Psalm xciv. 8, "To-day, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

We are grateful to the Choir and all those who helped the Choir on both occasions, and to Mr. Crowther for so ably conducting the singing in the open-air, and unaccompanied.

OPEN AIR SERVICES—Weather permitting there will be a service at Over Norton on Sunday, August 13th, and on the Common, Sunday, September 3rd.

The attendance at the Special Litany Intercessions on Wednesday evenings at 8, and the Celebration of Holy Communion on Thursdays at 7 a.m., have on the whole been good. These Services are of course open to all and we earnestly hope many more will make an effort to attend them. Here in this way we have the great opportunity of committing the whole work of the National Mission throughout our land to God in Prayer. The *Bulletin* of the National Mission for July says—"The one vital need of these days is more prayer, for only through prayer can the great work to which we have set our hands be carried to a conclusion worthy of its inception.—All that we are trying to do needs the touch of God upon it if it is to be worth while, and God can only work through men and women who are close to Him.—Let us make yet more time to be with God. . . . all that we can do will be of very small consequence unless it is done in an atmosphere of prayer."

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD WITH LANGLEY.

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.

June 25th, H.M. Inspector visited the School and seemed satisfied with all things.

July 1st, more were intending to attend the Sunday School Teachers' Meeting at Charlbury, but were driven back by the severe storms. The Lecture was of much interest.

July 6th, the Diocesan General Inspector examined the School and begins his Report by saying: "This School continues to do steady and careful work with satisfactory results." Bishop's Prize: Edith Hedges. Olive Powell was first, but received the Prize last year. Certificates were awarded to Olive Powell, Donald Gaiger, Violet Watts and Mary Savin. He also commended Twenty-six others in the four divisions

We have to lament the death of Sergeant Philip Hugh Peirce, 1/5 Cheshire Regiment, who was killed instantaneously on June 30th. His Officer writes: "His death has been a shock to us all, as he was greatly loved by his men, for whose welfare and comfort he was always most considerate. During the time that he has been my Platoon Sergeant he has always carried out his duties in a most capable manner, and helped us to the utmost of his power. Keen on a smallest detail when resting in billet, and both in action he has been a splendid example to those under him. He met his death bravely encouraging the men when we were being heavily shelled, and I think that you will find in this some comfort, and also that his end was painless." Such testimony is worthy of record, but all who knew him would feel certain that he would do his best in what his hand found to do. He enlisted early in the war, and had he survived, probably would have attained still higher rank.

And we also lament the death from fever, on July 11th, in India, of Lieutenant Cedric Donovan Upstone, 4th Batt. Devon Regiment, son of the late Vicar of Coatey, Glos who joined at the very beginning, from the O.T.C. at Oxford. He was educated at St. Edward's School and St. John's College, Oxford, rowed in his College Boat, and was on the point of taking his Degrees, when his star of life was suddenly upset by the call of war. He did not hesitate to embark in the hard path of duty and fulfilled it with all zeal and energy, as we shall find when report comes to England.

We regret there is still no news of Sydney Franklin.

William Franklin has been severely wounded, but is going on well at Willesdon Hospital. Alexander Franklin has gone out to France.

We welcome home Thomas Powell, after his terrible experiences of war.

Our Missioner later in the year will be the Rev. Mackwood Stevens, Rector of Oddington, Bucks. He will come also early in September to address all who will be helpers in the Mission, and the Vicar takes this opportunity of earnestly asking Parishioners to offer help; to take out papers, or such-like assistance will be valued, because it is utterly impossible for any success without some co-operation and some self-sacrifice. The Vicar trusts that the letter from the Clergy of the Deanery has been well considered.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

NATIONAL MISSION.—The Rev. I. Kinchin Smith will visit this Parish and assist the Rector in conducting our Mission in the coming autumn.

S.P.G.—We are much indebted to the Rev. H. Kenney of this Society, for his sermons on July 16th. Collections amounting to £1 12s. 3d. were made. These have been forwarded to Headquarters.

DIOCESAN INSPECTOR'S REPORT.—We have received an average report from Mr. Nixon. The Bishop's prize is awarded to Margaret Groves. Ethel Lewis, Doris Howes and Cecil Sole receive certificates of merit.

FLOWER SERVICE.—This was held on July 9th, when the children brought some very acceptable flowers. Two large boxes were sent on the following day to Camberwell Infirmary. A letter from the matron testifies to the pleasure given to the inmates by our small efforts.

We shall soon be welcoming to the Parish Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery who have taken Church End House. Mr. Jeffery is History Lecturer at Brasenose College. We look forward to their residence amongst us, and wish them all happiness in their future home.

DIOCESAN FUND.—August 13th is the day appointed for collections in this Parish for the above Fund. We are asked to contribute at least £2 12s. Last year we exceeded this amount by a few shillings, and this year we shall hope for a like generous response. There are, one knows, many calls upon us just now, but collections once a year for such a worthy object will surely meet with our unstinted support. Moreover, we never know when we, as a Parish, may not have to seek the aid which this Society gives to Church and Educational schemes.

The Rector would be glad to hear if there are any other names for the Roll of Honour. These will at once be added to the existing list on application for those concerned. A complete roll will then be made and this will be framed and hung in the Church Porch, or placed inside the Church.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISMS.—July 5th, Doris Ethel, infant daughter of George and Adelaide Temple of Langley.—19th, Evelyn May, infant daughter of Escott Sydney and Millicent Emily Townsend of Milton.—25th, Claude Cecil, infant son of Charles Claude and Mary Sarah Ricketts of Bruern in this parish.

BURIAL.—July 17th. Mary Jane Hemmings of Milton-under-Wychwood, aged 71.

MARRIAGE.—July 25th, Robert Ralpho of Kirkdale, Lancashire, to Hagar Frances Mobey of Milton, by licence.

The late Mrs. Hemmings, who was buried on July 17th, had for a long time been unwell, and although the illness from which she suffered caused her a great deal of pain she bore it with that fortitude and resignation that characterises a sincere Christian. When able she was never absent from her Church, always accounting it a great privilege to join her prayers and praises with her fellow worshippers in her Father's house. We have lost in our old friend an honourable and true member of our congregation, and we earnestly hope and pray that the rest of Paradise is now hers. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those near and dear to her.

We have very little to record in this month's news, but are glad to be able to state that the hay harvest is now well in hand, and if the fine weather which we are now enjoying lasts a few days longer most of the crops will have been harvested, and we should think has been secured in excellent order. We are glad to see so many of our women turning out to work, as by this means they are not only helping our brave boys at the front but are overcoming a difficulty which at one time we felt would be serious. It simply shows that the heart of our people is in the right place and the women as well as the men are determined that no stone shall be left unturned to secure a peace that will be a righteous and a lasting one. May it come soon.

The Rev. H. G. Wheeler came over and preached a most helpful sermon on the National Mission, and we hope though things move slowly they are moving in the right direction. We are glad to be able to state that the services of a most excellent missionary have been secured for October, fuller particulars of which will be given later on. The Vicar hopes after his return from the Retreat which is to be held at Radley on July 31st and following days, to be able to circulate more literature dealing with the question. We do most earnestly want our people to take their full share in this great work and we hope when our missionary comes he will find our people ready to receive the instruction he will give.

On Wednesday, the 26th of July, we are holding our Sale of Work at the Vicarage and we are looking forward to a very successful day. The proceeds will be given to liquidating the debt incurred by putting in the Church drains. It is no easy matter to raise £50 in these critical times, but we know our people are determined to do their best.

On Sunday next the Vicar of Ferry Hinksey has promised an exchange with the Vicar. We are sure he will be heartily welcomed.

Steps are being taken to erect a memorial in our Parish to those of our parishioners who have fallen in the War. We hope next month to give more particulars of this, as a meeting is called for Thursday next to decide on the form, etc., which the memorial shall take.

Just as we are sending off our report we hear that Private Bert Miles has been wounded. We are glad to hear that it is not serious. We expect to hear fuller particulars later on.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISMS.—July 2nd, Ernest Valder, son of Ernest Joshua and Ada Hassell Timms.—July 23rd, Thomas James Robert, son of Thomas James and Eliza Ann Kearsay of Dustfield Farm.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.—The Rev. Malcolm Graham, of the Diocesan Society of Mission Clergy, has most kindly promised to come to Charlbury in the month of November for a mission of five days or more. He will come on a Thursday evening in August to speak to our Communicants and others, as a preparation for the Mission. We earnestly hope that every communicant will make an effort to be present. We are very glad that an old friend of many of us is to be our Missioner.

The Vicar of Charlbury is to go to Burford for a mission of eight days from Sunday, Oct. 22nd, to Sunday, Oct. 29th. Our prayers to God are asked for all His messengers during the National Mission.

We had a very satisfactory and pleasing examination in religious knowledge at Chilson School. The report is as follows:—

School: Chilson Council. R. de M. Nixon,
Examined: July 12th, 1916 General Diocesan
Summary Mark: Good Inspector of Schools.

REPORT.—I was particularly pleased with this school, which is doing capital work in every way. The striking feature of the inspection was the very level and general answering, there being hardly a child unable to do his or her fair share of the work. It is solely because of this that I do not add to this report a list of commended children: Were I to do this, I could hardly avoid being unfair to some; by refraining, I can pay a well deserved compliment to the teachers. **BISHOP'S PRIZE:**—Maynard Dingle. **CERTIFICATES:**—Grace Artis and Elsie Harris.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY BAPTISM.—July 2nd, William James, son of Alfred George and Martha Elsie Taylor.—23rd, Herbert William, son of Herbert Joseph and Emily Woodward.

HOLY MATRIMONY.—July 13th, Arthur Taylor to Elizabeth May Wheeler.

BURIALS.—July 6th, Alice Woodward, aged 22 years.—22nd, Percival John Smith, aged 19 years.

Communicants from June 29th, to July 26th, 125.

Collections during same period: Church Expenses, £1 10s. 8d.; Offertory Fund, 14s. 9½d.; Sunday School, 13s. 7d.; Choir Fund, 10s, 11d.; Diocesan National Mission Fund, £1 10s. 5½d.; Lighting Fund, 11s. 8d.

Very great sympathy has been felt throughout the village with the parents of Alice Woodward in their sad and sudden loss, and also with those of Percy Smith, and we hope that the many evidences of it in both cases has been a help and comfort to the parents.

Mr. Baverstock came to address us on the subject of the National Mission on July 11th, and was listened to with great attention. As many know already, he is to be our Missioner when the special effort is made in the autumn. What form exactly it will take is not yet known, but all arrangements will be announced in good time. It behoves all who care about their Country to intercede with earnestness and perseverance for God's blessing on the National Mission, and we hope that people will remember the special celebrations on Wednesdays at 8 a.m. and Fridays at 10.30 a.m. arranged for this purpose. Now, too, that the Allies are taking the offensive is the time for us to pray more earnestly for our soldiers and sailors. It will always be a cause of wonder why so many who have friends and relatives at the Front are never seen at the Intercession Services. Why is it? Is it a case of "out of sight, out of mind?" No! what is it then? Well, sometimes, it is want of faith. A sort of vengeance comes upon people who neglect prayer and they cease to believe in its efficacy. But sometimes it is not want of faith but pure laziness—they are too lazy to make the effort, and sometimes the reason they don't go is because they think their neighbours will remark on it. (The fact is, you know, if you've been neglecting Church and talking against "parsons" and religion for some years, it is a bit hard to have to eat your words). But whatever it is, it is very sad. Think of your lad at the Front, perhaps in the trenches. It is Sunday, or the weekly Intercession Service, and he thinks of father and mother going to Church and joining in the prayers offered for him, and then to think that in so many cases it isn't true, but the old careless neglect of God goes on week after week, and month after month. Isn't it too sad for words? It is a tragedy of human life, and it need not be.

The School was inspected in Religious Knowledge on July 14th, by the Rev. R. de M. Nixon, General Diocesan Inspector of Schools.

The Report, which we append, is a very good one indeed and does great credit to Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson and the other teachers.

"*Upper Division.*—This is an admirable school in every way, to which it gives me real pleasure to award the special mark—Very good. The teaching in all the classes was adequate, accurate and practical, and the children were thoroughly interested in their work. The top division was an especially good class, Bishop's Prize: Gwendoline Veal. Certificates: Ernest Coleman, Sybil Larner, Frances Brown (for her oral work), Percy Inwards, Annie Marshall, Iris Cox, Marjorie Brown. Commended: W. Clarkson, G. Matthews, O. Varney, R. Dumbleton, H. Allen, L. Gear, A. Varney, C. Matthews, V. Allen, J. Brown, E. Gasson, H. Beale, F. Matthews, E. Eden, F. Wyton, I. Busby, M. Gorton, E. Brown, G. Pinfold, W. Weston, G. Wyton, T. Hiatt, C. Haynes, F. Beale, W. Cross, H. Beale, D. Sweatman, S. Cox, Ivy Baker, D. Turnock, D. Green, J. Rose, C. Varney.

"*Infants.*—This is a capital Infants' School, where the children are being effectively taught exactly the things they ought to know. I am very glad to give it the special mark—Very good. The work in the Babies' Room more especially, would be very much helped by a good set of Scripture Pictures, which should be obtained if possible. With the full concurrence of the Head Teacher, I do not add to this Report a list of commended children; were I to do so, I could hardly avoid being unfair to many others, who did almost if not quite as well."

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

The Reverend F. Symes Thompson, Vicar of Stanton Harcourt, Berks, has been appointed by the Bishop's authority to conduct the Mission in our two parishes. We must pray for God's Blessing, that his work amongst us may bear good fruit.

On Sunday, July 9th, a special Service was held at 6.30 p.m. in preparation for the Mission. There were short addresses on Faith, Hope, Charity and Repentance. Appropriate versicles and responses were said between the addresses and hymns were sung from the Durham Mission hymn book. The Service was well attended and requests have been made that a similar Service should be held shortly.

James Gee and Christopher Davis have been boarders for a year at Burford Grammar School. Both boys have done very well. Davis was third in his form. J. Gee was first and obtained two prizes, the Class Prize and one for Writing. They have both played in the cricket eleven.

An obvious and very regrettable error was made in the July issue of the Magazine. Mr. F. J. Saunders died not on April 11th, but on June 11th.

CHASTLETON.

DAY SCHOOL.—The General Diocesan Inspector of Schools visited the School on Wednesday, July 19th. The report:—"This is a delightful little School admirably taught and influenced, and doing thoroughly good work. Its condition as regards Religious Knowledge reflects the utmost credit on the Head Teacher, who is now retiring after so many years faithful and devoted service. I indicated at the time of my visit how the syllabus might best be used in a school of this size.

Bishop's Prize: Charles William Whittington, **Certificate:** Albert Tyler. **Commended:** J. Newbery, B. Phillips, N. Tidmarsh, M. Clarke, P. Clarke, I. Newbury, C. Corbett, R. Newbury, C. Corbett."

THE SUMMER HOLIDAY.—The School will be closed from Thursday, July 27th, to Monday, September 4th.

AUGUST 4TH, 1916.—The third year of the terrible War will begin on August 4th. The Bishop hopes it will be a day of faithful prayer in every Church.

Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Violet Taswell Richardson, of Chastleton House, and Lieut. Walter Seymour Carson, R.N., H.M.S. Titania, on their wedding on Tuesday, June 27th. Miss Violet Richardson during her long residence in Chastleton has become justly a popular favourite and she will be very much missed. The bride looked very charming in her dress of white satin embroidered in silver with full court train of old silk embroidered net. Lieutenant Walter Seymour Carson, R.N., is the younger son of a very famous man. His father is the Right Hon. Sir Edward Carson, K.C., M.P. The Church was prettily decorated with palms and white Madonna, lilies. The work was carried out by Mr. Phillips and Mr. Clarke. The Rev Cecil Graham Moon (Rector of Nether Swell) and the Rev. J. A. Burnley (Rector) officiated at the wedding. The Service was choral and the music was well rendered by the choir (Mr. W. Newman, Choirmaster). A very large number of guests and friends were present at the Church and later at the reception at Chastleton House. It must have been to the bride a source of gratification to see several soldiers from Oxford and Chipping Norton, whom she had been helping to nurse back to health, present at her wedding. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of numerous useful and valuable presents, sent, among others by the following:—The Parishioners of Chastleton, Chastleton School Children, Employees at Chastleton House.

It was a kindly thought on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Taswell Richardson to entertain the children and Parishioners to tea and supper on Tuesday, July 4th to commemorate the event. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

CHADDLINGTON.

BAPTISM.—June 11th, William John, son of W. T. and F. M. Nixon.

MARRIAGE.—June 24th Horace Percy Chavasse and Marion Eunice Lainchbury.

BURIAL.—June 28th, Amelia Jane Edginton, aged 63 years.

It is with great regret that we have to announce the death of Mrs. Edginton, of Upper Court, who passed away on June 24th, after a trying illness of over 3 months' duration, most patiently and faithfully borne; though indeed for the last year she had been far from well. She will be very much missed in many ways in Chadlington for her quiet kindness had endeared her to many. Especially will she be missed in the practical interest she took in all parochial affairs, and in her most regular attendance at Divine Service and at the Holy Communion for nearly 40 years. May God grant her rest and peace in Paradise and a joyful Resurrection at the last day. Also we beg to offer our deepest and most sincere sympathy to her family and friends who have lost a loving parent and a faithful friend.

The sad news came through last week that Rowland Souch has lost his life in the trenches while serving his King and Country and Home. We pray that God will have mercy on his soul and comfort and sustain the sorrowing relatives and friends. This is the third name on the Roll of Honour.

G.F.S.—On Thursday, July 20th, the members and associates of the Chadlington Branch of this Society met at Shipton for the Anniversary Festival of the Diocese. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent in the grounds of Shipton Court by kind permission of Major and Mrs. Huntington. The members assembled at the close of the day and marched in procession through the village to the Parish Church singing "O God our help in ages past," and after a short Service all dispersed to their various destinations having spent a very happy and pleasant day.

On Saturday, July 22nd, the annual summer Sunday School Treat was held by the kind permission of Mrs. Schofield in the meadow adjoining Langston House. The children had a most enjoyable afternoon in perfect weather. Tea was served on the lawn at 4 o'clock, which was done ample justice to. The treat was concluded by the children competing in several races of various kinds. Before dispersing votes of thanks were given to Mrs. Schofield for her kind welcome and help, to Mrs. Bliss for so kindly providing the sweets for which the children love to scramble, to Mrs. Southam for so kindly giving the milk, and to all the teachers and their friends who came to help amuse the children. Before returning home the National Anthem was sung.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

On July 19th, Mr. Thomas Jacobs, who has for some time resided in the Parish was married at Fulbrook Parish Church, to Miss Margaret Elsie Pearman, of the Manor House, West Hall, Burford. The day was a bright and sunny one and there were numerous presents. We wish the bride and bridegroom every happiness in their new home. It was formerly the Rectory, and Mr. and Mrs. Williams have now charmingly and artistically restored it.

