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MY DEAR PEOPLE,

The Season of Advent is again near, when the Church bids her children think seriously and deeply of "last things": death, judgment, heaven and hell. It is much to be feared that in the press and hurry of modern life, such things have less attention paid to them than in former and less busy days, but the necessity for such attention is even greater now than for many years, and I very earnestly call you to "think on these things."

I shall hope to preach a series of Sermons on December 5th, 12th and 19th, both morning and evening, on "Some aspects of the Hereafter." I do so with some diffidence, but I can hardly refuse after many requests from many quarters for such sermons. I ask your prayers that I may be enabled to give some help to those who need it and are looking for it.

No one who was present at the Armistice Day Commemoration Services on November 11th is likely to forget the beautiful and solemn occasion. We are specially grateful to Mr. Goldie for his inspiring and helpful words. The quantities of flowers placed round the War Memorial show that the "Lads" were not forgotten.

The Church Repair Fund makes slow and but sure progress. The final bill for the work has now been received and amounts to £129. Nearly two-thirds of this sum has been received, I should be rejoiced if the whole amount could be forthcoming by the end of the year. The ordinary collections in Church are quite excellent, and meet adequately all ordinary expenditure, but this additional outlay lays a heavy burden upon the Parish, but I am confident that you will enable the Churchwardens to bear it.

The Annual Sale of Work for Church Missions takes place on Wednesday afternoon, December 8th. If every member of St. James' Congregation made a point of attending, we should have a

record sale, and it would be a great encouragement to the Missionary Working Party.

Please read the announcement elsewhere in this magazine respecting the future arrangements of the C.E.T.S.

The Services for Christmas Day will be as usual, Holy Communion, 7, 8 and 11 a.m., with a Carol Service in the evening. The carols will be repeated on the Sunday. Flowers for the Decorations should be sent as early as possible on December 24th.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas?

Yours very truly,

R. COAD PRYOR.

Thanksgivings and Intercessions.

DECEMBER.

LET US THANK GOD.

For all gifts for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God;

For all faithful service in the Church.

For sufficiency of daily food.

Thanks be to God.

LET US PRAY:

I.

For the settlement and peace of the world;

For the guidance of all in authority;

For their faithfulness to the Divine leading;

For the ordering of all things in dispute according to the righteous will of God;

For the putting away of all selfishness, and worldliness, and forgetfulness of the rights of others

II.

That God would call many men to the life and work of the Ministry;

That He would call many women to give their lives to His service in the work of His Church;

That many more, both men and women, may be led to offer themselves for work in the Mission Field.

III.

That God would give us all things needful for soul and body;

That He would preserve us from scarcity and famine and pestilence;

That He would deliver us from all those evil things which follow in the wake of war;

That He would grant us in patience to possess our souls.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

IMPORTANT.—Will all those who are responsible for Church Work please send a full report to the Vicar by the 20th of each month, by so doing it will not only be of great interest to our readers, but greatly forward the work of the Church.

J. CHIPPERFIELD, *Manager.*

Parish Wants.

1. A Parish Hall.
2. A Bier for use in Church at Funerals, approximate cost about £30.
3. Additional Subscriptions to the Day Schools.

Parish News.

CHURCH REPAIR FUND.—The Vicar and Churchwardens acknowledge the receipt of the following sums received during the month towards the £129 2s. 11d. expended on external repairs of the Church:

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	58	3	0
Mrs. Powell	2	2	0
Mr. F. H. Storey	2	2	0
Mr. W. H. Owen	1	1	0
The Vicar	2	2	0
Mr. C. J. W. Jakeman (additional)	3	18	0
Mr. and Mrs. Shepperd	2	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. F. Davies	2	10	0
Miss A. Rylett	1	1	0
Mrs. Mahon	3	0	0
Mrs. Joseph	1	1	0
Miss Lambert	1	1	0
Miss B. Lambert	1	1	0

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Tenth List of Subscribers to the Curate Fund to 18th November, 1920:

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Belby (monthly)	...	0	1 0
Mr. Carter	...	0	3 6
Mrs. Davies	...	1	1 0
E. J. B. (for Sept. and Oct.)	...	0	2 0
Mrs. Gernat (monthly)	...	0	5 0
Mr. G. Golding	...	0	1 6
Mrs. Macarthey (paid April)	...	0	10 0
Mrs. Metcalf (monthly)	...	0	2 0
Mrs. Trotter	...	0	2 6

Second Meeting of St. James' Church PAROCHIAL COUNCIL, held in the Church Room, at 8.30 p.m., on 26th October, 1920, the Vicar in the Chair.

