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MY DEAR PEOPLE,

The Rev. G. F. Sloan, Vicar of S. Simon's, West Kensington, has been appointed as Bishop's Messenger to our Parish in connection with the National Mission. The date is November 5th, and I am asking Mr. Sloan to pay us a visit sometime during this month in preparation for his coming in November. Due announcement will be made in Church.

Owing to the Police Regulations as regards Lighting and Bell-ringing, it has been decided that on October 15th. and until further notice, the Sunday Evening Service will commence at 6 p.m. instead of at 7.

We are all very sorry to hear of the death in France of Lieut. Guy Dawkins, a former member of the Choir, and a son of the late Organist. To Mr. and Mrs. Dawkins, and others who have suffered recent loss, we tender very sincere sympathy.

I am told that more workers are needed for the Church Cleaning. The improvement in the condition of the Church is so marked that I hope sufficient help will be at once forthcoming. Mrs. Cameron will gladly explain what is required to anyone desiring information.

At the Harvest Festival Services on October 8th, the Collections will be given to the Teddington Cottage Hospital, an Institution worthy of very generous support, and which is of great use to our Parish.

I hope to give a Lecture in the Church Room, on Tuesday, October 24th, at 8.30 p.m., on "Some difficulties of the Bible." It will be in connection with the C.E.M.S., but visitors will be welcomed.

The next all-day Intercession for the War will be held on Friday, October 27th.

Yours truly,

R. COAD PRYOR.

The Vicar will be glad if those who desire to see him on parochial matters will call at the Vicarage any morning between 8 and 9. Papers can always be signed in the Vestry by one of the Clergy before or after any week-day service.

COMFORTS FOR THE TROOPS.

The following appeal has been issued by Mrs. Norton, of Laurel Dene, who is in charge of our local band of workers for Troop Comforts, and it is hoped that the response will be good.

Our district Association of Hampton, Hampton Hill and Hampton Court is asked by the D.G.V.O. War Office), to make as many knitted comforts (mittens, mufflers and helmets) as we can, and as soon as possible, for the troops in the various theatres of war this winter. I hope the women of the district will respond nobly, for the need is urgent. We have facilities for obtaining wool through the Director General of Voluntary Organisations on specially favourable terms, and workers can obtain what they require on the same terms through me.

Our Association did good work in the spring and summer in making sunshades, mosquito nets and vests, but we must do still better this winter, and I appeal to those who have not yet joined us, as well as to our workers, to let me know how much wool they wish for or how many articles they can undertake to make. Full instructions as to making are supplied without charge, and the finished articles (which should be sent to me at this address) are forwarded to the theatres of war at Government expense. If any well-wishers who will, instead, send a contribution to the funds of the Association, their practical interest will be much appreciated. If we have money in hand we shall be able to distribute wool for making up in the schools and in other quarters where there are workers willing to help but without the means, trifling though it may be, to pay for the wool.

Parish News.

HOSPITAL LETTERS.—The Vicar will be grateful for "letters" for the Richmond and Teddington Hospitals; they are in constant demand.

NATIONAL MISSION.

Why do we need a Mission?—The Church has a magnificent opportunity of witnessing to the nation as a whole, and influencing it with the Spirit of Christ. Yet she is comparatively weak. More faithful and devoted

work is being done by the clergy and workers than ever before. Yet the Church is failing to advance. There is a widespread sense of being "held up." She possesses the spirit of unselfishness and love and yet industrial difficulties only seem to increase. She has the message which is needed to make England better and happier, but men and women are not coming to her churches that they may hear it. The Church is in earnest: the Church has a message to give: the Church is the hope of the nation: but the Church lacks effectiveness. Yet this need not be. Failure is not inevitable. God's purpose is far different. He Who is the God of love is the God of power, and that power is available for the Church. God is waiting to use the Church afresh, waiting until she shall forsake her sins and come back to Him by that way of penitence which is the way to new life and power.