On Sunday, July 16th, a Sermon was preached in aid of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and on the following Sunday an offertory of 5/6½ was collected and forwarded to the Society which does not ask for financial aid for itself but is now helping the Army Veterinary Corps.

On Saturday, July 29th, the junior members of the Manor House were most energetic in collecting for the Red Cross Society and their efforts must have been successful; we hope to publish results later.

SPELSBURY.

SUNDAY SERVICES.—Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month after Mattins, on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at 8 a.m. Mattins 11, Children's Service 3 p.m. Evensong 6.

SAINTS' DAYS.—Holy Communion 8 a.m.

WEEK DAYS.—Mattins 8 a.m. Fridays 7.45 p.m., Intercession for the National Mission; 8 p.m. Intercession for the War.

The Oxford Diocesan Council of the National Mission has arranged for the Rev. E. Groaves, Vicar of Wolverton S. Mary, to visit Spelsbury in November. In the meanwhile let us prepare our hearts against his visit and join in the Intercessions for the Missions on Friday evenings at 7.45 p.m.

After something like forty years of constant use the Treble and Tenor Bells in our helfry have become unsafe for ringing. We are awaiting the report of the expert who has examined them, and after that must proceed to put what is defective in order. Already it is clear that a fund will have to be raised and we could wish that this was not so at a time when there are so many demands upon our purse. But are we not longing and praying for victory and then peace—and when these come we shall surely desire to hear the sound of "Joy Bells."

Will Parishioners, Friends and Neighbours kindly make a note of Thursday, August 24th, for we shall gladly welcome their presence at Spelsbury. On that date the Spelsbury Branch of "King's Messengers" will hold in the Vicarage Grounds, a Missionary Play entitled "A Missionary Appeal." There will also be a Stall of Needlework for sale. The following will be the Programme:—Grounds open 3 p.m. First performance 3.15 p.m., followed by tea at 6d. each.—second performance 5.15 p.m.

Admission before 5 o'clock 3d. and children 1d., after 5 o'clock 1d. for all. There will be Evensong in the Parish Church at 6.15, and the Venerable Archdeacon T. H. Archer Houlton, D.D., will be the preacher. A collection will be made for S.P.G.

CORNWELL.

KILLED IN BATTLE.—July 1st, 1916, Arthur William Bowles, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bowles, of Cornwell, aged 24 years.

OUR SECOND CORNWELL HERO!—It is just a year since Frederick Hill died in Hospital, while on service, and now Arthur Bowles has fallen in battle. He had been reported "missing" for some days, and then the sad news of his death arrived, His parents received a letter from the Chaplain announcing the fact and stating that he "died nobly" in the great battle now raging in France. Our deepest sympathy is called forth for them and his two sisters. He was beloved and respected by all, and had spent nearly all his life in Cornwell. He was educated in the Cornwell Schools, and was for some years organ blower at the Church. He was devotedly fond of animals, especially dogs. He was dog-boy at the Manor for some time after leaving School, and since then has been employed both in the North of England and Devonshire. All with whom he was connected concur in bearing testimony to his genuine kindness and goodness. He enlisted in "the Devons" some time since, and has fallen fighting for his King and Country. "R.I.P." "Dulce et Decorum est pro Patria Mori."

On Wednesday evening, 26th July, "a Memoria Service" was held in Cornwell Church, in memory of Arthur Bowles. It was well attended and most of his old friends and former companions were present. The special lesson was read by his former master and friend, Colonel Hall, and his own favourite hymn, "Fight the Good Fight," was sung at the conclusion of the Service. All seemed much impressed and to feel the solemnity of the occasion.

RED CROSS SOCIETY for the Sick and Wounded. The collection for the above is to be made on the 29th of July, and the following Sunday our offertories will be devoted to the same noble object. Last year Cornwell raised over £11 and we hope this year it will do equally well, if not better, so that our local Secretary may be still proud of our Parish.

NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE.—The Rector will be at Radley from 31st July to 4th August at the Meeting of Clergy to be held in preparation for the above. On his return, he hopes to arrange Services, &c., in connection with the coming Mission, and looks forward to the help and support of his kind Parishioners in so doing. He would call attention to the letter recently put forth by the Clergy of the Deanery.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

BURIAL.—June 14th, Henry Hitchcox, of Finstock, aged 75 years.

On July 20th, the Finstock members attended the G.F.S. Festival held at Shipton Court. They contributed a play entitled "Aunt Jobson" which was much appreciated. Seven members receive the card given to members for long and satisfactory membership.

DAYLESFORD.

"Our Special Correspondent" feels that an apology is due for a lapse of two months, during which no event has been chronicled from Daylesford. This unwonted silence is only to be explained by the fact that there has been no event of any interest to report. All our thoughts and interests are centred in the great War which is being waged with ever increasing intensity, and we anxiously await news of all those near and dear to any of us who are actively engaged in some portion or another of our long battle front. Up to the present time we are thankful to be able to report that all is well, and letters come regularly from one and another, written in a wonderfully cheerful and hopeful frame of mind. May this continue to be the case, and may the wished-for-end come speedily.

The School holidays commence on Friday, August 4th, and will last for six weeks. No notice has yet been received of a visit from the Diocesan Inspector, who is now over due. Last year the Diocesan Inspector was obliged to be abandoned owing to a variety of unfortunate occurrences, and this may possibly have upset the arrangements for this year, but we hope the Inspection may take place soon after the close of summer holidays.

On Sunday evening, July 2nd, owing to the "ciphering" of the organ from some cause unknown, all the musical portion of the Service had to be sung unaccompanied. The defect righted itself the next day without professional assistance, and has not occurred again since.

ENSTONE.

BAPTISED.—July 9th, Cyril Lawrence, son of Eric Edward and Annie Harrison.—Eunice Mary, daughter of William Charles, and Alice Mary Hazell.

MARRIED.—June 10th, John Harold Bries and Annie May Lightfoot.—June 11th (Whitsun Day), William Henry Faulkner and Elsie Minnie Simons.

BURIED.—July 24th, Mary Randall aged 84 years. Thanks to the Incumbents of Great Tew, Heythrop and Spelsbury for being responsible for the Parish during the Vicar's absence on the week-days from June 19th, to July 1st.

The Rev. Waldo Burnett kindly assisted the Vicar morning and afternoon, on July 23rd.

The laity will not forget to ask for God's blessing upon the Bishop's retreats for the clergy of the Diocese that will begin on July 31st.

On Friday August 4th, the second anniversary of the Declaration of war. Special Service of Intercession will be held at 8 p.m. also on the following Sunday.

The diocesan Council of the National Mission will send the Rev. G. Dargerfield to visit Enstone for some few days within the time appointed for the Mission.

On the last Sunday in June, after preaching in the morning on Sunday Observance, the Vicar in the evening read the letter issued by the Clergy of the Deanery. We trust that the letter is being well considered by the people, our Archdeacon declares it to be about the best of its kind that he has seen. There can be no doubt as to the need of the Mission—the conversion of England as a whole to Christianity. It was put very plainly and truly for us in last month's magazine by the Rector of great Rollright. There are also "Some Plain Words" by Two Oxfordshire Clergymen, that ought to be read throughout and beyond our Deanery. They are the more to be commended because the words reveal to one the unmistakable identity of an earnest and thoughtful brother priest. There is the need of repentance, but look forward and strive toward the attainment of the blessing and joy that it brings. There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. What then, if England would only truly repent!

"How great a work one person may do for God, whose heart the Lord has really opened! It is beyond calculation what Jesus Christ may do by one! Here in England there is absolutely no limit to what one single person may do by the Will of God, if they will but open their hearts to the Lord, and to the fulness of his Love". So said, some years ago, a dear friend who only last week was described as one of the most wonderful Saints of the nineteenth century. There are many different ways in which the Lord opens the heart for Himself. Sometimes it is by great sorrow sometimes by the memory of past sin forgiven. Many a penitent has carried the Gospel far and wide when their hearts have been opened by contrition. If our hearts are really opened to Him, anything may be possible to us. We may do great things for Him, and what does it matter if it is at the cost of some pain and self-sacrifice?"

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

The Summer Meeting took place at Charlbury on July 1st. About 40 were present from 6 parishes. The Rev. Dr. Biggs kindly came from Oxford and gave a most interesting address on "the History and present state of the Russian Church," with which we should have so much sympathy, especially at this time. He also preached at evensong, taking for his text Ephesians iv. ii., and showed how every teacher has a divine commission.

Tea was provided in the Town Hall at 5 o'clock.

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CHADLINGTON.		HOOK NORTON.	RAMSDEN.
CHURCHILL & SARSDEN.		FINSTOCK.	SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
CORNWELL		GREAT ROLLRIGHT.	SPELSBURY.
		& DAYLESFORD.	

SEPTEMBER.

CALENDAR.

1916.

1	F	S. Giles, Ab. C.
2	S	
3	S	11th Sunday after Trinity.
4	M	
5	Tu	
6	W	Meeting of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
7	Th	S. Evaristus, B.
8	F	Nativity of the B.V.M.
9	S	
10	S	12th Sunday after Trinity.
11	M	
12	Tu	
13	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
14	Th	Holy Cross Day
15	F	
16	S	
17	S	13th Sunday after Trinity. S. Lambert, B.M.
18	M	
19	Tu	
20	W	Ember Day. Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
21	Th	S. Matthew, A.E.M.
22	F	Ember Day.
23	S	Ember Day.
24	S	14th Sunday after Trinity.
25	M	
26	Tu	S. Cyprian, Abp. M.
27	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
28	Th	
29	F	S. Michael and All Angels.
30	S	S. Jerome, P.C.D.

5th, First Quarter. 3h. 27m. a.m.

11th, Full Moon, 7h. 31m. p.m.

19th, Last Quarter, 4h. 35m. a.m.

27th, New Moon, 6h. 34m. a.m.

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

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

Vicar—Rev. H. H. Arkell, M.A.

Assistant Priest—Rev. E. L. Weight.

Sexton and Clerk—H. H. Langton, (*pro tem*).

Organist and Choirmaster—Mr. Ernest C. Cook,

Deputy Organist and Choirmaster—

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

Churchwardens—Mr. Austin Webb.

Mr. A. J. Bolwell,

for Chipping Norton.

Major Daly, for Over Norton.

BAPTISMS.—August 6th, Nora Kathleen, daughter of Hedley William and Sarah Frances Maidment.—August 28th, Edward John, son of Edward Augustus and Annie Elizabeth Bravery.—August 30th, Thomas James, son of Thomas and Rose Stante.

MARRIAGE.—August 5th, Frank Malins Thornton, of Ashted, Birmingham, and Rosa Annie Titcombe, of this Parish.

BURIAL.—August 5th, James Sims, aged 37 years.

NATIONAL MISSION.—It is now generally known that the Rev. E. L. Jenner is unable to fulfil his promise of coming to us as Missioner, owing to his quite unexpected appointment as a Chaplain to the Forces by the War Office. In consequence of this the Vicar asked the Archdeacon of Oxford to help him secure some one to take Mr. Jenner's place. The Archdeacon has been most kind and has spared no pains in the matter, with the result that we have now coming as our Missioner one of the most experienced missioners in England—the Rev. H. P. Bull, S.S.J.E., Mission House, Cowley S. John's, Oxford. We are thus most fortunate and are grateful to Mr. Bull for sparing us part of his most busy time. He proposes to pay us a first visit on

Thursday, September 14th, when the following will be the arrangements:—Evensong with address in the Church at 7 p.m., followed by a meeting in the Church Room at 8 p.m. On the next morning (Friday) there will be Holy Communion at 7 a.m. We feel sure that all in the Parish will make every effort to keep this date, Thursday, September 14th, in remembrance and be present at the Evening Service and the meeting immediately afterwards, and that all Communicants will aim at attending the Celebration of the Holy Communion on the Friday morning.

The date of the Mission itself will be in the latter part of November, probably the week before Advent.

Canon Hobhouse, Residentiary Canon of Gloucester, will preach morning and evening at the Parish Church on Sunday, September 17th. His subject will be "The National Mission."

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISMS.—July 27th, Robert Kitchener, son of Albert Herbert and Lucy Ellen Couling.—July 30th, Stella Louvain, daughter of Sydney Gilbert and Louisa Andrews.—Cyril William, son of Sydney Gilbert and Louisa Andrews.

THE WAR.—Several of our men have been wounded lately: Benjamin Wilfrid Dix, Carlton Strickland, James Harwood, Sydney Gilbert Andrews; but all appear to be progressing favourably, we are thankful to say.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.—Rev. Malcolm Graham has now fixed the date of the Mission at Charlbury to begin on Sunday, November 12th. He is kindly coming to speak to Communicants on Thursday, August 31st.

The Vicar attended the devotional Retreat for Clergy at Radley from July 31st to August 4th, at which the Bishop of Oxford gave the addresses.

We have provisionally fixed the Harvest Festival at Charlbury for Thursday, October 12th, as we hope by that date all will be gathered in. The Vicar of of Burtord has kindly promised to preach.

The collection for the Red Cross Day at Charlbury on July 29th amounted to £24 1s. 0d.

We understand that Sergt. W. B. Lainchbury, of the Oxon & Bucks Regiment, has been awarded a Military Medal for a very brave act in rescuing a wounded officer. Our best congratulations to his father and mother. We also hear that Sergt. S. G. Andrews has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISMS.—August 11, Violet Elsie, infant daughter of Charles and Emily Russell, of Milton.—August 17, Emily Louisa, infant daughter of Frank Michael and Edith Mary Allen of Lyncham.—August 18, Cyril Beatty, infant son of Charles Samuel and Gertrude Lily Burch of Milton.—August 23, Gwendoline Lilian Dardanella, infant daughter of James Edmund and Lilian Selina Mary Bartholomew of Milton.—August 23, Georgina Rose, infant daughter of Ernest Thomas and Lizzie Hedges of Milton.

BURIALS.—August 5, Margaret Sarah Waters, of Milton-under-Wychwood, aged 39 years, the wife of Luther Waters.

We regret that through the indistinctness of our correspondent's writing the marriage of Robert Ralphs was incorrectly inserted; it should have been: July 25, Robert Ralphs, of Kirkdale, Lancashire, to Hagar Francis Mobey, of Milton, by licence.

On Wednesday, July 26th, the Parish Fête was held at the Vicarage, and it is a great pleasure to record that it was an unqualified success. The weather was all that could be desired, and the number of people present was excellent. There were but few outsiders, the greater number being our own people. They did not come either as mere spectators, but evidently they came with the desire to help forward the good work of clearing off the debt on the Church drain. I think it is not too much to say that the results exceeded very largely our most sanguine expectations. A better body of workers could not be found, we venture to say, in any parish. The idea in the minds of all seemed to be to do the best, and this they certainly did. The Vicar and Church Officers desire to extend to them very grateful thanks. All the stalls were well patronised, and some were completely cleared; for this we thank those of our friends who supported us; bravo Milton! The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditure which will show how well we did:—

The receipts amounted to	£41	4	4
The expenses	£6	5	1
Leaving a balance of ...	£34	19	3

On the Sunday following we had a collection in Church for the same object, when a further £10 was raised, thus very nearly clearing off the debt. We are more than thankful in being able to state that through the munificent subscription of one who at all times has shown a very deep interest in the parish, the whole amount has now been secured, and a small balance is in hand which will enable us to very nearly complete our heating apparatus in the Church before the winter sets in. Surely when we think of the troublous times in which we are living, we must feel more than ever grateful to all our friends, and we cannot fail also to feel that the good hand of our God is upon us.

On August 10th, the children of the large school gave a most successful open-air entertainment in aid of our soldiers, when the substantial sum of nearly £5 was raised. Through the kindness of H. E. H. Way, Esq. Frogmore the pleasantly situated residence of the above was thrown open for this entertainment, and we are sure the pretty garden and surroundings lent an additional charm to the whole affair. The children certainly acquitted themselves admirably, and the whole management reflected very great credit on our popular schoolmaster, Mr. C. Burch. We were not only delighted in the way the children sang and performed their drills, etc., but we were more than favourably impressed with the splendid discipline of the scholars.

We are sorry to say that the movement to erect a memorial to our brave soldiers who have fallen in the war has, for the present at least, been abandoned, but we hope when the war is over that something will be done to commemorate their brave deeds and to manifest our appreciation of their great sacrifice for their country which they have made.

We are glad to hear that Private Bert Miles has not been seriously wounded, but he is still in hospital, as the bullet, though located, has not been extracted.

We have made arrangements to hold the Mission of Repentance and Hope in our parish on Saturday, November 11th, to Tuesday, November 14th. So far as we can say now this is definite, but, of course, circumstances might arise which would necessitate a change. We earnestly hope that the literature that has been distributed to the parishioners will be carefully studied and the Prayer for the Mission be continually used. We feel in this way we can make the best preparation within our power. We do most earnestly desire that every parishioner will make the necessary effort to be present at all the meetings. It is a call that has been sounded forth and will continue to be made throughout the length and breadth of our country, and one which we should not turn a deaf ear to. Certainly such a call has never been heard in our land before, and certainly to many, if not all of us, such a call may never come again. It seems the door of opportunity is opened wide, and we ought to reflect the same opportunity never returns.

CHASTLETON.

Collections took place at Chastleton and Little Compton on Saturday, July 29th, for the British Red Cross Society. £7 10s. was collected, viz., £6 17s. at Chastleton, and 13s. at Little Compton.

Wounded Soldiers from Kitebrook were entertained by Mrs. Richardson at a garden party on Thursday, July 27th.

ENSTONE.

BAPTISM.—August 6th, Nellie, daughter of William and Nellie Busby.

BURIAL.—August 22nd, Lily Irene Ward, aged 10 years.

July 29th.—Oxfordshire Red Cross Day at Enstone realised £3 15s. 11d. Mrs. Hall of Cornwell Manor kindly sends the details. Neat Enstone: Miss W. Bennett, 14/5½, and Miss L. Bennett, 9/4. Church Enstone: Miss A. Drinkwater, 7/10, and Miss E. Drinkwater, 5/5½. Radford: Miss Lizzie Lester, 16/-. Gagingwell and Cleveley: Miss Bessie Lester, 6/3. Broadstone and Chalford (roadside): Mrs. Coles, 8/11. Lidstone and Old Chalford: Mrs. Reeves, 7/8. Mrs. Coles found her district invaded by eager children from another parish on behalf of the same good cause. Everyone was glad to help, and the flags were again a delight to the children. No one expected the collection to be as much as last year; but, considering all that has been given by everyone since then, "it is really wonderfully good."

The Vicar had the privilege to be at Radley College from July 31st to August 4th, at the Retreat for Clergy conducted by the Bishop. It was a wonderful and memorable gathering. One has never experienced quite such a measure of help since Ordination.

The Service of Intercession and Thanksgiving on Friday Evening, August 4th, the anniversary of the declaration of war, was an encouraging surprise. There are no less than 130 names in our Enstone Army and Navy List.