A very hearty welcome was extended to the Rev. G. F. Nelson, who expressed his thanks.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Vicar gave an account of his enquiries about a Bier for use in the Church, and stated the cost would be about £30.

Read Mr. Lowdell's reply about sub-committee's report of provision of Parish Hall—"That the money was not available for a purchase." After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Lowdell that the subject of provision of a Parish Hall be postponed until next meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Basey and carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Elliott, that an inventory of Church property for use at meetings, &c., be made, and periodical inspections of it held. Mr. Elliott was asked and empowered to make the inventory, and periodically inspect the property, which he undertook to do.

Mr. Evans made a satisfactory statement of the Church Offertories for Church Expenses. The fund in credit.

Mr. Elliott made statements concerning the Curate Fund and Free-will Offerings Fund. Both are in credit.

The Vicar called the attention of the Council to the approaching Jumble Sale and Sale of Work for Missions, and asked the members for their full support.

The Vicar also called attention to the bad state of repair of the School buildings. Urgent repairs at a cost of £35 had been done. £25 had been given him by Mrs. Elliott, the proceeds of an Entertainment for that object.

Mr. Chipperfield made a very satisfactory statement about the Parish Magazine Fund, and undertook to carry it on until the end of the year, although he was leaving Hampton Hill to live at Malden.

Mr. Churchwarden Carpenter proposed that the cordial thanks of the Council be accorded to Mr. Chipperfield who had carried out this work so satisfactorily. This was unanimously accorded.

Mr. Elliott proposed and Mr. Chipperfield seconded, that Mr. Tomson be co-opted a member of the Council, which was carried unanimously.

C.E.T.S.—The Committee have decided to hold a series of Social Evenings in the New Year, commencing on Monday, January 3rd, at 8 p.m., in the Boys' School. Offers of assistance will be thankfully received by Mr. F. Nightingale, Myrtle Road, who will gladly give all information. The Rev. H. Pearson gave his lecture on "A Padre in the East" on November 23rd, it was much appreciated. The collection, amounting to £2, was given to the Police Court Mission.

CHURCH REPAIR FUND.—An excellent evening Concert, arranged by Miss Newman, was held in the Schools on November 19th, in behalf of this Fund. The financial result is not yet to hand, but we are all grateful to Miss Newman and her talented friends for their help.

ALTER VASES.—Miss Mason is responsible for these during December.

JUMBLE SALE.—This Sale produced £22 1s. od., which has been allocated as follows: C.M.S.,

£5; S.P.G., £5; Day Schools, £4; Colonial and Continental Church Society, £2 2s. od.; Parish Crockery £2 2s. od.; C.L.B., £1; Girl Guides, £1; Sunday Schools, £1 6s. 6d.; Band of Hope, 10s. 6c

MOTHERS' UNION.—Quarterly Service, Wednesday, December 11, at 3.30 p.m. Address by the Vicar.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The Annual Sale of Work for Foreign Missions will be held in the Church Room, on Wednesday, December 8th, at three o'clock, and will be opened by Mrs. Kiddell, formerly C.M.S. Secretary for the parish. There will be stalls with useful and fancy goods, a cake stall, and a "White Elephant" stall. Tea will be provided for 8d. We hope to have the generous help of the congregation in making the Sale a success, for never were the Foreign Missions of the Church in such crying need of support. The difficulty of just keeping the work going at the different Mission stations has increased enormously owing to the war, and there is an ever growing call for more workers in different fields, a call which cannot be adequately responded to unless strenuous efforts are everywhere made to provide a larger income for the different Missionary Societies.

