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MY DEAR PEOPLE,

We have all heard, with very real sorrow, that Mr. Job has been obliged, on account of ill-health, to resign the living of Bengoe. I believe the resignation takes effect in the Autumn. I know that we shall remember him in our prayers that he may be spared to enjoy a well-earned rest after forty years of faithful work for God and the Church. I am sure that the people of Bengoe will greatly miss him and Mrs. Job.

It is a great pleasure to record the fact that Sergeant W. G. Heather, one of our Choirmen, has received the Distinguished Conduct Medal for bravery in the field. He hopes to come home soon on short leave; he will have a very hearty welcome, and many sincere congratulations.

I print in this month's Magazine a letter from the Bishop of London: it puts the whole question of our right attitude in this distressing time through which the Country is passing, and I am glad to publish it.

Mr. Basey has just completed twenty-five years' work as Head Master of the Boys' School. His is a long record of excellent work, not only in the school itself, but in various other ways he has contributed largely to Church work in this parish, which is much appreciated, not only by his pupils, but by all those who have at heart the welfare of the lads in our neighbourhood.

The children who attend the Sunday School are going to Windsor on Wednesday, August 11th. Parents and other adults who wish to accompany them may do so by giving their names to any of the Sunday School Teachers. The charge for adults is 2/6, which includes the return journey by steamer from Hampton, and tea at Windsor.

At the Annual Parade of the Church Lads' Brigade, held on Tuesday, July 27th, the Inspecting Officer, Major Merritt, expressed himself as well pleased with the general condition of the Brigade. Subscriptions are needed for this work, and should be sent to Mr. Goldie or to Mr. Basey.

Mr. Goldie is taking his holiday in August, and Mr. Gilberthorpe will also be away on August 8th, 15th and 22nd.

The Sunday Schools will not meet in August, but the children's Service at 3 p.m. on Sundays will continue as usual.

Yours truly,
R. COAD PRYOR.

Parish Notices.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS.

The Congregation are particularly asked to support the following organizations according to their means especially the following funds; Assistant

Clergy *£120 (apart from Vicar's contribution); Churchyard. *£25; Sunday Schools. *£10; Day Schools (Building maintenance and repairs) *£10; Provident Club, *£10; Church Lads' Brigade, *£10; Treats' Fund, *£20. Contributions may be sent to the Churchwardens, to whose order cheques should be made payable.

Support is also asked for the Freewill Offering Scheme (weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions), under which the parish contributes to (1) the following diocesan funds instead of having separate appeals and collections in church, viz:— (a) Training for the Ministry; (b) Maintenance of the Ministry in poorer districts of the diocese; (c) Pensions for Clergy; (d) Clergy Widows and Orphans; (e) Church buildings and repairs in poorer districts of the diocese; (f) Religious Education of the young in poor districts of the diocese; (g) Organization and general purposes (not to exceed 6d. out of every sovereign contributed, or one fortieth part), and (2) in the surplus, if any, of each year, which ends 31st December, those parochial funds, specially needing help. Hon. Secretary of Scheme: Mr. A. F. Poley, Willowbank, Uxbridge Road, who will supply envelopes for weekly contributions, on request.

Parish News.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—A well-attended Meeting was held in the Vicarage Garden on Wednesday, July 28th, when a most interesting address on the work of the Society in Japan was given by the Rev. W. P. Buncombe, who for more than twenty years has worked in that land. The collection amounted to £2 7s. 0d. Mrs. Kiddell, Hammerfield, Wellington Road, will gladly supply boxes, collecting cards, etc.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—A very successful open-air Meeting was held in the Vicarage Field on Tuesday, July 13th, when an encouraging report of the past year's work was given by Mr. Jordan, the indefatigable Secretary. An instructive address on the general principles of the C.E.T.S. was given by the Rev. W. W. Clarke, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Twickenham.

MISSIONARY WORKING PARTY will meet on Friday, August 13th, at Miss Lambert's, Cranmer Road, and on the 27th, at the Vicarage.

The District Visitors will meet in the Vestry on Friday, August 27th, at 11.15 a.m.

The Vicar will be glad if those who desire to see him on parochial matters will call at the Vicarage any morning between 9 and 9.30. Papers can always be signed in the Vestry by one of the Clergy before or after any week-day service.

*Required annually.

A Message from the Bishop of London to the
People of London.

You must forgive my writing to you direct—I cannot visit you in person, as I should like to do; and whatever your denomination may be, you are a fellow citizen with me in this great city, and you will not, I hope, take amiss a message from me.