August 12th—No grouching—the first day of the holidays for the Children at Neat Enstone School. One pitied the children kept in School right into August and in such hot weather. The six weeks holiday will, we trust, see the harvest gathered in.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES.—The Vicar of Chipping Norton has kindly consented to preach at Enstone on Sunday Evening, October 1st. An old friend, the Vicar of Milton-under-Wychwood, will preach on the previous Thursday evening. We hope our people will get ready the best possible thank-offering for the Radcliffe Infirmary. War or no war, the hospitals must be kept going.

The Rev. George Dangerfield, who is to deliver the message of the National Mission of Repentance and Hope in the autumn, hopes to pay us a preliminary visit in September.

The saying of grace is more frequently spoken of than any other religious custom. The authorized form concluded with the petition, "God save our Queen and Realm, and send us peace in Christ. Amen."—Shakespeare's England, Vol. i. p. 70. Also, "The people of England, when they are not under the pressure of immediate danger to the national life, always quarrel among themselves; it is their school of war, the exercise that keeps them fit to deal with foreign aggression."

An additional recommendation can now be sent for "Plain Words," the leaflet spoken of last month. One met the writer's accomplice at Radley and forthwith accused him. He promptly and most kindly pleaded guilty by digging one in the ribs. He has been where God is not named; and moreover knows full well that all is not right with the spiritual life of England. A month with this kindly Clergyman in his country Vicarage and parish would do a world of good to Mr. Twells Brex, the Author of "A Layman's Growl" in a recent number of the "Daily —." There will be another dig in one's ribs!—however, let our villagers read and weigh well "Plain Words" by two Oxfordshire Clergymen and they will see the need and aim of the National Mission.

DITCHLEY.

When Viscountess Dillon sent the £4 5s. 9d., proceeds of the Collection for Hospital Comforts on Rose Day, she received the following letter from the Secretary of the Radcliffe Infirmary:—

"We are doing the wounded very well in the way of comforts and small luxuries, and it is precisely by means of your cheque and other similar offerings that we are enabled to do so; so I should be glad if you would tell your grand-daughter, Miss Charlotte Dillon, Mlle Van Praet, Miss Agnes Braybrooke and the Enstone children who assisted in making the collection, how grateful we are for their kind efforts."

RED CROSS DAY.—The house-to-house visitation on July 29th, at Ditchley, made by Miss Charlotte Dillon and Mlle Van Praet, selling flags realized £1 17s. 7½d. the receipt of which has been kindly acknowledged by Mrs. Hall of Cornwell Manor.

SALFORD.

FUNERAL.—August 12th, Decimus William Phillips of the Larches, aged 41.

The collectors and sellers of flags on Red Cross Day, July 29th, are to be congratulated on their success. Mrs. Alex. Hall, of Cornwell, has sent us word that the following subscriptions were taken out of the boxes:—Miss I. Rose, 10s. 5d.; Miss E. Woodward, 8s. 11½d.; Cecil and Mary Belcher, 8s. 11d.; Miss P. Thornton, 8s. 8½d.; Miss D. Rose, 6s. 2½d.; Total £2 3s. 2½d.

The Rector is always pleased to have good tidings of our Soldiers and Sailors. Last Sunday after the Sermon, he read a post card from W. Giles, O.S., who was to sail in his ship the day before and wished to be remembered in our Services in Church.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

Master D. Williams and his sister worked very hard for the Red Cross Society, allowing no one in the Parish to be unmindful of their collecting box, which was found to contain 9s. 0½d.

CHADDLINGTON.

BAPTISMS.—July 30th, Frederick Charles, son of J. G. and E. E. Pratley.—August 6th, Gertrude Eileen May, daughter of M. J. and R. C. Hudson.—August 6th, Frank Eric, son of F. and F. Pratley.

BURIAL.—August 8th, Ethel Annie Yeatman.

Sept. 21st, St. Matthew, A. and M.—8 a.m. Holy Communion.

Sept. 29th, St. Michael and All Angels ditto.

Sept. 28th—Oct. 1st.—Harvest Festival. For Services see below.

Our sincerest sympathy and prayers are with Mr. Albert Yeatman and his five young sons in their great sorrow and heavy loss.

The Rev. Dr. Batchelor, Vicar of Cookham, who has been our preacher at the last two Harvest Festivals—has most kindly promised (God willing) to visit us in connection with the National Mission of Repentance and Hope. His visit will include Sunday, November 12th. A more detailed announcement will appear in the October issue of this Magazine. We are most fortunate in securing the help of one who has already commended himself to us by his sincerity and spirituality. We must endeavour by earnest prayer and careful preparation to receive into honest and good hearts the message which the Holy Spirit will deliver through the voice and ministrations of the Preacher, and God grant that having heard the Word, we may keep it and bring forth fruit with patience.

July 29th was the Oxfordshire Red Cross Day. The Chadlington Division collected in all £129 15s. 3d., of which our efforts amounted to £3 10s. 10d., (Mrs. F. Southam, 3s. 5d.; Mrs. Stevens, 16s. 11d.; Miss Fletcher, 18s. 11½d.; Mrs. A. Stead, 5s. 7d.; Miss J. Empson, 10s. 0½d.; Miss Labrum, 15s. 11d.).

The report of the Rev. R. de M. Nixon, The General Diocesan Inspector of Schools, is given in full below.

12th July, 1916. Summary mark *Good*.

Infants.—“This little School is working brightly, pleasantly and on good lines. Beyond the few suggestions I made at the time to the Head Mistress, I had nothing to add to the Summary Mark, which well deserves its condition as regards Religious Knowledge.”

Commended:—F. Dodd, E. Cox, E. Souch, F. Harvey, M. Belcher, A. Newbery, K. Kitching, F. Halton.

Upper School.—Summary mark *Good*. “This School is being taught with much care and skill. Obviously, with the work hindered as it has been by sickness, the results are incomplete, but all I saw to-day showed me that the School is doing what it exists to do, and doing it well. I was specially pleased with the singing both of Psalms and hymns, which was quite the best I have heard for some time.”

Bishop's Prize.—Albert Bond. *Certificates.*—Frank Martin, Lucy Bond, Fred Lodge, Robert Elrick.

Commended.—

1	2	3
S. Cooper,	The whole class,	P. Webb, E. Dodd,
E. Souch,	the answering	A. Wren, E. Wren,
D. Newbery,	being very level	E. Souch.
	and general.	

We congratulate the teachers on this satisfactory report which will help to encourage them, after battling against many drawbacks and difficulties, due to the loss of several weeks of term, owing to the necessity of closing for various illnesses. We sincerely hope the new school year will have a less chequered career.

We hope to hold the Harvest Thanksgiving this year on Thursday, September 28th, and the Sunday following, October 1st.

The Services will be:—

Thursday.—8 a.m. Holy Communion.

7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Sunday.—7 and 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Matins, Holy Communion and Sermon.

6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

The Preacher on the Thursday, will be the Rev. A. W. Batchelor, D.C.L., Vicar of Cookham. The St. Nicholas, Chadlington Band of Hope Treat took place on Wednesday, August 16th, at the Manor House, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Bliss. A good number of Juvenile and adult members and friends were present. After a substantial tea on the lawn, races, cricket and other sports were indulged in until dusk, when the prizes were given away by Mrs. Bliss. Mr. Sturch explained that the finances were very low, but kind friends had come to their assistance. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts had kindly given the prizes, and amongst others who had kindly given towards the treat were Mr. and Miss Field, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Schofield, Mrs. Southam, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. and Miss Rider, Miss Heritage (Worthing). The Rev. T. P. Field proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bliss for having the Band of Hope treat in their grounds, to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts for the prizes, to Mr. and Mrs. Sturch for carrying on the Band of Hope, and to all who had helped in any way to make the treat such a success. After three hearty cheers and the singing of the National Anthem all went home saying how very much they had enjoyed the Band of Hope Treat. We hope to start our regular fortnightly meeting at the end of September. Will parents kindly see that their children attend regularly as we are most anxious to keep up the good attendance which we have had for many years. Any new children or adults will receive a hearty welcome.

H.R.F.S.

SPELSBURY.

OXFORD RED CROSS DAY, July 29th.—The total amount received from the boxes for the twenty-one districts with which the Chadlington Hundred is divided amounted to £129 15s. 3d. Towards this total Spelsbury contributed £2 19s. 10d. We congratulate our young people who undertook the work on this result.

THE NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE.—November 14th to 20th will be the period of special effort in Spelsbury in connection with this. During these days the Rev. E. Greaves, Vicar of St. Mary's, Wolverton, Bucks, will visit us and conduct the Mission. In a later issue of our Magazine we trust to set out a time-table of what is proposed to be done. In the meanwhile let us make the Mission an object of prayer, prayer that the spiritual life of the faithful may be deepened; prayer that the careless may be quickened; prayer that the dead to Holy Things may arise and gird themselves for service.

MOTHERS' UNION.—Our monthly meetings are well attended, and on August 4th we owed many thanks to Miss Lee for her helpful address.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.—Thursday, October 5th, will be observed in Spelsbury for this purpose. At 8 a.m. there will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion; 7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. The collection will be for the Radcliffe Infirmary at Oxford.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the Vicarage Grounds will be open for Social Intercourse and there will be a "Jumble Sale," etc. Tea will be provided at sixpence each.

On Sunday evening, September 10th, the Rev. S. W. B. Holbrooke, D.D., will pay us a visit and preach at Evensong.

In our last number it was intimated that repairs were necessary in the Belfry. Since then we have had the Bells inspected by a bell-hauger and his report is certainly alarming. They are not safe for ringing and to put them in thorough repair (including the re-casting of the third bell) will cost £80. For the present we are making an effort to render them "safe" but serviceable for a time, leaving the thorough restoration to a more convenient season.

Mr. Churchwarden Howes is undertaking to collect funds with which to send a parcel of "Comforts" to each Spelsbury sailor and soldier serving abroad. We trust his efforts will meet with a worthy response. The members of the Mothers' Union hope to include a pair of socks in each parcel.

Church Collections July 25th to August 20th: Sick and Needy, 4s. 7d.; Church Expenses, £2 4s. 7d.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY BAPTISMS.—August 24th, Ralph, son of Henry and Emma Busby.—Alice Mary, daughter of Henry and Emma Busby.

Communicants from July 28th to Aug. 27th, 171.

Collections during same period:—Poor Fund (2 months), £2 3s. 9d.; Church Expenses, £1 17s. 0d.; Offertory Fund, £1 2s. 6½d.; Lighting Fund, 14s 8½d.; Sunday School, 17s. 8¼d.; Choir Fund, 13s.; Restoration Fund (2 months), £1 5s. 2½d.

August 4th was the second anniversary of the Declaration of War, and we are glad to say there seemed to be a real effort to attend the Intercession Service in the evening. The following Sunday was observed as a day of continuous prayer.

The following letter has been received by Mr. Ellis Grey respecting his brother Laurence of whose sad death at the front we heard some time ago:—

Sir,
17th August, 1916.
I have it in command from His Majesty the King to inform you, as next-of-kin of the late Private Laurence Percy Grey, No. 8540 of the O.S.B.L.I., that this Private was mentioned in a despatch from Major General C. V. F. Townsend, dated 17th January, 1916, and published in the Fifth Supplement to the London Gazette of 11th July, dated 13th July, 1916, for gallant and distinguished service in the Field.

I am to express to you the King's high appreciation of these services and to add that His Majesty trusts that their public acknowledgement may be of some consolation in your bereavement.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,
M. S. Graham
Lieutenant Colonel,
Assistant Military Secretary.

Since our last issue we have received news of the death of two more Hook Norton men, George Savage and Frederick Tounley, to whose relatives we offer our sincerest sympathy. God grant we may try to live worthily of all these lives laid down for us.

Albert Embra and Percy Cooper have been missing for a long time. We hope that their relatives may soon hear some news of them.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cox, of Southside, Hook Norton, celebrated their Golden Wedding on July 28th. They were married 50 years ago at Swerford by the Rev. Thomas Harris, who had also baptized them both in their infancy. At the family gathering which took place there was present Mrs. W. Winkles (daughter) with her husband, Mr. Winkles of Brackley, and these two had recently kept their silver wedding, and also this year celebrated the coming of age of their eldest daughter. On the 30th, on which day the festivities were held, Mr. and Mrs. Cox motored to Backland to see their eldest son, a distance of 70 miles there and back, a feat which would have been impossible in their youth. Mrs. J. U. Hall, of Southside is a daughter. May God bless them all and cheer their declining years.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

The Rev. E. W. T. Hudgell, M.A., Organising Secretary to the British and Foreign Bible Society, will take the duty, all being well, at SarSDen and Churchill on Sunday, September 17th, when the collections will be made for this cause.

The Rector is hoping to attend the Diocesan Missionary Convention at Keble College, Oxford, from September 18—21.

Two or three Pilgrims of Prayer will probably visit the parishes for a few days in the latter end of this month.

Our Mission will (D.V.) take place from Friday, 13th October, to the 16th inclusive, when the Rev. Chas. Edmonds, Rector of Fontmell Magna, Dorset, will preach it.

The question of shading the lights in Churchill Church will need attention through the coming winter months, about which the Parish Council and the Churchwardens are earnestly asked to confer.

Subscriptions for the Deanery Magazine have been received from Mr. Anson, Miss Sherbourne, Miss Mullington, Mrs. C. Webb, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Millin (1915-16), Mrs. Powell (1915-16).

Mrs. Edmonds will be much obliged if all subscribers to the Nursing Association, who have not yet paid their subscription for the current year, will kindly send them to her.

SCHOOL. NEWS.—After seven years' service as Assistant in the Infants' School, Miss Mary Peachey resigned her position on August 31st. From the teachers and scholars of both Schools she received a small bedroom clock, which will remind her of the very happy time she has spent here. She leaves us with the hearty good wishes of all for her future.

The harvest holidays will end Sept. 25th, when School resumes.

We are pleased to know Mr. Giles Edmonds is now steadily improving after his recent illness.

The many friends of 2nd Lieut. Alfred H. Cornell, who was so severely wounded in the big advance on July 1st, will be pleased to hear he is now improving and is hoping soon to be brought to England.

The address to Mr. Dick was completed by Mr. Andrew Anson, and after being suitably framed was despatched to Lumley. The list of 102 subscribers was added by Mr. Anson. The parcel has been safely received and is acknowledged with warm thanks by Mr. and Mrs. Dick.

In connection with the National Relief Fund, all kinds of waste paper are being collected. Will anyone who has any to spare kindly make up a bundle, each kind separately, e.g., (1) Newspapers, (2) Wrapping paper, (3) Magazines, wired, *not* sewn with

cotton, (4) Books, likewise? The bundle should be weighed up in 14lb. or 28lb. bundles and tied up with string, and left with Mr. Anson who will be glad to forward same. If anyone wishes to know more about the scheme, details can be seen at the Schoolhouse, and its working explained. One word in conclusion: Please do not wrap coloured papers, including covers of magazines with white paper, but bundle separately. The money goes direct to the National Relief Fund. If any other parish wishes to adopt the scheme, particulars may be obtained from Mrs. A. C. Hall, The Manor, Great Rollright.

DAYLESFORD.

Before last month's notes were in print—in which we had congratulated ourselves that all was well with our soldiers from this place at the front—news was received of the death of Arthur Giles, caused by the bursting of a shell, and of the wounding of Willie Webley and Willie Thornton, in different parts of the battle front. The highest testimony has been borne by officers and men alike of his company to the very high qualities as a soldier of Arthur Giles, and all have expressed their sincere sorrow for his death. The sympathy of all who knew him will be extended to those whom he leaves to mourn his loss. We are happy to learn that the two wounded ones are progressing well in base hospitals abroad, their wounds not being sufficiently serious to necessitate their being sent home. We wish them a complete return to health and strength, and are proud to learn of their gallant conduct in the field. We watch the careers of all our Daylesford boys with the most anxious interest at all times.

On Friday August 4th, the second anniversary of the declaration of war, a Special Service of Prayer and Intercession and Thanksgiving was held which was attended by a large congregation.

On Sunday August 6th, the first Sunday in the third year of the War, collections were taken for "The Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund" and realized an amount of £2 15s. 6d. which has been sent up and duly acknowledged. The amount was not as large as we had hoped for.

On Sunday, September 10th, a Sermon will be preached and a collection made at the Morning Service on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. G. Roberts, one of the Society's district Secretaries. We hope the response to his appeal will be a satisfactory one.

The School holidays commenced on August 7th, and will last for six weeks, that is, till Sept. 18th.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD WITH LANGLEY

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 27th—August 24th.—The London Children's Country Holidays' Fund have sent down fifteen children who have been kindly entertained in different houses.

Our Bell has tolled for more of our young men on our Roll of Services, killed in the war. For Arthur Harris, Royal Medical Corps, grandson of Mr. Thomas Case, and for George Hedges, Oxon & Bucks; also Corporal Arthur Henry Lane, 1/5 Gloucester Regt., is reported missing since July 23rd; also has the Bell tolled for James Turner, late Rifle Brigade, killed by an accident on his farm in Canada. He joined the Army with Arthur Coombes many years ago, and took up some land in Canada, with his brother Albert, on the completion of his time of service.

July 29.—Another Red Cross Day resulted in £10 11s. 7d. being collected and sent up.

We sincerely regret that the family from Wychwood House are leaving. The Misses Mathews have for several years been most energetic in many a good work—such as presiding over the Girls' Needlework Guild, as also the G.F.S. Branch, an example to all of regularity and constant painstaking. Through their instrumentality 1240 sandbags have been sent from Shipton for the trenches, as well as many other articles. On their departure the Guild of Girls presented them with a silver cream jug with inscription, and the G.F.S. Branch with a silver toast rack. We wish them all health and happiness in their new home. The house they vacate has been taken by the Rev. John Williams, Vicar of Poppleton, York.

The Missioner will visit us on September 13th, a preparatory call before the Mission in the late autumn.

CORNWELL.

RED CROSS DAY.—Saturday, the 30th of July, was observed as Red Cross Day in Cornwell, and the offertories the following Sunday were devoted to the same object. Altogether a sum of just *five pounds* was realised, which, though not so much as last year, was a very creditable contribution from our little parish, considering the many calls and heavy expenses which have to be met at the present time.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—The harvest promises to be a very abundant one, and we hope to arrange for our Harvest Thanksgiving Services about the end of September or beginning of October. Due notice will be given as to date, Preacher, etc.

NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE.—We are arranging, all being well, to hold the Mission in our parish on *Friday, Saturday* and *Sunday*, the

27th, 28th and 29th of October. We have applied for a Missioner, but have not yet been informed whom we are to have. Preparatory to the actual Mission we hope to have special Services each Thursday evening in October, when addresses will be delivered as under, viz.:—

Thursday, 6th October—	Rev. Dr. Holbrooke, Rector of Great Rollright.
" 12th "	Rev. H. H. Arkell, Vicar of Chipping Norton.
" 19th "	Rev. J. D. Payne, Vicar of Charlbury.
" 26th "	Rev. E. J. F. Johnson, Rector of Saraden-cum-Churchill.