THE SCHOOLS.—On behalf of the Managers, teachers and children, I gratefully acknowledge the gift of two beautiful pictures for the boys' and girls' departments, from a member of the congregation, who wishes to remain anonymous. The pictures are photographic copies of a painting of Christ, by the Swedish artist Valerius, and represent Him in the act of Prayer to His Father.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.—The Social Club is greatly appreciated, the membership being now 27, and the numbers are increasing. Our grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Edmunds, High Street, for gift of games; also to Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Grange for magazines and books. It is proposed to organise an Entertainment to be given early in the New Year by the lads, chiefly to provide funds for equipping recruits, and also for renewals.

A. E. BASEY, *Capt.*

Children's Column.

DEAR CHILDREN,

What a splendid service we had in Church on Monday, November 15th, when Mr. Read kindly came over from Ashford and gave us an address. I was glad to distribute medals to the Band of Hope members as follows:—1st year, 58; 2nd year, 25; 3rd year, 41; 4th year, 15; 5th year, 2; 6th year, 3; 8th year, 1. I am afraid we cannot admit any more new members this year, it was sad to disappoint so many who wanted to join.

Christmas is coming, and with it all kinds of good things. I want you to try and think of others who are not so fortunate as you are, and be very *unselfish*; you will feel ever so much better for it, and so will other people too.

The prize this month goes to Margaret Gillett.

This month I want an essay on "How best to spend Christmas-Tide."

I hope you will have a jolly time this Christmas and be very very happy.

Your affectionate friend,

THE VICAR.

ESSAY.

Margaret Gillett, Age 12.

"The Parable of the Ten Virgins."

"The parable of the ten virgins is likened to wise people and foolish people. In those days the bridegrooms always had some virgins to dance and sing to him when he had been married, on one occasion all the virgins were waiting outside the bridegroom's house for him to come from his home. Some of the virgins took some oil extra to what they had in their lamps in case they went out, but some of the virgins were foolish, and trusted that there would be enough oil in their lamps without troubling to take any extra. While they were waiting for the bridegroom to come they all went to sleep. After a while there was a cry made, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh," then all the virgins got up and lit their lamps, and the foolish virgins found that they had not any more oil left, and they asked the wise virgins to give them some oil, but they said "No," we want all ours in case they go out,

go and buy some for yourselves. So they went, and while they were gone the bridegroom came; and the wise virgins went in with him. Presently the foolish virgins came and asked the bridegroom to let them in, but he said, "I know you not," so the foolish virgins had to go away.

The bridegroom's house is supposed to be heaven, and the virgins all the people on the earth, and on the earth some people are wise and some foolish, the wise people get ready for the coming of Christ, like the wise virgins got their lamps ready for the bridegroom to come, and the foolish do not get ready for Christ, the same as the foolish virgins did. God's prophets tell us when Christ is coming, such as the cry which was made told the virgins the bridegroom was coming, and the wise people will be ready for Him, but the foolish will not, and they will try at the last moment and be too late; and when they ask to be let into heaven, Christ will say "I know you not," such as the bridegroom told the foolish virgins. The parable teaches us always to be ready, because we do not always know when Jesus Christ is coming."

OFFERTORIES.

	8 a.m.	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Oct. 24—Church Expenses	7/5	3 0 11	2 6 10	6 5 2
" 31—"	9/6	3 7 7	1 5 6	5 2 7
Nov. 7—Poor Fund	8/4	3 13 0	2 3 0	6 4 4
Assist. Clergy Fund				
" 14—Day Schools	£1/8/10	4 10 2	2 14 10	8 19 10
" 21—Church Expenses	4/4	4 11 1	1 17 6	6 12 11
Children's Services (Missions)	Oct. 24, 6/6; Oct. 31, 6/7; Nov. 7, 5/6; Nov. 14, 6/8; Nov. 21, 4/-	...		
Week-day Services	Oct. 18, 1/6; Oct. 21, 1/3; Oct. 28, 5/1; Nov. 1, 12/5; Nov. 18, 1/6	...		
Nov. 11—War Memorial	1 1 9
				4 6 6

Free-will Offerings £40 2 4
0 14 2

Total - £40 16 6

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

Nov. 14—Edward Harold Bonfield.

" 14—Doris Ellen Adams.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Nov. 13—William Thomas Gill and Alma Elland Norton.

" 15—Reginald Horace Rowatt and Ethel Mary Lane.

" 20—Henry Robert Wright and Daisy Elizabeth Harding