You probably have a son or brother, husband or friend who is in the trenches, or who is keeping watch and ward over our country upon the sea, or preparing for action in some great camp at home.

It was to such men I went out in Holy Week and Easter to give a message from home, and we had many services together, and I gave them souvenirs of the Holy Season, many of which I know have now been sent home.

This is a message to the father, mother, brother, sister, or friend of the gallant men I saw at Easter, and the question I want to ask you, as I ask myself, is, “**Are we worthy of such defenders.**”

Like St. Paul, they can say, “I die daily.” It is impossible to over-estimate the sacrifice and courage required in a modern battle—we never really hear the details. “So this is war,” wrote home one young officer—“my best friend is lying by my side with a bullet through his heart, my men are groaning with pain in the trench, and I have been knocked down four times in five minutes by the concussion of a shell.” And yet they “endure this hardness as good soldiers” for the honour of their country and the freedom of the world. “I have come out mother” wrote one lad home “that you and the sisters may not be treated like the Belgian women have been.” A few days later he died in that sacred cause.

What are we doing at home? That is the question.

Why should the young do all the fighting and the dying, and offer the great sacrifice by themselves?

The sacrifice that is **for** all should be offered **by** all.

What one thing have we given up or done or tried to do to prevent England becoming a German province, or Kent and Middlesex being treated like Belgium and parts of France?

Have we been true to our manhood or womanhood in this great day of God on which is being decided the future of the world.

In the message of Christ from the Cross to be the standard of mankind, or the modern German teaching that might is right? Nothing less than that is the issue before the world to-day.

“What can I do?” perhaps you ask.

1. First you can **pray**.

If **everyone** prayed, and prayed regularly, we should receive a spiritual force which would astonish the world.

2. But to pray properly we must **repent**. “There is none that doeth good—no not one!” and if we are honest with ourselves, all have much selfishness and love of comfort, to say nothing of other sins, to lay penitently before God.

3. But prayer and penitence must lead up to **service**. “I am among you as He that serveth!” was Christ’s own declaration, and it sanctifies the great appeal made to the nation to-day for “universal voluntary service.” “Am I making what I can out of this war?” or “Am I giving all

I can for the good of the common cause?” It is the answer to these questions which mark off a traitor from a patriot.

The lads at the front are doing their bit. What is my bit? Am I doing it?

4. But I must do more than **serve**. I must **save**. The nation has to save £1,000,000,000 a year to pay for the war, the Prime Minister tells us: then I must see there is no waste in my household. However small a sum it may be, I must save what I can and invest it in the War Loan to help my country. I cannot “have a good time” at home while the lads at the front go through what they really call “a Hell.”

These seem to me the resolutions we are really bound to make—“I will pray, I will repent, I will serve, I will save”—and it is that we may all have the grace to do this that I ask you to use daily the prayers which follow.

A. F. LONDON.

It is on August 4th that the Central Committee for National Patriotic Organizations have arranged meetings throughout the country and in all the Overseas Dominions and the Colonies, at which the following resolution will be moved:—

“That on this anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war, this Meeting of the citizens of _____ records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in “maintenance of those ideals of Liberty and “Justice, which are the common cause of our “Allies.”

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
June 27.—Church Expenses ..	2 10 4	0 18 4	3 8 9
July 4.—Assist. Clergy Fund..	2 18 1	0 18 7	3 16 8
„ 11.—Chrch. Expsns. 2 10 7	7 1 7		
Teddington Cottage Hospital 4 11 0		1 10 0	8 9 11
„ 18.—Church Expenses ..	2 14 11	1 4 1	3 19 0
„ 25.—Church Expenses ..	4 9 6	1 1 11	5 11 5
Early Celebrations June 27, 8/2; July 4, 12/3; July 11, 8/10;			
July 18, 9/6; July 25, £1 10 1			3 8 10
Week-day Celebrations:—June 29, 1/8; July 1, 3/-			0 4 8
Children’s Services (Missions)—July 3, 1/5; July 18, 1/8;			
July 25, 1/7			0 4 8
Communicants’ Guild on July 12			0 4 7
			Total - £29 18 6

MARRIAGES.

June 26.—James Henry Johnstone to Lilian Agnes Mason.
July 17.—Frank Henry Cheeseman to Rose Benn.
July 24.—Frederick Davies to Helen Catherine Chandler.

BURIAL.

“I am the Resurrection and the Life.”
July 6.—Eliza Southwell, aged 61 years.