The Service each evening will be at 7 o'clock, and we trust all our parishioners will make a point of attending. In the meantime we ask for their prayers for a blessing upon the Mission, both in our own parish and throughout the world. May God indeed stir up the hearts of His people to love and serve Him better for the time to come.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

On Saturday July 29th, the children of the School gave an entertainment on the Vicarage Lawn in aid of the Red Cross. The various items were well done and showed what pains the teachers had taken in training the children. At the conclusion of the Entertainment Miss Bannister, who is leaving us after two years at Finstock for a post in Oxford, was presented with a hand bag, subscribed for by the parents and children. The proceeds of the entertainment together with the sale of flags amounted to £2 6s. 9½d.

On Wednesday, August 2nd, the Sunday School Treat was held in the Vicarage Grounds. Mr. Fred Harris kindly lending his field for the elder scholars to play cricket in. After tea, various games were indulged in till it was time to go home when the children were dismissed with the usual bun to help them on the way home.

On Wednesday, 23rd August, the members of the Mothers' Meeting drove in brakes to Oxford and spent the day sight-seeing and shopping, the more adventurous members voyaging by steamer to Ifley and back. Tea was provided at the Three Feathers, in St. Aldate's, a place of entertainment recently opened and to be highly commended.

A further sum of £7 10s. has been sent to the National Committee for Relief in Belgium, making a total to date of £42 10s. from Finstock to this excellent and most necessary fund.

DEANERY SUNDAY SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION.

The last meeting of the year is fixed to be at Enstone on Saturday, October 9th.

The Vicar will give his experience in Sunday School matters; and there will be a lecture on the period of Church History marked out for this year.

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OCTOBER. CALENDAR. 1916.

1	Su	15th Sunday after Trinity. S. Remigius, B.
2	M	
3	Tu	
4	W	Meeting of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
5	Th	
6	F	S. Faith, V.M.
7	S	
8	Su	16th Sunday after Trinity.
9	M	S. Denys, B.M.
10	Tu	
11	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
12	Th	
13	F	Translation of S. Edward, K.C.
14	S	
15	Su	17th Sunday after Trinity.
16	M	
17	Tu	S. Etheldreda, V.
18	W	S. Luke, E. Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
19	Th	
20	F	
21	S	
22	Su	18th Sunday after Trinity.
23	M	
24	Tu	
25	W	S. Crispin, M. Magistrates' Meeting.
26	Th	
27	F	
28	S	S. Simon, A.M., and S. Jude, A.M.
29	Su	19th Sunday after Trinity.
30	M	
31	Tu	

4th, First Quarter. 11h. 1m. a.m.
 11th, Full Moon, 7h. 1m. a.m.

19th, Last Quarter, 1h. 9m. a.m.
 26th, New Moon, 5h. 37m. 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—H. H. Langton, (*pro tem*).
Organist and Choirmaster—Mr. Ernest C. Cook,
Deputy Organist and Choirmaster—
 Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.
Churchwardens—Mr. Austin Webb,
 Mr. A. J. Bolwell,
 for Chipping Norton.
 Major Daly, for Over Norton.

BAPTISMS.—September 3rd, Marjorie Sarah Rosina, daughter of William John and Susan Elizabeth Weale.—Walter Ernest, son of Ernest and Mildred Emily Padley.—Albert Frederick, son of Philip James and Sarah Harriet Benfield.—Arthur Thomas, son of James and Annie Eliza Hawtin.

MARRIAGE.—Sept. 18th, John Henry Page and Emily Pauline Stanley, both of this parish.

BURIALS.—Sept. 7th, Mary Ann Grey.—Sept. 15th, Edward Reeves.—Sept. 22nd, Ivy Constance Sarah Gillam.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.—The preliminary visit of our Missioner, Rev. H. P. Bull, S.S.J.S., on Sept. 14th, was the chief event this last month in connection with the National Mission. A very large congregation assembled in the Parish Church, and his first address was listened to with deep attention. His text was Amos v. 4, "Seek ye Me and ye shall live," and his subject was, "The war and the Mission."

A meeting in the Church Room followed immediately after the service and the times of the different services during the Mission week at the end of Nov. were discussed. Holy Communion was celebrated at 7 a.m. the next morning.

It is now generally known that the actual Mission week is fixed from Saturday, November 25th, to Saturday, December 2nd. We most earnestly hope all in our parish will keep this week as free as possible from other engagements. But it is not

merely this week itself, it is the preparation before hand, from now, every single day up to November 25th,—that is going to make all the difference—Surely we shall pray daily that God may send down upon us and our Parish at this time a great outpouring of His Holy Spirit that the work of grace may be deepened in every faithful heart. the careless awakened, the wanderers brought back

Let many of us honestly ask ourselves why we do not attend the Special Litany each Wednesday at 8 p.m. and make some attempt to come to the special service of Holy Communion on Thursdays. It is now arranged to have a Celebration of Holy Communion at 7 and 8 a.m. each Thursday morning to give a greater opportunity.

Let us never forget this National Mission is God's distinct call to every one of us at the greatest crisis in the world's history.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—As announced last month Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held as follows:—Thursday, Oct. 5th, at 7 p.m.; Preacher Rev. T. A. Garnett, Rector of Wickwar, Glos., and the following Sunday Oct. 8th, at the usual hours.

There will be Holy Communion on Sunday, Oct. 8th, at 7, 8 and at the 11 o'clock service. Children's service at 3. Let us remember that the Eucharist, as its name implies, is the great Service of Thanksgiving and therefore every Communicant should endeavour to attend Communion on the Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday. The Collections on the Thursday will be for Foreign Missions and on the Sunday for Radcliffe Infirmary.

OPEN AIR SERVICES.—These Services were held as announced on the Common and on the top of the Leys. There was a good attendance on the Common considering the weather, and on the top of the Leys the gathering was a very large one indeed. In the latter case the Clergy and Choir, followed by the majority of the congregation went in procession straight from the Parish Church after Evensong, five hymns being sung on the way. At the conclusion of the Service the procession re-formed, and though darkness was falling, four well-known hymns were sung on the way back, ending with the "Nunc Dimittis" down Church Street to the Church gates where the procession dispersed after the Blessing. The Vicar gave the address on both occasions. The Service fixed near the Town Hall on September 17th had to be given up on account of the rain, but we were surely fortunate in having fine weather for five out of the six Services.

It is now no longer possible to have open-air Evening Services, but on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 15th, weather permitting, we shall have an Intercession Service at 3 o'clock, in Spring Street, on behalf of those serving their country. The names of all those connected with Spring Street will be read out. It is hoped to hold an Afternoon Inter-

cession Service in every street in this way during the autumn or early winter, and at each Service reading out the names of those (living in or connected with the particular street) who are serving their King and Country. We hope many of our congregation will be able to help us by their presence, and will keep Sunday, October 15th, at 3 p.m., in their memory.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS.—The time has again arrived when it is necessary to elect three Representative Managers to serve with the Vicar (ex officio) as Foundation Managers, and one representative of the County Council, and one representative of the Town Council, as the six Managers of the above Schools. A meeting of qualified subscribers will shortly be held for this purpose. These, the Education Act says, shall mean: (a) Persons who have voluntarily contributed a sum of not less than two shillings and sixpence to the funds of the school in each of the three last preceding years; or (b) Persons who have voluntarily contributed to the funds of the school not less than five pounds in one sum; or (c) Societies or other bodies who have voluntarily contributed to the funds of the school not less than ten pounds in one sum.

Surely it is the duty of all Church-people to "qualify" and take an interest in their own schools. The Correspondent will be glad to receive the names of those who have not already done so, and who are willing to become "qualified subscribers."

RECREATION CLUB FOR LADS.—We shall open the Boys' Schoolroom on Thursdays at 7 p.m. for games and recreation for the lads of the parish. All Church lads and young men will be welcomed, and we hope to find plenty of games and reading matter to go round. We hope for a pleasant weekly evening in this way.

PAROCHIAL SOCIAL GATHERING.—It has been decided to have a Social Gathering in the Town Hall on Thursday, October 19th, beginning at 7 p.m. There will be tea and music. Tickets, 6d. each, may be secured from the Churchwardens, Sidesmen, or District Visitors—if obtained before Monday, Oct. 16th—after that date, 9d.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting is fixed for October 26th, in the Town Hall at 7.30.

Many were present at the funeral of Mrs. Gillam. As a daughter of the late A. Creswicke Rawlinson, Esq., who was so great and earnest a supporter of the Church, she spent her early life in this parish—and all will unite in our expression of deep sympathy with her husband and the family in her early death.

WASTE PAPER.—A depot has been started, No 5 Market Street, for the collection of waste paper. Parcels should be directed: Mrs. Daly, c/o Mr. Lewis, at the above address.

CHADDLINGTON.

MARRIAGE.—Sept. 24th, Frederick Ernest Jarvis and Mabel Annie Wilson.

BURIAL.—Sept. 14th, Charles Rowland Davies, aged 73 years.

Oct. 18th (St. Luke) and Oct. 28th (St. Simon & St. Jude): Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

The Rev. A. W. Batchelor, Vicar of Cookham (as was announced in our last issue), hopes to visit the parish next month in connection with the National Mission of Repentance and Hope. As at present arranged, the following will be the time table:—

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| Nov. 10, <i>Friday.</i> | 7 p.m. Preparatory Service & Address. |
| " 11, <i>Saturday.</i> | 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
7 p.m. Evensong and Preparation for Holy Communion. |
| " 12, <i>Sunday.</i> | 7 & 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Children's Service.
11 a.m. Matins, Sermon and Holy Com.
3 p.m. Service for Men.
6 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon. |
| " 13, <i>Monday.</i> | 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
3 p.m. Service for Women.
7 p.m. Concluding Service and Sermon. |
| " 14, <i>Tuesday.</i> | 8 a.m. Holy Communion. |

The effect of the Mission should be a general realisation of the call of the Holy Spirit to the Church as a whole, and to its individual members, to witness to the faith which we profess by lives lived in greater nearness to God; to make our religion a reality, influencing ourselves in everything we do, and so influencing others around us who also profess and call themselves Christians. And this is a duty we owe not merely to ourselves—for the saving of our own souls—but to the nation at large—for the saving of the soul of the nation. And this last consideration will often move people to take part in a great effort of this kind, when the thought of the salvation of the soul of the individual leaves them cold and indifferent. Let us, then, enter upon this Mission in the right spirit—not from idle curiosity, nor the mere attraction of the preacher—great indeed as that help will be—but with the earnest desire to strengthen in our own lives, and in the lives of others as far as we can, Christian ideals and the Christian character. But we must never forget that the National Mission is not an end in itself; it is, rather, to be the *beginning* of a new and purer national life—a life more worthy of a Christian people. So that the present generation may hand on to the ages yet unborn a purer, less selfish and more righteous and God-fearing heritage—a nation wherein dwelleth righteousness, which judgeth the cause of the fatherless and widow, and whose God is in the midst of her.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISM.—August 27th, 1916, Elizabeth Mary, infant daughter of Alfred and Alice Payne.

We are very glad that the weather of late has been so fine, as it has enabled the farmers to get on well with the harvest. The scarcity of labour of course has been felt, but considering all things, the difficulty has been bravely met. There cannot be much ground for complaint this year. The crops are above the average and the prices are abnormal. Not only does the grain harvest give such rich promise, but the seasonable rains that have come, have insured a good root crop, which is but a secondary blessing to the good harvest.

We have our Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday, Oct. 1st, at Lyneham, and at Milton on the following Sunday, Oct. 8th, when we hope there will be no absentees, for surely this year above all it must have filled our minds and hearts with thankfulness to realize how beautiful have been the blessings from God, of which we have been recipients. The collections at all services will be given to Hospital Funds as has been the custom in other years, & it is surely not too much to ask that our offerings will be in proportion to our blessings and if this happens, we shall have a very large sum to send to alleviating the distress incident on sickness and accidents.

The National Mission of Repentance and Hope has been arranged to take place in our Parish on Nov. 11th, the Saturday before the 21st Sunday after Trinity. Our Missioner, the Rev. O. S. E. Clarendon, the Vicar of Ifley, Oxford, paid us a visit to talk matters over with the Vicar, and the following arrangements were made, subject of course to alteration if necessary.

On Saturday evening, November 11th, at 6.30 if possible, the Missioner wishes to meet all the Parishioners that he may have the opportunity of telling them about the aims and objects of the Mission and offering help to each one of us, how best we can forward these aims. Communicants are especially expected to be present.

The Sunday Services will be as follows:

Holy Communion at 8.

Mattins 11 (The Missioner will preach).

Children's Service at 2.30, which will last about three-quarters of an hour. Although this Service is specially for children, any and all others will be welcome.

Service for men at 4 for three-quarters of an hour.

Evensong 6.30. This Service will be of a distinctly Mission character.

There will be no Service at Lyneham on this Sunday, but we hope our Lyneham congregation, will come up to the Parish Church, and we specially invite the children to the 2.30 Service.

Monday, 13th.—Holy Communion at 7, or if found more convenient at an earlier hour.

Women's Service at 4, when we hope all the different Guilds for women's work will make an effort to be

present. Mothers' Union, Mothers' Guild, Girls' Friendly Society, and in short all women.

Service at Lyneham at 6.30

Tuesday 14th.—Holy Communion at 8.

It is possible that after our preparation meetings some slight alterations may be made, but of these due notice will be given.

On October 4th, we hope to hold the first of these meetings and we hope that every Parishioner will be present. This Mission applies to all, and we want all from the present moment to throw their whole hearts into the movement. A call such as this has never been made before, and it is more than possible we shall never receive such a call again. Let us regard it as the Call of God Himself to each one of us, and let us seek to hear the message which God would deliver to us. Let no seat in the Church be unoccupied, let there be none absent. We want all to come; we extend a sincere welcome to every individual.

SALFORD.

HOLY BAPTISM.—September 3rd, Donald Ruben Rose, of Addlestone, Surrey.

This year we hope to commence our Harvest Thanksgiving Services on a week day, and the Rev. W. A. Edwards, M.A., Rector of Tredington, has kindly promised to come and preach to us on the evening of Thursday, October 19th. The Service will begin at 7 p.m., an hour which we trust will be convenient to all. Flowers, fruit and vegetables should be at the Church by 10 a.m. on the day, the time when those who usually decorate and others willing to do so will kindly begin their work. Collections for the Hospital.

The time for holding the National Mission of Repentance and Hope is drawing near and will be conducted by the Rev. R. Townsend, Vicar of Little Milton. We trust that it may be blessed and the Services well attended. Before a field is sown it is cleared of weeds and prepared. We trust our hearts may be prepared to receive seed more precious than silver or gold. It is sad to hear that something like 70 per cent. in this England of ours go to no place of worship at all. Let us pray that when "the boys" come home, they will find a new and a better England in this and other ways.

We are glad to see the Village Chapel has been re-decorated. David said, the Lord's House must be exceeding magnificent. We may feel sure that God will accept true worship in a barn if we can afford nothing better, but have we a right to think so if we can.

Pte. A. Cross is now in France where we understand he has met several Salfordians, and W. Giles, O.S. is on the broad seas. They both wished to be especially remembered in our prayers in Church. We shall remember the others too, but it is good, and should have a good influence on others when such wishes are expressed.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

Through the weather and other causes Harvest has been somewhat delayed, that we cannot yet fix our Thanksgiving Day, but hope to shortly.

It will if possible be arranged for a National Repentance and Hope Missioner to visit the Parish.

DAYLESFORD.

The collection for the British and Foreign Bible Society, after a Sermon preached by the Rev. W. G. Roberts on Sunday morning, Sept. 10th, amounted to £15 5s. 8d. which by a curious coincidence was exactly the amount to a penny of the collection for the same Society a year ago. This has been sent up to the Society's head-quarters, and a grateful letter of acknowledgment has been received. It is matter for thankfulness that the support given to this valuable society from this parish shows no sign of falling off in spite of the many pressing claims in consequence of the war.

It is hoped to hold the Harvest Thanksgiving Service either on Friday, Oct. 6th, or on Thursday, Oct. 12th. Offerings of fruit and vegetables will be acceptable, and will be sent to some hospital for the sick and wounded at the conclusion of the Festival. The Sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. S. W. B. Holbrooke, D.D., Rector of Great Rollright.

Dr. Holbrooke has also very kindly consented at the Bishop of Worcester's special request, to act as "Bishop's Messenger," to this parish in connection with the National Mission. The date of his visit is not yet quite definitely fixed, but it will probably be in the first or second week in November. May we all do our best to prepare ourselves aright for this solemn time. The Rector is acting as "Bishop's Messenger," to the parish of Whichford, and the date fixed for his visit is Oct. 28th to 30th, which includes a Sunday, Oct. 29th. Every effort will will be made to arrange for the services in our own Church on that day, but in case of necessity, the Bishop has authorized the curtailing or even the abandonment of some services in order to free the "Messenger," for his special work.

The school re-opened on Monday, Sept. 18th, after the summer holidays. Our numbers are smaller than we have ever known them, and one or two of our scholars are still busily engaged in the harvest field. We regret to say that we have received notice that all Inspection of Schools in Religious Knowledge has been suspended for six months.—so that we shall again have no visit from the Diocesan Inspector for this year.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISMS.—September 1st, Joan, daughter of Frederick William and Emily Timms.—13th, Rosa Queenie, daughter of George Aaron and Rosa Maud

Oliver.—At *Shorthampton Church*, August 31st, William, son of Fred and Edith Mary Parsons, of the School House, Chilson.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.—It is now arranged that at Charlbury we shall have an eight days' Mission from Sunday, November 12th, to Sunday, November 19th. Our Missioner, the Rev. Malcolm Graham, came to speak to us on Thursday evening, August 31st, when some two hundred people were present at an Intercession Service for the Mission. He has written a letter to the people of Charlbury, which will be in print by the end of September, and will be distributed to each house. During the Mission we shall begin each day with a celebration of Holy Communion. Each night there will be a Special Service in Church with an address. There will also be Special Intercessions at convenient hours each day. Our time table will soon be arranged. We have recommended for daily use at home as a preparation for the Mission a little book "The Epistles of Saint John," verse by verse, by Rev. F. Noel (published by Mowbray, Oxford, price 1/6). We hope this may be regularly used by our people, and will be a permanent result of the preparation for the Mission. We mean that the use of it may become a daily habit.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL will be on Thursday, October 12th, at 7.30 p.m., when the preacher will be the Vicar of Burford: and the offertory will be for the Radcliffe Infirmary. The Festival will be continued on Sunday, October 15th, when the offertories will go to the fund of the Diocesan Council of the National Mission, which is providing the Missioners and paying all expenses.

THE WAR.—We are glad to hear that Albert Harbord has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery. He was bugler in our Charlbury Company of Church Lads' Brigade before the War. All the wounded from Charlbury appear to be recovering.

ENSTONE.