What is the Mission?—The Mission is a call to repentance and a message of hope. It is a call to the whole Church to think, to confess, to repent, to seek fuller knowledge of Christ's will, to be yielded to Christ, to be filled with the Spirit of Christ, to witness in the Name of Christ. The National Mission aims at nothing less than the recognition of Christ as Saviour and Lord in our nation to-day and at the redemption of our whole life, personal, social and national, by Christ, and its subjection to His rule. The National Mission is a united mission of witness. It is not to be the mission of a few messengers and missionaries only, but of all the clergy, and all the communicants, individually and corporately. The character of the witness needed cannot be better stated than in the words of the object of the Laymen's and Women's Christian Crusades: "To appeal to the men—and the women—of the nation at this solemn crisis to witness without shame or fear to their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord, Saviour, and Supreme Guide; to join in the fellowship of prayer; to seek to bring the spirit of Jesus Christ to bear upon all the problems of life."

How can we prepare?—We must confess not only our personal sins, but the sins of the Church and nation of which we are members. We must have new faith in Christ as our own Redeemer, as Head of the Church, as the One to Whom all things must be made subject. We must yield ourselves so fully to Christ in obedience and faith that the indwelling Spirit may be in us the Spirit of life and power. We must witness to Christ in our personal life, our homes, wherever our life touches others. We must give ourselves to prayer. All intercession services, prayer meetings, and at our Communion we shall be able to join together in intercession as well as one by one in our private prayers. The truest and most essential preparation for all that, in God's mercy, lies before us in an attitude of fresh surrender to God, of dependence upon the Holy Spirit, of willingness to be led along new paths of thought, devotion, and service.

Two Essential Needs.—We talk of what we can do and what we hope for, but we must remember that it must all be the gift of God: it must be the work of the Holy Ghost. Only He can convict us of sin, only he can wake us to new hope and faith in Christ, and give us power to witness for Him; only He can help us to pray as we ought. Above all we must pray for a new knowledge and new experience of the power of the Holy Ghost.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

"Greater love hath no man than this."

Edward Bligh, Albert Beckett, Jack Bowpitt, Frederick Branch, George William Brickwood, Richard Burr, Richard Doughty, A. Dundas, Harold Elliott, Herbert Gernat, William Owen Glenfield, Frank Gwynn, William Gregory, B. C. Hockley, Albert Hutchins, W. Nash, Harry Roberts, John Sait, Jack Smith, Martin Thorp, Dudley Tidey, H. J. Tomkins, Albert Turner, Albert White, George Wotton, V. T. Burberry, F. C. Branchett, Leonard Carter, Walter Mason, George Skinner, Harold Walker, Frederick Gamgee, George Bowpitt, John Frederick George Rew, Ernest Dalzel Job, W. Rivers, William Frederick Humphrey, Richard Costello, Charles Henry Humphrey, William Glazier, Harold Frederick Singleton.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Aug. 27.—Church Expenses ...	2 10 8	1 9 6	4 0 2
Sept. 3.—Assistant Clergy Fund	1 13 3	1 9 2	3 2 5
" 10.—Kitchener Memorial	8 4 2	2 15 11	11 0 1
" 17.—Church Expenses ...	2 8 11	1 3 5	3 12 4
" 24.—Mission to Seamen ...	5 10 4	2 16 11	8 7 3
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund) Aug. 27, 11/1; Sep. 3, 11/10; Sep. 10, 11/5; Sep. 17, 7/10 ...			2 2 2
Week-day Celebrations:—Aug. 24, 2/10; Aug. 25, 2/8; Aug. 31, 1/8; Sep. 7, 3/-; Sep. 21, 6/6; Sep. 22, 3/9; ...			1 0 5
Children Services (Missions)—Aug. 27, 2/6; Sep. 3, 2/-; Sep. 10, 5/1 ...			9 9 7
Total			£33 14 5

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

Sept. 3—Edwin Lionel Hurst.
 " 10—Robert Leslie Frampton.
 " 10—Douglas George Bonfield.
 " 10—Ronald Henry Jennings.
 " 10—Phyllis Mildred Doughty.
 " 10—Elsie Edie Phillips.
 " 10—Dorothy Ellen Shepherd.
 " 24—Joyce Margaret Wintle.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Sept. 2—Sidney Harry Rivers and Elizabeth Mary McGarry.
 " 23—Henry Walters Williams and Ada Fitzwater.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Sept. 20—Sydney Augustus Paget, aged 59 years.
 " 20—Alice Margaret Beauchamp, aged 57 years.