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My DEAR PEOPLE,

At the outset let me wish all of you a very happy and blessed New Year. We have much to be thankful for as we look back upon 1920, and the remembrance of God's help and guidance in the past should enable us to trust Him for whatever may come to us in 1921.

I am very glad to be able to record a very substantial increase in the number of Communions made during the year, that number compared with the Diocese as a whole is good, but it is far less than it might be and ought to be; we sometimes make new resolutions with the New Year, what a help it would be to you who read this and to the Parish as a whole, if no Sunday in 1921 found you absent from the Lord's Own Service on the Lord's Own Day, will you make that Resolution? May God help you to do so!

We are making an experiment. A Social Gathering will be held once a month from January to April. The first takes place in the Boys' School, on Monday, January 3rd, at 8 p.m. The number of Tickets is limited to 150. Many hands make light work, and I shall be glad of offers of assistance in all kinds of ways; please don't be shy!

Still two other requests. The Boys' Sunday School, thanks to Mr. Jordan's continued and valuable help, grows bigger and bigger, but the number of teachers does not increase; there is no more important work for God and His Church than this. I want two or three *men* to volunteer for this work. The Girls' Sunday School is, at present, so Miss Lush tells me, fully staffed, but she cannot afford to lend any of her teachers.

The other request is for District Visitors. I could readily find Districts for three or four more than we now have. It means one half day a week as a rule, and that is not very much out of 14 half days; a very hearty welcome will be given to you.

I congratulate the Missionary Working Party on the success of their Sale of Work on December 8th, when the "high water" mark was reached—over £67. On that occasion, as on many others, the need of a Parish Hall was sadly felt.

By the death of Mr. Mote, the village loses a much respected inhabitant, and St. James' Church Choir a voice often heard at our Good Friday Services; we tender our sympathy to Mrs. Mote and her children.

Our sympathy is also extended to Mrs. Mahon and her family on their bereavement by the death of Mr. Mahon which occurred in India after a very brief illness.

The Xmas Day Services were well attended, and the quantities of flowers, &c., sent to the Church made the best use of by our usual band of quite excellent decorators. The parish owes much to these workers who go on year in and year out, without any fuss or worry, and exercise their talents in making beautiful the House of God. The music deserves a word of special commendation.

I am most thankful that we are able to close the year with no debt on the Church Repair Fund. The whole cost has now been defrayed; but it is hoped to create a reserve fund by which future expenditure in this direction may be met from time to time; the Churchwardens or myself will always be glad to receive any odd sums that you can spare for this purpose.

The Parish Almanacks are now ready, and may be obtained from the District Visitors or the Verger—price one penny; they contain full particulars of the various parochial organizations.

I am very grateful to Mr. Makepeace for the useful gift of four letters for the Richmond Hospital.

With great regret I report the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Chipperfield from Hampton Hill. Mr. Chipperfield has done wonders with the financial side of the Magazine. I am glad to say that he is continuing his Treasurership for the present. I hope they will soon come back.

Praying that God may bless you and our work amongst you.

Yours very truly,

R. COAD PRYOR.

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 use to our readers, but greatly forward the work of the Church.

J. CHIPPERFIELD,

Magazine Treasurer.

Parish Wants.

- 1. A Parish Hall.
- A Bier for use in Church at Funerals, approximate cost about £30.
- 3. Additional Subscriptions to the Day Schools, and the Free-will Offering Scheme.

Parish News.

Church Repair Fund.—The Vicar and Churchwardens acknowledge, with much gratitude, the receipt of sufficient money to defray the whole cost of the exterior Church painting and repairs. Any further subscriptions or donations will be placed to a reserve fund to meet future needs.

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Thanksgivings and Intercessions.

LET US GIVE THANKS.

For the glad tidings of Christmas;

For the love of God shown forth in the Incarnation;

For the call of the Gentile world;

For all acts and works of charity done in Christ's Name;

For all care of the weak, the suffering, and the helpless;

For all efforts to break the power of evil;

For all words and deeds that make for peace;

For the support given to the Church Repair Fund.

God's Holy Name be praised.

LET US PRAY:

I.

For a greater recognition of the meaning of Christmas;

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to all Christian people a deeper sense of Thy love in the Gift of Thy Son;

That Thou wouldst be pleased to open deaf ears to the message of peace on earth, goodwill towards men;

That it may please Thee to bring home the message of Christmas to the proud, the worldly, the careless, and the lonely.

II.

That peace and reconciliation may be granted to Ireland;

That justice and goodwill may prevail in all counsels on both sides;

That all deeds and words which have made for strife and division in the past may be forgotten and put away;

That both sides may be inspired with a great desire to make peace.

III.

For God's guidance and direction in the question of National Education;

That the Church may be allowed and enabled to take its rightful place and share;

That our children may be so educated that our country may be kept true to God.

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

ALTAR VASES.—Miss Sherwood is responsible for these during January.