At the end of a busy week one wakes up on Sept. 30th, in the charming and hospitable Rectory of our indulgent Editor, who receives by this morning's post the proof of the magazine. So it is not too late to remind Enstone that the Rev. George Dangerfield will pay his preliminary visit in connection with the National Mission of Repentance and Hope on Wednesday, October 4th. The actual delivery of the message of the Mission at Enstone will be given early in November.

SPELSBURY.

BAPTISM.—August 27th, Wilfred James, son of Percy and Ivy Simms.

BURIAL.—August 26th, William Cook Blunt, aged 51 years.

Church Collections August 24th to September 23rd:—Oxford Diocesan Fund, 15s. 8d.; S.P.G., £2 8s. 6d.; Sick and Needy, 3s. 2d.; Church Expenses, £1 9s. 11d.

On August 24th, the Feast of S. Bartholomew, the Spelsbury branch of King's Messengers held a Missionary Pageant entitled, "A Missionary Appeal," in the Vicarage Grounds, before a numerous number of parishioners and neighbours—and we believe that all those present felt that they did it very creditably. There was also a stall of needlework for sale, the handiwork of the same young people. Tea had been set out upon the lawn but a heavy rainstorm necessitated its hasty removal to the Parsonage Barn, where a goodly number partook of it in the dry. At 6.15 there was Evensong in the Church at which the Archdeacon of Oxford (who had very kindly come in the middle of a well deserved holiday) gave us an eloquent address based on II. Kings vii., 9.

The K.M.s. next presented their Missionary Boxes containing £1 11s. 1d. and a collection from the congregation amounted to £2 8s. 6d. The result of this day's effort has enabled us to forward to the General Fund of S.P.G. the sum of eleven guineas arrived at as follows:—Gate, £1 9s. 5d.; Needlework, £2 18s. 0d.; Plants and Sweets, £1 2s. 2½d.; Collection in Garden, 8s. 7d.; Side Shows, 13s. 7d.; Donations, 10s.; Profits on Tea, 9s. 7½d.; K.M. Boxes, £1 11s. 1d.; Church Collections, £2 18s.

The effort to collect funds wherewith to send parcels of comforts to our Boys at the Front has met with a hearty response, & a sum of over £10 received. This will enable us to send tobacco in two relays, and also boxes containing cake and a pair of socks, the latter the gift and work of members of the Mothers' Union.

Mr. Churchwarden Howes who has been the moving spirit in this matter must feel that his trouble is amply rewarded.

We deeply regret to hear that Private Arthur Harling, O. & B.L.I., was wounded on August 24th, but in absence of details of the nature of his wound let us pray that it may not be serious. Ought we not in the face of the great forward movement now going on, to make more of our Intercession Services on Friday evenings?

The Vicar and Mrs. Tanner had the pleasure of entertaining the children of the Council School to games and tea on September 6th. We must not forget in this connection to thank Mrs. Dillon-Fitz-Gibbons for her kind gift of sweets, nor the Misses

Geraldine and Fanny for their prizes for the races.

NATIONAL MISSION WEEK IN SPELSBURY, Tuesday, November 14th to November 19th.—As already made known to you in the pages of the Deanery Magazine I have secured the help of the Rev. E. Greaves, Vicar of S. Mary's, Wolverton, Bucks. In preparation for the Mission he has addressed the following letter to us, which I trust we shall read with attention. In our November number fuller information will be given regarding our Mission Week, in the meanwhile let us not fail to pray for a blessing on it when it comes.

Stony Stratford,
October 1st, 1916.

My dear friends,

Your Vicar has asked me to come over to Spelsbury for your Mission Week, beginning on November 14th. Twenty years ago I was not altogether a stranger in your parts. I have very happy recollections of visits to Finstock and Charlbury, and I have served in the Diocese of Oxford most of my ministry, except for a time in London, and lately in Canada.

You know the National Mission arose out of the War. The War has shewn us how terrible is the power of wickedness. It was as if the dam burst and let the whole flood of wickedness, suffering, sorrow and destruction over the whole world. But there is a power stronger than the power of wickedness, and it is the power of God. We in England as well as in other countries, had forgotten God and fallen away from His Service, and before the War we were fast going down hill to God only knows what. Now, through the whole country, we are, I hope, willing to see things in a different light, and we are going to be much more true to God, and to His Service. But for that we need *God's help*, and in your Mission Week we shall think and pray over these things, and by *God's Grace* bring our lives back to true religion, and to Jesus Christ.

I am,

Your friend in the Service of Christ,
E. GREAVES.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD WITH LANGLEY

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: J. Steed.

SEPT. 8TH, DEDICATION FESTIVAL.—The Church was decorated and kept up for the Octave. The Sermon was preached by the Vicar of of Milton.

On 10th collections were made in Church for the Diocesan Fund, amounting to £10 5s. 11d., £10 being the amount of our apportionment.

On 12th, our Missioner held a Service at 8 p.m., preparatory to the Mission and we were well pleased that there was a large congregation. On the next morning there were Celebrations of the Holy Communion with forty-two Communicants.

The Mission itself will take place from November 4th to 12th inclusive, between this and then, may

there be many prayers offered up for a blessing upon it. Papers will be distributed, which we hope will be carefully read.

We have to lament the death of Sydney Franklin and Henry Slatter (Langley) at the War. May they rest in Peace,

On 18th, the School re-opened with a good attendance.

On 19th, Pilgrim Edith, and Pilgrim Dorothy visited the Parish and visited some houses, and held a meeting at the Vicarage Long Room which was well attended on the evening of 20th. We wish to return our best thanks to those who kindly gave them lodging and hospitality, and conveyed them on their way to the next Parish.

The Harvest Thanksgiving will be on Wednesday, October 11th, when the Sermon will be preached by the Rev. H. H. Arkell, M.A., Vicar of Chipping Norton. (Offerings for the Radcliffe Infirmary).

The Diocesan Conference at Oxford will be held on October 4th and 5th.

Possibly a detachment of the Church Army will visit us in the second week of October. If they come offers of hospitality will be gratefully received.

BAPTISM.—September 10th, Vera Mary Page.

CORNWELL.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.—Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held on St. Michael and All Angels' Day, Friday, September 29th, as under: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon, Preacher, the Rev. W. J. Palmer, M.A., Vicar of Enstone. The Services will be continued the following Sunday, October 1st, and the offertories on both days will be given (as for many years past) to the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford. A good many people are away at present, and a good many changes will be taking place about Michaelmas, but we feel sure all who are at home will make a point of attending the Services and helping the good cause with the first fruits of their substance.

THE WAR.—A very beautiful white Marble Cross has been placed by his parents over the grave of "Freddy Hill" in our Churchyard, with a suitable inscription and the very applicable text, "He hath done what he could." Though not quite 18 years of age and in delicate health, he bravely enlisted in the out-break of the war and died in hospital while on active service. He certainly *did* what he *could*. May we take the lesson to heart, and do the same.

Our wounded hero, Harold Cooper, has been home for 6 days' leave. He seemed in excellent health and to have quite got over his five severe wounds. May God protect him for the time to come.

Frederick Stowe, the younger son of our respected Church Clerk, has, after several unsuccessful attempts, passed the doctors and entered the Royal Navy. May he be spared to return with honour to his parents and friends at Cornwell.

THE MISSION.—As announced last month there will be Special Services and Sermons preparatory to the Mission, each *Thursday* evening in October. The preachers being as follows:

5th October.—Rev. Dr. Holbrooke, Rector of Great Rollright.

12th October.—Rev. H. H. Arkell, Vicar of Chipping Norton.

19th October.—Rev. J. D. Payne, Vicar of Charlbury.

26th October.—Rev. E. J. F. Johnson, Rector of Sarsden.

Service each evening will be at 7 o'clock, so as to allow all our people to attend. We hope they will do so.

The Rector is still in communication with the Diocesan Committee respecting the Mission and Missioner, and due notice will be given when the date and particulars are finally arranged. In the meantime he commits the matter to the prayers of his people.

CHASTLETON.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Friday, October 13th, at 7 p.m., when the Rev. Dr. Holbrooke, Rector of Great Rollright, will preach.

SCHOOL NEWS.—After about 40 years of long and valued service, as headmistress of the Chastleton Day School, Mrs. Mary Tibbles retired on pension on July 23rd, 1916. On Saturday, September 9th, from the parents and friends in Chastleton she received a Prayer Book with inscription, and a purse of £10 together with a list of subscribers. Miss Ethel Jarvis kindly acted as secretary. The following is a list of subscribers:—Mrs. Archer, Miss A. C. Bartlett, Mr. E. Bartlett, Mrs. J. Bartlett, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Burnley, Rev. J. A. Burnley, Mrs. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke and family, Mrs. Coppin, Mr. and Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Gingell, Miss E. Hopkins, T. W. Whitmore Jones, Esq., Mrs. Whitmore Jones, Mr. and Mrs. G. Jarvis, Miss E. Jarvis, W. C. Kettle, Esq., Mrs. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Luckett, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Medcraft, Miss C. A. Minchin, Miss Nora Minchin, Mrs. William Newman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Newman and family, Mrs. Pike, C. T. Richardson, Esq., Mrs. Richardson, the Misses R. and V. Richardson, Mrs. Stanbridge, Mrs. Skelcher and family, Rev. J. A. Sneyd, Mrs. Tyler, Miss Alice Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. William Tidmarsh, Mr. and Mrs. Willett, Mrs. Whittington. We are given to understand Mrs. Tibbles received other gifts from friends.

Dora May Mimms has been appointed monitress in the day School from September 1st, 1916.

HOOK NORTON.

Number of Communicants from August 30th to September 24th, 124.

Collections during same period: Church Expenses, £1 12s. 2½d.; Offertory Fund, 13s. 10d.; Lighting Fund, 13s. 1½d.; Sunday School, 17s. 5½d.; Choir Fund, 12s. 9½d.; Poor Fund, 13s. 2d.; Restoration Fund, 12s. 1d.

There will be a Rummage Sale on behalf of Church Expenses early in November. The exact date has not yet been fixed, but we shall be glad at any time now to receive articles which anyone may be able to give, and they should be sent to Mrs. John Harris, East End, Hook Norton.

We are glad to say that we shall be able to continue our evening Services in Church throughout the winter this year, as several kind friends have provided us with money to curtain and darken the windows.

The Missioner assigned to us in connection with the National Mission of Repentance and Hope is the Rev. E. P. Baverstock, Rector of Whitechurch, near Reading, and he will visit us for three days, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 20th, 21st and 22nd, during which he will conduct Services and try to bring home to us the message of the Mission. Mr. Baverstock is undoubtedly one of the best Missioners we could have, and we are extremely fortunate in having been able to secure him. But we must remember that no man, however good and gifted, can do us any good unless we respond to his efforts. We may be sure that he will do his part as faithfully as he can. He will without a doubt throw his whole heart into his work, and we must respond in the same spirit. Our part will be to receive him as one who comes to us "in the Name of the Lord," to pray for him and for ourselves, to attend the Services regularly and to listen to his addresses with earnestness and humility. One frequently hears people ask with regard to the National Mission, "do you think it will do any good?" Well, whether it will do you and me any good depends upon ourselves. If there is failure, it will be, as far as any individual is concerned, nobody's fault but his own. The words which should be continually sounding in our ears are, "To-day, if ye will hear His voice harden not your hearts." Remember, we shall never have such another chance as this, *never*, as long as we live. It would be almost impossible to exaggerate the critical nature of the times in which we live. It is indeed the end of an age, of an era, as it is called. God is calling to us now in mercy. He is holding out His hands to us and inviting us to face under His guidance the vast changes and new conditions in human life and relationships which lie before us in the near future and will become more evident to us when the war has come to an end. There are the most bewildering problems before us, problems of religion, of education,

social problems, problems relating to the relation between capital and labour, financial problems, problems relating to trade at home and trade and intercourse with foreign nations, problems indeed almost without number. We profess Christianity, and it is absolutely necessary and essential that we should look to our principles. We must keep a tight hold upon the hand of God, for indeed we stand in the direst need of the guidance which only He can give. He is indeed most literally our *only* Hope and Guide and Strength, our *only* Saviour. These are some of the facts which make this National Mission of Repentance and Hope of such unique and critical importance. So again we say "To-day if ye will hear His voice harden not your hearts," Behold, "*now* is the acceptable time, *now* is the day of salvation." "See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh," "Oh Israel, return unto the Lord thy God."

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

BAPTISMS.—Sept. 3rd, Sylvia, daughter of Henry James and Kate Dore of Finstock.—Violet May, daughter of Ernest and Jane Isabel Wiggins of Finstock.

BURIAL.—September 23rd, Thomas Mallington, of the Heath, Ramsden, aged 68 years.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND. Statement of Accounts sent to the National Committee for Relief in Belgium.

Receipts.			Expenditure.				
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		
Per Mr. James Harris	2	14	6	31st December, 1914	4	0	0
„ Mrs. Carey-Elwes	13	18	9	16th February, 1915	6	0	0
„ Mrs. F. Alderton	8	4	7	11th April	5	0	0
„ Mrs. H. Bolton	15	19	2	2nd June	5	0	0
„ Mrs. H. Dore	3	6	2	22nd August	5	0	0
				1st November	5	0	0
				31st January, 1916	5	0	0
				31st July	7	10	0
				22nd September	1	13	2
	£44	3	2		£44	3	2

This Fund is now closed.

The collections on 3rd September, were on behalf of the Diocesan Fund, and amounted to £1 10s. 8d. In addition subscriptions amounted to £1 5s. 0d. The children's Whitsuntide offering of 2s. 7d. which with a donation of 1s. 9d. made up the quota of £3 asked for from this Parish.

In preparation for the National Mission a Service of Intercession is being held in the school at 7.30 on Wednesday evenings, and a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7 a.m. on Thursdays.

FREE-WILL OFFERING.—The Vicar would be glad to supply envelopes to any willing to take them. It is suggested that any sum collected by this means should go towards the enlargement of the heating apparatus in the Church, which will cost a considerable sum and is very necessary.

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SALFORD.
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RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLLEY.
SPELSBURY.

NOVEMBER.

CALENDAR.

1916.

1	W	<i>All Saints' Day.</i> Meeting of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
2	Th	[All Souls.]
3	F	
4	S	
5	☽	<i>20th Sunday after Trinity.</i>
6	M	S. Leonard, C.
7	Tu	
8	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
9	Th	
10	F	
11	S	S. Martin, B.C.
12	☽	<i>21st Sunday after Trinity.</i>
13	M	S. Britius, B.
14	Tu	
15	W	S. Machutus, B. Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
16	Th	
17	F	S. Hugh, B.
18	S	
19	☽	<i>22nd Sunday after Trinity.</i>
20	M	S. Edmund, K.M.
21	Tu	
22	W	S. Cecilia, V.M. Magistrates' Meeting.
23	Th	S. Clement, B.M.
24	F	
25	S	S. Catherine, V.M.
26	☽	<i>Sunday next before Advent.</i>
27	M	
28	Tu	
29	W	Meeting of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
30	Th	S. Andrew, A.M.

2nd, First Quarter. 5h. 51m. p.m.

17th, Last Quarter. 10h. 51m. p.m.

9th, Full Moon. 8h. 18m. p.m.

25th, New Moon. 8h. 50m. a.m.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISMS.—October 8th, Mary Kathleen Hopkins, infant daughter of Tom Victor and Gertrude Lucy Kate Hopkins of Milton.—15th, Joyce Gertrude, infant daughter of Harry and Florence Emily Collier of Milton.

MARRIAGE.—October 25th, Harry Mawle of the parish of Shipton-under-Wychwood, and Katherine Margaret Bond of Milton.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held at Lyneham, on October 1st. The Church was very tastefully decorated, and we were glad to see so good a congregation; we could wish that such a congregation assembled every Sunday. It is really lamentable to realize how many there are in our parishes who never seem to think of entering the House of God. The Service on Sunday, October 1st, was very bright and hearty the singing of the Harvest Hymns and also the Anthem reflects great credit on the organist—Miss Horlock—and also on the choir itself. The collection which was given to the Royal Surgical Aid Society of Oxford amounted to 17s.

On the following Sunday, October 8th, our Thanksgiving Services were held at Milton; there were good congregations, and the Services were well rendered. The Vicar preached in the morning, and the Rev. H. G. Wheeler, the Chaplain of the Kingham Homes, was the preacher in the evening. We are very much obliged to him for coming over, and much indebted for the very able, thoughtful and interesting Sermon he gave us. The Church was most beautifully decorated, the good taste displayed seemed to eclipse anything of former days which is saying a great deal as our Church decorations have generally been greatly admired. We are very much indebted to our willing band of helpers whose work we so highly appreciate. The collections did not quite amount to those of previous years, but this was hardly to be expected; they were however very creditable amounting in all to £5 9s. 9³/₄d. which was divided amongst the following good institutions: the Rudcliffe Infirmary, £2 0s. 0d.; Burford Cottage Hospital, £2 0s. 0d.; Royal Surgical Aid, £1 8s. 9d.; Charity 1s.

We have been at considerable expense in darkening our Church, in order to comply with the demands of the Government and the necessity of the times. We hope we have made due compliance with the law in this matter, and we hope at not a serious inconvenience to the congregation. As the gas has increased in price, we feel from an economical point of view we must be very careful in using as little as is necessary, and consequently the side lights will not be lighted. We hope those who have been in the habit of using the side aisles will occupy the seats in the centre of the Church, and come up as

far forward as possible. We trust too, that this additional expenditure will not be forgotten by our people, but they will try and increase their offerings so that when Easter comes the Church Officers will be able to present a Balance Sheet showing a balance on the right side. In addition to this extraordinary expense we have to face another, viz., that of providing for the boys of the Choir new cassocks and surplices. We are very glad to be able to state that Miss Giblett, who has kindly undertaken to collect for this need, has so far met with a most generous response, and we hope that all members of the congregation will do what is in their power to assist in providing these necessary garments.

Our National Mission of Repentance and Hope Services have now been definitely arranged, and the following is a list of Services to be held at Milton and Lyneham:—

Saturday, Nov. 11.

Opening Mission Service at the Church at 6.30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 12.

Holy Communion	-	at	8 o'clock.
Mattins and Sermon	-	"	11 "
Children's Service	-	"	2 "
Service for Men	-	"	3 "
Evensong	-	"	6.30 "

Monday, Nov. 13.

Holy Communion	-	"	5.30 "
Holy Communion	-	"	7 "
Service for Women	-	"	2.30 "
Mission Service at Lyneham	"	"	6 "
Service in the Large School	"	"	7.30 "

Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Holy Communion	-	"	10.30 "
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The Missioner, the Rev. O. S. E. CLARENDON, will conduct all the Services. We do most earnestly hope that every member of the congregation, and all other parishioners who are able will make every effort to come to these Services, and to bring others with them. It is to be earnestly hoped that the preparation for a response to this great call has forced upon us all the need of a true and sincere return to God. Anyone who can say, as some have said, that they have done nothing wrong, and therefore the Mission does not apply to them, is to say the least, in a most perilous condition. Once again we earnestly bid all to come.

We are glad to see Private R. Timms on a short furlough, and to see him looking so well. Also Private Skidmore has been granted a short leave. We only wish that their leave could have been extended, but the necessities of the War does not allow of this. We are losing still more and more men from our parish, but we recognise that plenty of reserve force is the surest way to ensure the victory we are all praying for.

It is with the most sincere regret that we have heard of the death of Private Dick Hopkins; he was one of our boys whose place in Church on Sunday evenings was seldom vacant. We desire to express our very deepest sympathy to his parents and brothers and sisters and friends, and may God give them that strength to bear this heavy blow with Christian fortitude. We must realize that the weight of the blow falls more heavily on those that are left to mourn their loss, than on those who being in the path of duty, fighting in a noble cause, have been called upon to lay down their life. May God have mercy on him, and may light perpetual shine upon him. The Chaplain in notifying his parents of his decease says:—"I regret to inform you of the death of your son, Private R. Hopkins, killed in action by a mine-thrower on the 11th. He died a death of self sacrifice, and a life like his is never lived in vain."

Our sincere congratulations are herewith extended to Mr. Harry Mawle and Miss Katherine Margaret Bond on their marriage, which took place on Oct. 25th. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar assisted by the Rev. W. C. Carter, Rural Dean.

SPELSBURY.

Holy Baptisms—October 1st, Elsie, daughter of Albert and Margaret Mathews—2nd, Mabel Ellen, daughter of Harry and Florrie Souch.

On Thursday and Sunday, October 5th and 8th, we kept our Harvest Thanksgiving. To write first of our Services, these were marked by large congregations, tasteful decorations and bright and reverend music. To the Rev. E. C. Freeman, Rector of Hook Norton, our thanks are due for his appropriate Sermon at Evensong on Thursday. The Collections, which were on behalf of the Radcliffe Infirmary, amounted to £6 11s. 3d., besides a quantity of fruit and vegetables.

To speak next of our Social Gathering in the Vicarage Grounds—this we have reason to believe was much enjoyed. There were various amusements for our Entertainment, a tea for our refreshment, and a Jumble Sale at which many a bargain was secured. By the Jumble Sale we realized £7 os. 6d.; by the profits of the tea 12s. 4d.; by the competitions £2 15s. 6d.; by donations £2; in all £12 8s. 4d. A very useful sum, which will not only defray the cost of the two new tea urns and 8-dozen tea spoons, purchased for use on this and other occasions of Parish gatherings, but which will go far to meet various expenses connected with our Parochial organizations for some time onward. Our very hearty thanks are due to the many energetic workers and kind supporters who have contributed to this result.

THE NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE.—Tuesday, November 14th, to Monday, November 20th. The time draws near, when we of Spelsbury are invited to take our part in this Great National Movement, from which by God's Grace we look for the "Spiritual uplifting" of our Country. It will be a time of "Serious Call" and it is to be hoped that already it is a matter of earnest prayer, and when the actual Mission week is with us that we shall allow nothing to hinder any one of us from entering into it with heart and soul.

The time table of the Mission has been drawn up and is now with the Printers. This when received will be left at every house in the Parish.

Church Collections, September 24th to October 24th: Radcliffe Infirmary, £6 11s. 3d.; Sick and Needy, 3s. 7d.; Church Expenses, £1 18s. 6d.

DAYLESFORD.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on Thursday, October 12th when there was a good congregation. An excellent Sermon from a striking text was preached by the Rev. Dr. Holbrooke, Rector of Great Rollright, and the collection, which amounted to £3 1s. 2d., was on behalf of the Radcliffe Infirmary at Oxford. The decorations were simple but effective, and a striking feature was the fine collection of vegetables brought by the Parishioners, which were afterwards forwarded to the Radcliffe Infirmary for the use of the sick and wounded in that Institution. These have been gratefully acknowledged.

We are now looking to the visit of Dr. Holbrooke to our little Parish as "Bishop's Messenger," in connection with the National Mission, which is to take place on Saturday November 11th to Monday November 13th. The details of this visit are not yet fully arranged, but will be announced in due course. May it be productive of much spiritual blessing to the Parish as a whole, and to the individual members of it, and may we all endeavour to prepare our hearts aright to receive the message of the Mission and to profit by it by diligent and earnest prayer. "O Lord, raise up Thy power, and come among us."

Our sincere sympathy is extended to our Churchwarden, Mr. Charles Sargent, in his long and trying illness, and our earnest wishes for his recovery. Many good wishes are also expressed by his many friends on behalf of Arthur A. Grisewood, who sails for Australia on Friday, November 3rd, on the Orient Line S.S. "Omra."

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD WITH LANGLEY.

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. Stead.

Sept. 24th.—We congratulate Major and Mrs. Huntington on the birth of their daughter.

We are sorry to lose Mrs. Franklin from the parish. The Crown Inn has been in the hands of that family, as we suppose, for more than seventy years.

A War Depot is now in full swing on Wednesdays and Thursdays under the management of Mrs. Huntington and Mrs. Kettlewell.

On this account the Church Work Party at the Vicarage has been suspended for the present.

October 10th was the Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest. The offerings at the Services for the Radcliffe Infirmary amounted to £15 16s. 9d. Two large loaves and fruit and vegetables were also offered, and sent afterwards for the use of S. Michael's Home. The corn which was given was used for decoration, and we rejoiced to see a larger congregation. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. H. H. Arkell, M.A., Vicar of Chipping Norton.

The Mission Chapel Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on S. Luke's Day, when the Preacher made special allusion to Hospitals, Doctors and Nurses, and Medical Missions. There were decorations of corn and flowers, and offerings of two loaves and vegetables. Collection for Burford Cottage Hospital amounting to 17s. 6d. Also there was a good congregation present.

October 12th was the Pound Day at S. Michael's Home, when the address was given by the Rev. C. C. Scott, Chief Organising Secretary of the Society. The proceedings were conducted in the usual manner and £15 19s. 3d. collected for the Society, and 92 pounds of useful goods besides fruit and vegetables.

October 12th.—An address was given by a Diocesan Mission Messenger to the children at the Schools. She also paid visits at some houses, coming again on 17th for a meeting at the Hall which very few could attend owing to a very wet dark night. Unfortunately, illness has prevented an afternoon meeting which was to have taken place on 25th.

We were also disappointed in not having a visit from the Church Army for which we had applied. However, ten of our people have kindly undertaken distribution of papers on the Mission, so we trust that when the Missioner arrives on November 4th for the Mission, which will last over November 12th, he may find a welcome, as he did indeed when he came in September.

Mr. Mawle, Churchwarden, was married at Milton on 26th, and we wish him and his bride a happy life at Shipton.

MARRIAGES.—October 21st, Charles Nusser Mold and Agnes Maycock.—Henry Turner and Dorothy Mary Dale.

CHADLINGTON.

BAPTISMS.—October 22nd, Eric John, son of I. and and H. L. Didcock.

The Harvest Festival was held on Thursday, September 28th, and the Sunday following. There were very good congregations throughout and the singing was bright and cheerful, the Choir rendering their part very well after long and careful practices. The number of Communicants was higher than at any previous Harvest Festival, amounting in all to 68. Also the Collections were very good indeed, and realized £11 3s., of which the sum of £10 2s. was sent to the Radcliffe Infirmary, and £1 1s. to the Eye Hospital, Oxford. The Church was beautifully decorated with the ample material so generously given. The fruit and vegetables—making up in all five sacks full—were sent to the Radcliffe Infirmary, together with a gift of two dozen eggs. Our most grateful thanks are due to the kind donors and the decorators, as well as to the Choir, for the good services they rendered. The preacher on Thursday was once again Dr. Batchelor—who will also be our Missioner. The thanks of all who had the privilege of hearing his most helpful and arresting Sermon are due to him.

The time-table of the National Mission was given in the previous issue, and by the time these notes appear will have been sent to all our people. It is to be hoped that all who can will make every endeavour to be present at all or as many of the Services as possible. Special features are the Service for men on Sunday afternoon, and the Service for women on Monday afternoon. Also, throughout the Mission there will be ample opportunity for all to make their Communions. On the Sunday there will be three Celebrations—as on the Great Festivals. Is it too much to hope that all who are confirmed will resolutely determine to come to one of the Celebrations? That should be the aim of all confirmed Parishioners; and we pray that it may be realised. The whole Mission is an unique opportunity for strengthening our hold upon the great realities of our Christian Faith, and for giving them a more practical bearing on our every-day life by making some simple resolutions—such as to be regular in my public and private worship; to read the Bible every day; to be more frequent in making my Communion; never to allow a Sunday to pass without coming once to God's House, and so on—which resolution we will endeavour, with God's help, faithfully to keep. Unless the teaching of the Mission be crystallised into some practical resolution, the effort will be more or less in vain.

Our congratulations and best wishes to Walter and Rebekah Cooper who kept their silver wedding day on October 31st.

ENSTONE.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services on Sept. 28th and October 1st were well attended. We are much indebted to the Vicars of Milton-under-Wychwood and Chipping Norton for their excellent Sermons, referring in the most helpful way to the forthcoming National Mission as well as to other things that were uppermost in mind and heart. Thanks to Church decorators, ringers and choir, and all who helped to so well maintain our traditions beyond our expectation. The offerings of fruit and vegetables were taken by a kind farmer free of expense to the Chipping Norton Hospital. The collections amount to £10 for the Radcliffe Infirmary, and 10s. 6d. for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

We have also to record our thanks to the Rector of Salford for his helpful and appropriate Sermon, much appreciated in the Private Chapel at Ditchley at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sept. 27th.

NATIONAL MISSION AT ENSTONE, November 5th to 12th.—Parishioners will kindly remember Nov. 5th as the day on which the Bishop's Messenger will begin to deliver the message of the National Mission in Enstone Church. All will do their utmost to come and hear and heed the message—and help others with their influence, example and prayers. There will be no collections at the Mission Services. The Rev. G. Dangerfield will preach at the ordinary morning Services on Sundays, November 5th and 12th. On the Sunday afternoons at 3 there will be Services for men only. Special Mission Services on the Sunday evenings at 6, and on the intervening week days at 7 p.m., for all comers. On Monday and Thursday afternoons at 3, the Services are for women only—and on Saturday afternoon at 3, for children. The Messenger's letter, with full list of Services, is already in every house, and the invitation has been personally given. The kind and serious way in which the invitation has been received gives one cause to believe that the whole movement will be a real blessing to the Parish. Even those who belong to religious bodies, unfortunately not in communion with our English Church, are most sympathetic and interested. One gladly notes this, for as long as there is disunion there must be something lacking in strength and peace, that are both needed to achieve the common good.

“When Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn Righteousness” —so we read in Isaiah. God's judgments are in the earth to-day, and we know that this awful war is a call from God to our Nation to learn a lesson of Righteousness that we should turn to God and seek to do our duty to Him and our neighbour. The call is to everyone, for we all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God. The call is to everyone, to turn from our sins; it is a call to parents not to let the children just please themselves; it is a call to

England to see that her men of business and her tradesmen and her workmen have a name for Honesty and Truth. But the call comes specially to such as have been brought up in Christian homes. For we know how we have been careless, and have forgotten God in our daily life; we know that in our homes the first thing ought to be, “What would our Saviour do?,” whereas that is almost the last thing we think about. The National Mission is a call to each to think and pray and try, and not to give up because we feel hopeless about ourselves.

This National Mission has begun already; God has begun it. Has it begun in your heart? Are you taking your part in it? Have you begun to pray more earnestly for yourself and your dear ones? Are you trying to set a better example at home? Are you trying to use your Sundays better? Have you any regard for the Lord's own Service, in the Lord's House, on the Lord's own Day? “O Lord, I am sorry and ashamed; I have been ungrateful, but I want to be better for the time that is left.” This National Mission is also a Mission of Hope. There must be a new England. The best and bravest of our men and lads must not have died in vain. And, God helping us, we will (each one of us) take our part in making this new England a land of true freedom, because its men and women and children (by God's grace) have been made “free from sin, and become servants to God.”

CHASTLETON.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.—The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on Friday, October 12th, and continued the following Sunday. The Church was very tastefully decorated. The Rev. Dr. Holbrooke preached a most thoughtful and inspiring Sermon on the Friday evening. The lessons were read by T. W. Whitmore Jones, Esq., and C. J. Richardson, Esq. The Rev. R. P. Burnett, the Rector of Cornwell, gave a most appropriate and helpful Sermon on the Sunday afternoon. We are most grateful to all who sent so abundantly of the fruits of the earth as thank-offering. The eggs were sent to the Red Cross Hospital at Kitebrook, and the fruit and vegetables were despatched to a poor London Parish, by which they have been most gratefully received and acknowledged. The offertories were divided between the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, and the Nursing Association.

THE NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE in this parish will take place in December. The Rev. Dr. Holbrooke has most kindly consented to be our Missioner.

The Oxford Diocesan Council consider that the thing most needed at the present time is a fresh unveiling of the Cross as the remedy for sin, and the unfailling sources of true comfort and strength, and recommends that earnest prayer be made to God for this.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY BAPTISM.—October 15th, Margaret Eva Annie, daughter of John Richard and Margaret Annie Woodward.

BURIAL.—September 30th, Richard Matthew Beck, aged 62 years.

Communicants from September 27th to October 25th, 129.

Collections during same period: Horton Infirmary, £6 9s. 5d.; Church Expenses, £1 6s. 0d.; Offertory Fund, 12s. 3d.; Lighting Fund, 12s. 6d.; Church Missionary Society, £4 14s. 0½d.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services this year were held on September 29th, the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels, and continued over the following Sunday. The preacher on the Friday was the Rev. W. Peake, Vicar of Swalcliffe, and on the Sunday the Rev. T. B. Parker, Vicar of St. Jude's, Whitechapel. The collections were, as usual, for the Horton Infirmary, and amounted to £6 9s. 5d., and the vegetables were sent to the Fleet. The Church was very beautifully decorated indeed, and we are more than grateful to those who spent so much time and trouble over the work.

The annual sermons on behalf of Foreign Missions were preached this year by the Rev. Arthur Elwin, formerly a missionary in China, who also gave a most interesting address on his work in the Church the following evening. The collections amounted to £4 14s. 0½d. being about 6/- better than last year.

The Rector will be away from the parish from October 30th to November 13th taking Missions at Wingrave, in Bucks, and at Charlton-on-Otmoor in Oxfordshire. During his absence the Rev. Dr. Holbrooke, Rector of Great Rollright, has kindly undertaken to attend to any cases of emergency. The Services on November 5th will be taken by the Rev. E. S. Robinson, of Oxford, and on the 12th by the Rev. S. T. Gwilliam, Rector of Hampton Poyle. The Rector is also to conduct a Mission at Prince's Risborough from November 24th to December 4th, and earnestly begs the prayers of his parishioners at Hook Norton with regard to all these efforts. Mr. Baverstock will be coming here on November 20th, and will hold the opening Service of his Mission amongst us at 7 p.m. the same evening. He has written a letter to the people of Hook Norton which together with one from the Bishop, and another from the Rector will be distributed in due course. Arrangements are also being made for the further distribution of literature from house to house, which we hope people will read when they get it. There is also a large supply of the principal publications of the Central Council of the Mission on a large table in the Church. No one need therefore be ignorant of the Mission, and what it is

about. We trust people will not be indifferent to all these sources of information, nor think it beneath their notice to read them. That however we cannot control. We must trust that every serious-minded man is aware of the gravity of these times.

We offer our sincerest sympathy to the family of Richard Matthew Beck, an honest, hardworking, industrious and inoffensive man, with a kind word and cheery smile for everybody; also to Mrs. Hyde, whose husband has nobly given his life for his country on the battlefields of France, and who will be well remembered in Hook Norton. And we should also like to record our heartfelt admiration of the wonderful patience and faith amid poverty and old age exhibited in the life of Mrs. David Beale, who passed away early in October.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

MARRIAGE.—29th September, Frederick George Strong of Crawley, to Dora May Knights of Finstock.

The Harvest Festival was held on October 11th, and began with a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 7 a.m. Evensong was at 7 p.m. when the Rev. C. T. Tanner, Vicar of Spelsbury, preached to a fairly good congregation. The Festival was continued on the following Sunday, the Vicar preaching morning and evening. The Church was simply but effectually decorated, the Font by Mr. and Mrs. Welton, and the Pulpit and Chancel by Mrs. Harris. The collections throughout the Festival were for the Radcliffe Infirmary, and amounted to £3 13s. 7d. The following also sent vegetables and fruit for the Hospital: Mr. T. Tappin, Mr. H. Dore, Mrs. G. Kite and Mr. W. Hollifield.

On Wednesday, October 18th, the Rev. E. C. Freeman, Rector of Hook Norton, kindly came and spoke to us about the National Mission. He gave us an excellent address his subject being "Hope." A fair number were present but we think more might be present at these Wednesday evening Intercessions and at the Thursday morning Celebrations with a little effort especially at such a time as the present.

The Rev. T. P. Field of Chaddington has kindly promised to be our Missioner, and proposes to begin the Mission on Friday, November 24th, and conclude it on Monday, 27th November. A full list of Services will be issued later on, and I hope everybody will try and keep these dates as free from engagements as possible so that we may give our whole time and minds to the Mission.

No further news has been received of Alfred Langford, Warwickshire Regiment, reported missing some ago. He was a regular attendant at Church, a Communicant and was Clerk and Sexton for some time.

CHARLBURY.

BURIALS.—Sept. 27th, Elizabeth Ann Hern, of Chipping Norton, aged 28 years.—Oct. 7th, Walter Henry Benjamin Holloway, of Cheltenham, aged 76 years.

Much sympathy was felt with Mrs. Overs and her family in the loss of her daughter, Mrs. Hern, who had been a Sunday School teacher for some time at Chipping Norton.

Mr. Holloway was well known in Charlbury some years ago: and his relatives were among the old and respected residents here.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND MEN'S SOCIETY.—We are reading this winter the First Epistle of St. John. On October 9th the first chapter was read. Mr. Higgins and Mr. Harvey gave most careful and interesting introductions to the subject.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.—From Sunday, Nov. 12th to Sunday, Nov. 19th, we shall do our best in Charlbury to respond to the call of the Mission. The letter of the Reverend Malcolm Graham, our Missioner, has been circulated and read by our people. Every opportunity will be given by having the Services in the Church at convenient hours.

OXFORD DIOCESAN FUND.—We have forwarded subscriptions: £11 from Mr. Albert Brassey, £10 from the Earl of Ducie, and 10s. from Rev. J. D. Payne.

THE WAR.—Since our last Magazine we have had grievous losses. Wilfred Bryden was killed in action on September 15th at High Wood. He was in our Choir for several years, and often sang solos. Herbert Thomas Lanchbury was killed in action on 26th September, having bravely volunteered for a post of danger.