LECTURES TO TEACHERS.—A course of Lectures (jointly for Teachers in the London and Southwark Dioceses) on "The Teaching Method of our Lord," will be given by Rev. W. R. Adams, Diocesan Inspector of Southwark, at St. Mary's Parish Room, Twickenham, on Thursday evenings, at 6 p.m., beginning January 20th, 1921. All Teachers (Day and Sunday School) are invited.

Foreign Missions.—The Annual Sale of Work took place on Wednesday, December 8th, in the Church Room, and we were all very glad to welcome Mrs. Kiddell, who opened the Sale. The Church Room was crowded, so much so that many could not get near the stalls! The need of a Parish Hall was very clearly shown, the articles for sale would have shown off far better in a larger room, and an even better financial result could have been obtained. However, the amount realized just over £67, was easily a "record," and there is still some more money to come in for goods sold after the Sale.

Missionary Working Party.—Mrs. Cameron, who has been the Hon. Treasurer for more than 10 years is resigning, and Mrs. Stevens has kindly promised to take her place. Our best thanks are due to Mrs. Cameron for all her help during such a long time. The Working Party will be resumed on Friday, January 21st, at Mrs. Cameron's.

WAR MEMORIAL.—The Account for this Memorial stands thus, at that date:

Amount	paid Balance		 hand		 404 £8		
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There has since been incurred, in connection with the posts and chains, an expenditure of £24, so there is an outstanding debit of £15 3s. 2d. Donations towards this amount should be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. D. E. Norton, any of the

Lady Collectors, or to the Vicar. It is desired to defray this liability as soon as possible. A full list of Subscribers may be inspected at the Church.

Ninth List of Subscribers to Curate Fund to 18th October, 1920.

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Mrs. Metcalf (monthly)			0	2	0
Mrs. Trotter "			0	2	6

LIFE AND LIBERTY CHAPTER II. (London Week).

The Life and Liberty Movement is about to embark upon a new phase of its work for the Church.

With the approval of the Archbishops, the Movement has determined to attempt to bring the message of the Lambeth Conference before all Church people, and then to go out, God willing, to the nation and pass it on.

Life and Liberty Chapter II. is to open in London at the Queen's Hall, on Monday, Feb. 7th, and to continue during the week. It is impossible at the moment to announce complete details. On Monday, February 7th, the call for Fellowship between Christians is to be sounded. On Tuesday, February 8th, the call for Fellowship in Industry. On Thursday, February 10th, the call for Fellowship between Nations. On Friday, February 11th, the Archbishop of Canterbury himself will sound the call of Lambeth to all Parochial Church Councillors. The greatest evening of the week, however, will be Ash Wednesday, on February 9th. On that night is to be offered to God a great confession and act of penitence for the broken fellowship of Christian men and women in the past and at the present.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Bishop of London, Principal Selbie, the Rev. W. Studdert Kennedy, Lord Robert Cecil and the Right Hon. Mr. W. Runciman have already promised to take part in this week, under the Chairmanship of the Bishop designate of Manchester. Tickets for each evening at a cost of 6d. each can shortly be obtained for the Queen's Hall meetings from the office of the Life and Liberty Movement, 117, Victoria Street, S.W. I.

Children's Column.

DEAR CHILDREN,

Everything has been so upset by the closing of the Girls' School that we hardly know where we are. We have not been able to have Children's Services, Sunday Schools, or Band of Hope during December, but we shall begin afresh on Sunday, January 9th, and I hope to have one or two interesting announcements to make.

I suppose you have all been thinking so much about Christmas that you hav'nt had time to write many essays; at any rate, none has reached me that was considered good enough to print, so now I have altered the title, and it will be "How I spent my Christmas." A book will be given for the best attempt.

Some of you, without telling me who you were, sent me Xmas Cards and all kinds of other nice things; it is so nice not to be forgotten, specially at this time of the year. One of you sent a sixpence, which had evidently been in the Xmas Pudding, for it had some on it! It went into one of the envelopes for "Waifs and Strays," so I've passed it on to make somebody else happy too.

I wish you the very happiest of happy years.

Your affectionate friend,

THE VICAR.

OFFERTORIES.

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Free-will Offerings ,					. 0	13	9	
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BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Oct. 30-Ernest Arthur George Smith, aged 62 years.

" 26-Walter Densham, aged 77 years.

Nov. 2-Winifred Henrietta Pullen, aged 5 years.

" 4-Edwin Sidney Palmer Hare, aged 3 years.

,, 16-Anna Lush, aged 70 years.

,, 24-Hannah Armes, aged 46 years.

,, 25-Ralph Harden Mote, aged 43 years.

,, 26-Rowland William Solly Moores, aged 59 years.

Dec. 2-Sarah Smith, aged 32 years.

,, 2-Samuel Robert Smith, aged 1 day.

" 3-Alfred Henry Allen, aged 77 years.

" 11-Madeline Ada Parker, aged 25 years.

., 17-Nancy Gray, aged 84 years.