Lieutenant-Colonel Francis C. Bartholomew West, R.F.A., who was killed on September 29, was the only surviving son of the late Rev. C. F. C. West, Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford, and Vicar of Charlbury. He was educated at Cheltenham College and St. John's College, Oxford, where he rowed for his College in 1904 and 1905, both in Torpids and Nights. He took his degree in 1905, and was called to the Bar in 1907, but never practised. On the formation of the Territorial Force he received a commission in the R.F.A., and went to the front with his brigade as commanding officer in March, 1915. He married, in June, 1909, Agatha Mary, elder daughter of William Dewar, of Rugby; he leaves a widow and four daughters. To him and his sister we owe the oak frame on which our Church Bells were re-hung in 1905.

A muffled peal was rung in memory of all the above.

Mr. Arthur Whinney heard, about the same time, that his brother, Major Whinney, had been killed while gallantly leading his men at Thiepval.

Our truest sympathy goes out to all the relatives.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—On Thursday, October 12th, a large congregation was present at the Parish Church, when the Vicar of Burford preached on "The fulness of God." The Church had been beautifully decorated, and the Choir sang well. The offertory for the Radcliffe Infirmary was £6 4s. 10d. The Services were continued on Sunday, when the Vicar preached. The offertory was for the Diocesan Fund for the National Mission, £4 14s. 10d. At Shorthampton Church there was also a full congregation, and the offertory for the Radcliffe Infirmary amounted to £2.

SALFORD.

This year we adopted a plan with regard to our Harvest Thanksgivings which has not been in practice for many years, that is we commenced our Services on a week-day, Thursday, October 19th, at 7 p.m., and continued them on the following Sunday. The experiment was a success; we had good congregations and a very fair offertory, £2 5s. 4d., for the Radcliffe Infirmary. Mention should be made of the valuable services of all those who in different ways gave their kind help and time towards making the Services worthy of acceptance to the Giver of all good gifts. They were as follows: The Rev. W. A. Edwards, M.A., Rector of Tredington; the Rev. R. Wortley, B.A., Chaplain of the Forces at Didcot, for Sermons; Miss R. Rainbow of Darlingscote for playing the organ; Lieut. V. E. Toulmin for his solo; the ladies who did the decorations in their usual good taste; those who sent flowers, fruit and vegetables; and Mr. H. Winnett for a beautiful loaf of bread. The fruit was afterwards sent to the Red Cross Hospital at Chipping Norton, and the loaf was given away in the village.

The National Mission of Repentance and Hope will take place about November 19th. Notices will be issued later.

The following have been wounded in action: Privates H. Hurst, A. Rose and W. Yates. We are glad to hear they are making good progress, and they will soon be quite strong again.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 22nd, when a most interesting and instructive Sermon was preached by the Rev. R. Wortley, B.A., Chaplain of the Forces at Didcot. The pretty little Church was very nicely decorated by Mrs. Williams and friends, and the offertory in aid of the Radcliffe Infirmary amounted to £1 5s. 0d.

CORNWELL.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.—Our Annual Harvest Thanksgiving was held on St. Michael and All Angels' Day, the 29th of September. The Church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and looked lovely. Our Services commenced with the Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, when we had a nice number of Communicants. At the Special Service in the evening we had a good congregation, and the Rev. W. J. Palmer, Vicar of Enstone, preached an appropriate and excellent Sermon. The Rector of Salford also took part in the Service. Our Thanksgiving Services were continued the following Sunday, when we had good congregations, the Church being quite packed in the evening.

The Offertories, as usual, were for the Radcliffe Infirmary, and amounted to the sum of £3 15 0, which, considering the many calls at the present time, was most satisfactory. We beg to thank all who so kindly assisted on this occasion.

We trust *next* year, we may not only have to thank God for our Harvest, but for *Peace*.

The National Mission of Repentance and Hope.—On the four Thursdays in October we have been having Special Evening Services preparatory to the coming Mission. The Services, which were at 7 o'clock, were very well attended, and we trust a blessing has rested upon them. Very excellent addresses were given, explanatory of the Mission and its work, by the Rector of Great Rollright, the Vicar of Chipping Norton, the Vicar of Charlbury and the Rector of Sarsden. The Mission itself will take place rather later than we expected, viz.—The third week in November; & the Missioner, who will conduct it both here and in the neighbouring parish of Salford, will be the Rev. R. Townsend, Vicar of Little Milton.

We ask the prayers of all our people for a blessing upon his work and labour of love among us.

The Rector is taking the Mission at Ascott-under-Wychwood, the 7th to the 10th of November. He also asks your prayers.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

BAPTISM.—At S. James, Sarsden on October 1st, Margaret Helen Esmée (born August 8th), daughter of Thomas Dalkin and Margaret Blanche Cave Harrison. Sponsors: Herbert Geffrard Pirouet, Edith Louise Cave Tuson, Rachel Lillian Hewett.

Churchill Church has been satisfactorily treated for keeping the lights from shining out of the windows on dark nights. The churchwardens, Messrs. Giles Edmonds and W. H. Peachey, took the matter in hand, and for under £5 have completed the work. Some of the ladies in the parish undertook the needlework connected with the black curtains under the superintendence of Mrs. Giles Edmonds.

Nurse Empson has given up her appointment as village nurse, and has joined her husband, who for some time has been training troops in the Dorset

Regiment, to which he has been given a Commission. He is a native of Chadlington.

The Rev. Charles Pigott Edmonds conducted our Parish Mission in Churchill Church, from Friday, Oct. 13th, to Wednesday, October 18th. The titles of his interesting and striking addresses were as follows: "The Call to be Real," "The Call to Children," "The Necessity of the Vision," "The Call to Repentance," "Possibilities for Children," "The Call to Patriotism," "The Call to Women," "Forgiveness and Hope," "The Purpose and Limitations of the Mission." The attendance was very satisfactory. Mr. Edmonds has left the following note in the Preachers' Book:—"A most hopeful time found great attention, sympathy and response." "Resolution" and "Family Prayer Cards" may be had for asking.

The quarterly collection for the Church Missionary Society amounted to £3 15s. 6d. from 41 contributors, which is rather less than an average of 2d. a week, which is quite good.

Cottage meetings are held at Sarsden Village, on Wednesday afternoons, at 3.15 p.m., also at Sarsgrove Lodge, on Thursdays, at 2.45 p.m. The Mothers' Meetings are held at the Reading Room, on Wednesdays at 2.30. There is a membership of 60 women.

There will be a difficulty in holding Temperance or other meetings in the Schoolroom this winter owing to the Lighting Regulations.

The Reading Rooms were opened as usual at the beginning of October.

The Rector has two books which are worth reading at this present time, which he would lend with pleasure, namely: "Eclipse or Empire," by Dr. Gray and Mr. Turner, also a "Spiritual Pilgrimage," by Rev. J. R. Campbell, late of the City Temple, and recently ordained into the Church of England.

The Parochial Church Councils for Sarsden and Churchill, were held on October 5th and 2nd respectively.

AT SARSDEN there were present Mr. and Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Tuson, Messrs. Vine and Cox and the Rector. The Voluntary Churchyard Rate Books were to be prepared by Mr. Blair, and distributed to the Collectors. It was decided that in view of the small amount of business to be transacted the meetings in future should be held twice a year at Easter and Michaelmas instead of once a quarter.

AT CHURCHILL there were present Mr. and Mrs. Giles Edmonds, Mr. and Mrs. Anson, Messrs. W. H. Peachey and Ferriman and the Rector. Mr. Cooper wished to resign serving on the committee owing to his affliction of deafness. He has assisted Mr. Giles Edmonds in keeping the entrance to the Churchyard in order, by cutting the grass and attending to the rose trees which our thanks are due. The Churchyard Rate Books will be handed to the collectors by Mr. Blair. A discussion was made about the shading of the Church windows.

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DECEMBER.

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1916.

1	F	
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3	S	<i>Advent Sunday</i>
4	M	
5	Tu	
6	W	S. Nicholas, B. Magistrates' Meeting.
7	Th	
8	F	Concep. B. V. M.
9	S	
10	S	<i>2nd Sunday in Advent.</i>
11	M	
12	Tu	
13	W	S. Lucy, V. M. Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
14	Th	
15	F	
16	S	O Sapientia
17	S	<i>3rd Sunday in Advent.</i>
18	M	
19	Tu	
20	W	Ember Day. Magistrates' Meeting.
21	Th	<i>S. Thomas, A. M.</i>
22	F	Ember Day.
23	S	Ember Day.
24	S	<i>4th Sunday in Advent.</i>
25	M	<i>Christmas Day.</i>
26	Tu	<i>S. Stephen.</i>
27	W	<i>S. John, A. E.</i> Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
28	Th	<i>Innocents' Day.</i>
29	F	
30	S	
31	S	<i>Sunday after Christmas.</i> S. Silvester, B.

2nd, First Quarter. 1h. 56m. a.m.

9th, Full Moon, 0h. 44m. p.m.

31st, First Quarter. 0h. 7m. p.m.

17th, Last Quarter, 6h. 6m. p.m.

24th, New Moon, 8h. 31m. p.m.

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Assistant Priest—Rev. E. Ll. Weight.
Sexton and Clerk—H. H. Langton, (*pro tem*).
Sub-Organist and Choirmaster—
 Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.
Churchwardens—Mr. Austin Webb.
 Mr. A. J. Bolwell,
 for Chipping Norton.
 Major Daly, for Over Norton.

BAPTISMS.—November 10th, Cyril Arthur, son of Samuel and Mary Elizabeth Moulder.—10th, Alfred Charles, son of Samuel and Mary Elizabeth Moulder.—10th, Elsie Ellen, daughter of Samuel and Mary Elizabeth Moulder.—10th, Alice Mary, daughter of Samuel and Mary Elizabeth Moulder.—19th, Sybil Eileen, daughter of Cecil Frank and Edith Elizabeth Calcult.—Stella, daughter of Robert George and Caroline Gardner.—25th, Joan Ellen, daughter of Reginald William and Jeanie Cameron Slay.—26th, Frederick Richard, son of James and Alice Amy Harrison.

MARRIAGE.—November 22nd, Henry Brown and Minnie Clarke, both of this Parish.

BURIAL.—November 10th, Frances Esme Lennox Gordon, aged 38 years.

NATIONAL MISSION.—As we write we are in the midst of our week of Special Services. Thankfully we can record a good start and each day increasing numbers. Father Bull has brought with him Father Williams, who, besides giving other help, is taking the Children's Services. Already we hear on all sides great appreciation of the Services and Addresses. May God the Holy Ghost bring the Message home to every heart. Only one addition has been made to the list of Services published last month, viz. Holy Communion at 6 a.m. on the Sunday as well as 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. A fuller account of the Mission will appear next month.

ADVENT.—Special evening Services will be held in the Parish Church as follows:—

Thursday, December 7th, at 7.30 p.m., Preacher, Rev. A. W. Swayne, Vicar of Tytherington, Gloucestershire.

Tuesday, (not Thursday) December 12th, at 7.30 p.m., Preacher, Rev. Prebendary Ross, Vicar of Langport, Somerset.

Thursday, December 21st, at 7.30 p.m., Rev. R. P. Burnett, Rector of Cornwell.

In the Mission Room on the Common, a short Service will be held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., beginning Wednesday, December 6th.

CHRISTMAS DAY.—The following are the Services in the Parish Church:—

Holy Communion 6, 7 and 8.

Matins and Holy Communion at 11.

Evensong and Carols at 6 p.m.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE.—A Watch Night Service will be held on Sunday, December 31st in the Parish Church, beginning at 11.15 p.m.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—In connection with the National Mission, a united Temperance Meeting of all denominations was held in the Town Hall, on the evening of October 30th. The Vicar took the Chair and was supported by Rev. E. J. F. Johnson, Rector of Churchill, Rev. E. Ll. Weight, Rev. Father Sole, Rev. T. Pinfield, Rev. S. Brown, Rev. J. Graham and Rev. A. E. Fellowes. Mr. H. P. Pike, Diocesan Secretary of the C.E.T.S., was the chief speaker—and he was ably seconded by Rev. E. J. F. Johnson. All others on the platform contributed short speeches. The meeting was well attended, and we hope that one result of it will be a realization that *all* of us (whether pledged total abstainers or total abstainers without pledges, or those who make a moderate use of alcohol) can and ought by our example and effort forward the cause of temperance. This is what the C.E.T.S. with its two branches stands for. If we are not total abstainers, we can at least pledge ourselves to take nothing between meals. These meal pledges if honestly kept would banish much drunkenness from our land.

OPEN AIR INTERCESSION SERVICE.—Beautiful weather favoured our open-air Intercession Service at the Green, West End, on Nov. 12th, and a large number were present. As at the Service in Spring Street, the names of those in West End and neighbourhood, serving their Country by sea or by land, were read out, and after each name a pause of silence broken by the prayer "We beseech Thee to hear us good Lord." In this case in all 87 names were read out, 4 of whom had laid down their lives for their King and Country. Three hymns were sung and the Vicar gave a short address on John iv. 50, part of the Gospel for the day.

CONFIRMATION.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will hold a Confirmation in our Church on March 22nd. The Vicar will be glad to receive names of intending candidates as soon as possible.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD WITH LANGLEY.

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

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

Sidemen :

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. Stead.

The Mission conducted in this Parish by the Rev. Mackwood Stevens is now over, but we trust that his teaching will long remain in our minds. It began with an evening Service on Saturday, November 4th, and ended with a second Special Instruction for men on Sunday, November 12th, thus including two Sundays and the whole week between. There were many Services, morning, afternoon and evening each day, to give opportunity to each member of the Parish to shew their membership in the great Army of Christ's Church by rallying to the Special Call, and many did so muster up to the Call of God against the evil in the world, nor at any Service was Intercession for those engaged in earthly warfare omitted. The Instructions were given from the heart, informally as is the custom in Special Missions, and were given both at the Church and the Mission Chapel, and S. Michael's Home Chapel and at the Schools, and they who were wise and seized the opportunity of the Mission will not soon forget the very earnest work of the Missioner, each day we began with Holy Communion and the usual appointed Services were also performed.

The points which the Bishop has marked in his new Book on Membership were brought out. we will not attempt to reproduce them here ; those that heard will remember, for the great attention of all was manifest.

And may there be found throughout the Deanery fruit of the various Missions.

Shewn in increased zeal for the battles of Christ against His adversaries, The World, The Flesh and The Devil. We have not only to act on the defence, but to be prepared to use our weapons of offence, and do each his bit in the Spiritual ceaseless war.

On Nov. 15th, the Deanery Branch of the Diocesan Church Bell Ringers Guild met at Shipton, and some short peals were rung before the Guild Service, after which the Ringers met at tea at the Beaconsfield Hall, under the Chairmanship of the Vicar of Enstone, President of the Deanery Branch. In the Speeches at the Business Meeting, mention was made of the honour conferred upon the Master of the guild. Chaplain at the front from the beginning of the war, who has received the Military Cross for special service to the wounded under fire, and it was remarked that he was a man who would do with all his might what his hand and his heart found to do, whether Bell-ringing or Chaplain's Duty on the Field of Battle.

The Hon. Secretary Mr. Thomas Hewett, of Leafeld, after three years of good service for the Board resigned his Office, and Mr. Harry Miles was elected to that office, if he would undertake it, with all his present duties at Oxford at School and with the wounded.

The number at the Meeting was of course much smaller than usual, as Ringers have been forward to offer their services at the war, Nine have gone from Shipton Tower. Every Parish with Bells should join the guild and we are pleased to learn that two more have joined.

The Sermon was preached by the Rector of Fifield and Idbury, and will be remembered as a full and learned exposition of what Holy Scripture teaches with regard to the subject of methods of all times, for summoning to various duties whether of worship or warfare, whether the summons be made with silver trumpets or bells, and the effect they should have upon us, whether we are thereby called to joy or sorrow or prayer or Thanksgiving, or on account of danger but chiefly with regard to the assembly, for mustering up.

Church Bell-ringing is an interesting part of Church Work and is therefore work for God. It is sad to think of bells being melted up to make implements of destruction. Our evening bells are now silent, there very silence should call us to intercede for those who are absent.

A picture called "The Great Sacrifice" has been placed in the Church reminding us of our own men who have died for us in the faith of Christ Crucified, "Greater love hath no man than this."

The Rev. Raymond Townsend has been the Missioner for Salford and for Cornwell.

Jesse Watts, who was wounded, has returned home nearly recovered.

BAPTISM.—October 28th, Charles Henry Slatter.—November 7th, Gladys Enid Huntington.—19th, Elizabeth Betty Rainbow.—19th, Dorothy Elsie Pearl Rainbow.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

On Sunday, Nov. 26th, Kathleen Ruth Lovelock, of Chocelhill Cottage, was Christened, and as it was on the last Sunday of the Church's year, 1916 will not be without a baptism to record.

On Monday, Nov. 20th, the Rev. R. Townsend, who was carrying on the National Mission at Cornwell and Salford paid a visit to the parish and we regret that time would not allow him to be longer with us.

ENSTONE.

BAPTIZED.—November 12th, Barbara Ellen, daughter of Charlie and Alma Ellen Collett.—William John Henry, son of Charlie and Alma Ellen Collett.

On Christmas Day the Celebrations of the Holy Communion will be at 7 and 11 a.m. and the Evening Service at 6.30.

THE CLOSING DAY OF THE YEAR. DAY OF NATIONAL PRAYER.—In accordance with what was done throughout England on the first Sunday of the years 1915 and 1916, it is proposed that in the Cathedrals and Parish Churches of England, on Sunday, December 31st next, Special Prayers should be offered in connection with the war, and thankful recognition made of the devotion which has been shown by the manhood and the womanhood of our country. The Archbishops suggest that the collections and offertory alms be given to the joint Fund of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England; and they trust that the whole nation may again be moved to a joint act of prayer, of thanksgiving, and of resolve. At Enstone we shall be happy to do as desired in this matter.

In response to an appeal from the Daily News and Daily Telegraph our schoolmaster and school children have collected seventy shillings for the Army Xmas Pudding Fund. Last year this fund enabled every officer and man to have $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of plum pudding with his Xmas dinner. Numerable officers and men have written to say how much "this piece of Xmas" cheered the men who were bearing the brunt of the war. Our seventy shillings will provide for 140 men—quite the number belonging to Enstone.

On November 19th four ringers were present with the Vicar at the Guild meeting at Shipton-under-Wychwood, when the Rector of Fifield gave us a wonderful sermon about the bells and the devotions connected with their use.

We all look back upon the delivery of the message of the National Mission of Repentance and Hope, that began in our Parish Church on November 5th and ended on November 12th, with an uncommon measure of gratitude. We look forward with confidence because we know that the message cannot be forgotten by those who heard it. The earnest and simple words of the messenger, the Rev. G. Dangerfield, went right home; nor need we wonder at that, for they were the outcome of prayer and the sense of God's presence. The messenger had never undertaken such work before. He was happy in the advice he sought and the plan he adopted. He took infinite pains, even to writing out everything lest the message should be unworthily given. He did not at

the special mission services preach sermons, but in the form of what is called a "teaching mission" delivered the message as to Church people, who helped him by their sustained effort, attendance and devout attention. Every morning and afternoon he was in Church accessible to those desiring his help and advice. The week-day services at 8 and 10.30 a.m. were a great help. The mothers will not forget the address on the Monday afternoon and the part God has given to them in the formation of the child's character. The nearer we approached the time of the Mission the greater was the response that the Vicar anticipated, and the response was fully realized. We do not expect to reap the harvest all at once, but we do know that in God's good time we shall reap, if we faint not. The bread cast upon the waters will be seen after many days. Within living memory there can have been no greater experience and call at Enstone. May the Mission that is begun continue in the lives and devotion of the people!

RAMSDEN.

NATIONAL MISSION.—The more active part of our mission was under the able ministrations of the Rev. Henry Adams, Vicar of Broadwell, whose presence and work amongst us was greatly appreciated by all the people. The Services began on Friday evening, November 10th, and continued till Monday morning November 13th. There were good congregations, especially on Sunday, and there was a good attendance at each of the two celebrations that were held. The visit of Mr. Adams will be long remembered, and we hope to see him amongst us again before long.

SILENT WORSHIP.—These Services on Monday evenings are still well attended by the members of the Mothers' Union, and we wish many others of both sexes could be got to understand and appreciate their value.

INTERCESSION SERVICES are held every Thursday evening, and are well attended by about twenty people. Here again we wish that fathers, as well as mothers and sisters, could be got to understand the value of these special Intercessions at this time of the world's disaster.

THE RAMSDEN RED CROSS WORKING PARTY has now been registered, and begun another winter's work.

BAPTISM.—There was an error in this report last month, and we apologise for our carelessness. It should read "Alice, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Percy Panting" (not Hodgkins).

RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY.—The collections at Ramsden and Wilcote for the Radcliffe Infirmary, amounted to £6 4s. 3d. A good collection of fruit and vegetables has also been made by the School Children for the same Institution.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.—This is now an event of the past, but we earnestly hope that its results will long remain. Our missionary was the Rev. T. Kiuchin Smith, Vicar of Horton-cum-Studley, who delivered most earnest and soul stirring addresses on five different occasions. The chief points to which our attention was drawn were *Reality, Responsibility, Reform*. The faithful amongst us made great efforts to attend the majority of the services, and we cannot but feel that there has been here a deepening of the spiritual life. It is much to be hoped that the less regular Churchgoers will share a like experience, and will now strive to carry out the rules of the Mission memorial cards. Our missionary more than once expressed his satisfaction at the altar, and at the other services. But we were not without our disappointments; some of our people took no part at all in the Mission, and as a consequence missed the opportunity of a lifetime. It does indeed seem strange that people who call themselves Christians, and who profess such a real love for the Motherland, should consider it unnecessary to take a practical share in the repentance of the nation to which they belong. That at such a time they should still cling to petty differences, should show personal feeling by keeping aloof from a movement—so plainly for the universal good—is utterly foolish and well-nigh inconceivable. It all betokens nervousness of mind and ignorance, and, alas! a sure but most sad sign that they are altogether indifferent to the welfare of their own souls. At the same time we have real ground for hope, and much to be thankful for. We must go on day by day trying to live up to all that we have been taught, and steadfastly purposing to keep close to God in the future.

OUR ORGAN.—This for some years has been in a very sad state of repair. Messrs. Martin and Coate have been over from Oxford and thoroughly overhauled it. One stop—the obœe has been revoiced, and 800 trackers have undergone new wiring with the proper material. The cobwebs and dust accumulated in the last sixteen years have been expelled, and other defects have been supplied. Our kind organist appears satisfied with the improvement, which was decidedly necessary.

Once again the Rector has to thank the Rev. A. Grisewood, R.D., for taking a service in his Church, on Sunday November 12th. His efforts were much appreciated.

We are greatly in need of new linen for use at the altar. Possibly some of our communicants would like the opportunity of giving this to their Parish Church. If so, the Rector will be happy to give information as to our requirements. The expense would not be great, especially if any little

embroidering were undertaken at home. It may occur to someone to give this as a thank offering for benefits received at the time of the National Mission.

Mrs. Penson-Harris asks for space in our Magazine, to chronicle the result of the collection in the parish, for the Oxfordshire Prisoners of War Fund, and to thank contributors. The amount collected by Mrs. Penson-Harris was £3 1s. 0d., to this have been added the contents of two boxes in the possession of Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Tompkins, containing 2s. 1d. and 1s. 10d. respectively. A receipt for these amounts can be seen at the Post Office.

Our Christmas Day Services will be at 8, 11 and 3. The collections will be given to the Organ Fund.

CHADLINGTON.

BAPTISMS.—October 31st, Muriel, daughter of W. and E. E. Woolcock.— November 5th, Arthur Henry George, son of A. W. and M. A. Steed.

MARRIAGE.—November 9th, Henry Cole Preston and Winifred Fletcher.

BURIAL.—November 1st, Ernest Yeatman, aged 5 years.

On the three last Fridays in Advent there will be Evensong and Address at 6 p.m.

The Services on Christmas Day will be:—

7 a.m. and 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Matins, Holy Communion and Sermon.

5.30 p.m. Evensong and Carols.

Dec. 26th:—St. Stephen.

Dec. 27th:—St. John.

Dec. 28th:—The Holy Innocents.

} 8 a.m. Holy Communion

The National Mission was held in this Parish from Friday to Tuesday, November 10th to 14th. The Missioner was the Rev. Dr. Batchelor, Vicar of Cookham, Berkshire. The Services were very well attended, and the congregations listened very attentively to the helpful addresses of the Missioner. On the Sunday there were 80 Communicants, and throughout the Mission the number of Communicants amounted to 116, and the Collections to £4 4s. 5d. The expenses of the Mission amounted to £3, the remainder went to the Church Expenses. Resolution cards were taken by those members of the congregation who desired to do so, on Sunday and Monday evenings. May we all endeavour faithfully to keep whatever resolution the Holy Spirit of God put it into our minds to make. And may we never be ashamed of our Christian calling and of confessing the faith of Christ Crucified; but rather by that winning and most irresistible form of compulsion—the example of a life hid with Christ in God—lead others to join with us in yielding loyal obedience and faithful service to our Lord and Master and most loving Saviour Jesus Christ.

We hope to arrange a Concert in the early part of January on behalf of the Red Cross Society.

DAYLESFORD.

We have much cause for thankfulness in connection with the visit of Dr. Holbrooke, Rector of Great Rollright, as "Bishop's Messenger" to this Parish. His addresses were most earnest and helpful and must, we feel sure, have gone straight to the hearts of all who listened to them. His personal visits to the cottages in village were greatly appreciated, and his talk to the children in the school, we believe, be long remembered by them. The congregations were good at all Services, and we were especially thankful for the large number of Communicants at the Celebration of the Holy Communion on the Sunday Morning. Results are with God, but we cannot but hope and believe that one result will be the deepening of the spiritual life of the Parish as a whole, and that some among us may have cause to remember with thankfulness the National Mission of Repentance and Hope of the year 1916. Collections were made on Sunday, November 12th, in aid of the expenses of the National Mission in the Diocese of Worcester, and an amount of £1 10s. 3d. was forwarded to Mr. John Stallard, of Worcester, for this object.

We record with sorrow the death of two of our number within a space of ten days. George James, who had lived and worked at Daylesford for more than fifty years, died at the age of 86, on November 17th and was buried on November 14th; and Emma Steed was suddenly seized with serious illness on November 15th and died without recovering consciousness on November 20th, and was buried on November 24th. The sympathy of all is extended to the relatives of both, more especially to those of the latter, whose terribly sudden death at a comparatively early age has shocked and grieved us all. She was one of a family of Bridges known and respected in Daylesford for many years, others members of which are still, we are happy to say, living and working at Daylesford at the present time.

CORNWELL.

THE MISSION:—The Mission was held in our parish on Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 17th, 18th, and 19th of November. The Missioner was the Rev. Raymond Townsend, Vicar of Little Milton. The weather was very unfavourable, and the Sunday was possibly the worst in the whole year. We were therefore thankful that the Services were well attended especially that on Sunday afternoon, when all our children and a good many others attended. We trust and pray that the earnest and loving words spoken by the Missioner may indeed bear fruit and the result be a nearer and closer walk with God for the time to come.

The Rector took the Mission at Ascott-under-Wychwood, the 7th to the 10th of November, and

was greatly pleased with his visit. The congregations were very good and the people deeply interested. We might perhaps mention the following reports of the two Missions, received from Mr. Townsend, respecting Cornwell, and the Vicar of Ascott, Mr. Walford:—(1) "I have felt my own spiritual life much refreshed, and trust and pray that even a richer blessing has come into the hearts of all the worshippers in God's Sanctuary, St. Peter's. "He that watereth shall be watered himself." Prov. II, 25.

(2) "I am glad to hear as I go about that your words were much appreciated and I trust that they may not have been spoken in vain."

The Season of Advent and Christmas is approaching once again; may we all realise Christ's coming in our hearts, and prepare for His Second Coming to judge the world and be ready for it. Each year brings it nearer to us. The Rector is forcibly reminded of this by the fact that Advent Sunday, the 3rd of December, is the 40th anniversary of his Ordination, which took place that day 1876, in Ely-Cathedral. Of those 40 years, 20 have been spent in Service in England (1876—80 and 1900—1916), and 20 in India (1880—1900). May the comparatively short time that remains be blessed by God and lived to His Service. He asks for your prayers.

CLOTHING AND COAL CLUB:—Clothing and Coal Club was paid out on Saturday the 16th November. The deposits amounted to £13 6s. and the Bonus, £4 8s., a total of £17 14s. A bonus of £1 8s. 2d. is being paid to the Children's Club in connexion with the School at Churchill.

SALFORD.

On November 6th, Ann Thornton, aged 77, was laid to rest beside the grave of her late husband Adam Thornton. The funeral was taken by the Rector assisted by the Rev. R. P. Burnett, Rector of Cornwell. The many relatives and friends present showed the regard and esteem in which the deceased was held, she passed away on All Saints Day after a short illness. We are indebted to the Rector of Cornwell for his kindness in taking the 3 p.m. service on Nov. 12th.

The Special Service and the visit of our Missioner have come and gone, but we must not on this account think that all is finished and done. The National Mission has really only begun, it has left us a message from God and it now calls upon us to carry it out. The Message throughout the parishes of England is a great call to more Christian fellowship and brotherhood. Because Christian Nations forgot this, this this terrible war has come to pass. Our aim must be more fellowship with God. We must not turn our backs upon Him, as we have done, we meet together in His House to meet and speak to Him, Sunday by Sunday. We can be friends with God, only

through fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the way to God. The National Mission, too, is to remind us that we need more fellowship with one another, take more kindly interest in one another, not keep ourselves to ourselves, but to meet together as friends not to talk about our neighbours faults, but their good points. The Church congregation should be a centre of fellowship in every parish, all worshipping together, feeding at the same altar. working together for one another's good, we shall then be ready to show a true fellowship our with sailors and soldiers on their return. Not the fellowship of public house treating, but a welcome back to share in our religion and in our daily life and work. We are grateful to the Rev. R. Townsend for conducting the Mission which was held Nov. 18th, 19th, 20th, and we sincerely trust that his kind and quiet way of delivering the Message will have good results.

We congratulate Capt. M. C. Callis, B.A., of the East Anglian Royal Engineer, on his promotion. We may remember that he was wounded at Gallipoli in Sept. 1915, and are glad that he has nearly recovered. On Sunday, Nov. 26th he gave a short address to our Sunday School Children.

CHARLBURY.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.—Our 8 days' Mission from November 12th to 19th was a memorable time. On the first Sunday there were a hundred communicants; and the Church was well filled at both the morning and evening Service. The addresses were much appreciated throughout the week, and a good number of people attended steadily each day. The early Communion offertories daily were for the Church Army Huts at the Front, and amounted to £4 2s. 10d. The appeal of the Mission to the Nation as well as to the individual, was given by Rev. Malcolm Graham with directness and simplicity: so that the general comment was "there is no getting away from his message." On the concluding Sunday, when the weather was very bad, there were 64 Communicants. Resolution Cards were given to those attending the Mission. At the concluding Service a card in memory of the Mission was given to each person present. During the week a number of requests for prayer for special needs were sent in, and formed part of our Intercessions.

At Chilson we had a well attended Service in Mrs. Barrett's house, with an address from our Missioner. This was a welcome incident in the Mission: and we are much obliged to Mrs. Barrett for receiving us.

On Advent Sunday, December 3rd, our offertories throughout the day according to custom will be for Foreign Missions.

BAPTISMS.—October 29th, Reginald William, son of William and Louisa Stayte, of Oxford.—November

19th, Arthur Lionel Ernest, son of John and Alice Whittaker.

The Vicar went as Missioner to Burford for eight days, and was received with much kindness. In fact, in every Parish of which we have heard, a real welcome seems to have been given by the people to the Missioner.

THE WAR.—It will deeply interest friends at Charlbury to hear some words about Colonel Frank West, who was killed on September 29th, written on that day by General Ward, commanding the Royal Artillery. "Absolutely fearless, and possessed of untiring energy, he has always done most excellent work: and I cannot speak too highly of his services throughout these recent active operations, during which time he commanded a group. I think he was the bravest man I ever met, and I feel that in him I have lost a friend and one in whose judgment I had the greatest confidence."

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISMS.—October 8th, Mary Kathleen, infant daughter of Tom Victor and Gertrude Lucy Kate Hopkins of Milton.—15th, Joyce Gertrude, infant daughter of Harry and Florence Emily Collier of Milton.—Nov. 8th, Mary Eleanor, infant daughter of Albert Ernest and Lucy Eleanor Timbrell of Handborough.—11th, Catherine Louise, infant daughter of Frederick and Emily Puffett of Milton.

MARRIAGES.—October 25th, Harry Mawle of Shipton, and Katherine Margaret Bond of Milton.—11th, Horace Barnes and Jane Coombes both of this parish.

BURIAL.—November 3rd, Annie Wilson aged one day, infant daughter of Mr. M. and Mrs. Wilson.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

BAPTISM at Churchill, November 17th, 1916, Alfred George Douglas, (born August 15th) son of Alfred George Phillips and Edith Annie Treweeke. Sponsors: the parents and Alfred Stuart Treweeke.

ADVENT SERVICES.—The Rev. W. Fisher, Rector of Kingham, will (D.V.) preach in Churchill Church, on Thursdays, November 30th, December 7th, 14th, 21st at 6 p.m.

We very much regret to report that another Churchill lad has laid down his life for King and Country, and was buried at sea on his way to Egypt. The sympathy of the parish go out to John and Caroline Webb the parents of Ernest Webb. They have now lost two sons during the war. Ernest had a strong presentiment that he would never return to his home alive. He served in one of the Artillery Forces.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY MATRIMONY.—November 15th, John James Bolton to Annie Berry.

Communicants from Oct. 23rd to Nov. 29th, 100.

Collections during same period: Poor Fund, 10s. 9½d.; Restoration Fund, 11s. 9d.; Church Expenses, 18s. 8d.; Offertory Fund, 12s. 11d.; Lighting, Fund 9s. 4½d.; Mission Expenses, £1 0s. 11½d.

The great event of the month has been the visit of the Rev. E. P. Baverstock to aid us in our special effort in connection with the National Mission of Repentance and Hope. We were greatly favoured with propitious weather, and bright starlight nights. Unfortunately Mr. Baverstock could only spare us three days, but we are sure that those three days will not soon be forgotten in Hook Norton. The response made by the people was most encouraging and ought to cheer us on our way. The spirit of earnestness manifested by all classes was most marked. Missioners in all parts of the country tell the same story. It is evident that the Spirit of God is working throughout the country and awakening us to a fuller sense of the love of God and of our duty towards Him, and we all ought to be praying that the same Holy Spirit may draw us nearer to Him and to one another than we have, alas, been living for many years. Mr. Baverstock's special subjects were: (1) the Profession of Religion, (2) the Practice of Religion, (3) Religion in the Home, and (4) Prayer. We must try to remember the special point he made in his final address to the effect that the delivery of his message was not to be regarded as the end of the Mission, but as its beginning. Now we are left to build upon the foundation which has been laid. He has done his part, now we have to persevere day in and day out in doing ours. All that Mr. Baverstock said was most helpful, but in all that he said he never spoke more helpfully than when he spoke to us about Prayer, both public and private. By Prayer we keep as it were in correspondence with God, and if we drop that correspondence it will not be long before He will pass out of our daily lives and we shall forget Him. This, he said, had been our great fault—forgetfulness of God. We had come to leave Him out of account, and so on. We know how true that is. Let us lay it to heart.

Our best thanks are due to the ladies who worked so hard at making the curtains for the windows in the Church, so that we might not have to abandon evening Services during the winter owing to the lighting regulations. It really was a great task, and took 164 yards of material 50 inches wide. The bills have not yet all come in, but so far they amount to nearly £13, and we have still to pay for

rods and rings and labour, etc., so that we may have to find about £3 more. Towards this we have received £5 anonymously through the Rector, £5 from Miss Rushton, £1 from Miss Golding, £1 from the Rector, and 10s. from Miss Dickins.

As a matter of historical interest we may record that no bells may now be rung for Church on Sunday evenings after one hour and a half after sunset.

SPELSBURY.

November 14th—20th was the period observed at Spelsbury in connection with the "National Mission of Repentance and Hope." It was a happy and blessed week we trust for all who took part in it. Certainly the earnestness of our "Messenger" and his thoughtful addresses, and the many Intercessions in which he led us, should bring us "better hope" for ourselves individually and for our country as a whole. Good resolutions doubtless we made, let us not fail to seek for the "Grace of Perseverance" to bring the same to "good effect." It is with great pleasure that I am able to append a letter from our messenger which we may regard as his parting words to us. We all I feel sure would wish through our magazine to thank Mr. Greaves for his week among us and bid him God speed in his own sphere of labour for Christ.

My dear Friends,

I wanted to write these few lines to the people of Spelsbury and the hamlets, to say that I hope we shall none of us forget the Services which we had together during your National Mission week. It was a happy time. The Children's Service on the first afternoon started us off well, and I don't think anybody was left out afterwards. What we want to do in all the parishes where the National Mission has been is to keep before us what we heard, and as God enables us by His Grace, to bring it out in our life.

The National Mission is a movement among the members of the Church to reform and to make better our own practice as Church members, and the national practices of our nation. The first thing is to think it out for ourselves with prayer to God for guidance and help, and by Bible reading and Sunday Worship and regular Communion, to become live and happy members of the Church, which is our brotherhood. And later on we can help forward anything that comes forward which is for the good of our country.

Your friend and brother in Christ,

E. GREAVES.

Church collections October 25th to November 23rd:—Sick and Needy, 4s. 2d.; Church Expenses, £1 13s. 10d.; Oxford Diocesan Fund for Expenses of National Mission, £1 8s. 6d.

The Services on Xmas Day will be Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Matins and Holy Communion, 11 a.m.; Evensong and Carols, 5 p.m.

The collections on Xmas Day will be given to the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society.