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PAROCHIAL NOTES.

Churchwardens—Mr. C. E. W. Barrett and Mr. C. A. Child.

Organist—Mr. Bougourd, 214, Stanley Road, Teddington.

Parochial Church Officer.

Mr. S. V. Forrow, 68, Sunnyside Road, Teddington.

Sunday School.

11 a.m. in Club Room, Superintendent—Miss Bennett. Infants in Parish Hall, at 11 a.m. Superintendent—Miss Child. All children assemble in Church at 2.15 p.m. for Children's Service.

Missionary Association.

Meetings as announced. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. C. A. Child.

Mothers' Union.

Monthly Meetings. First Wednesday in each month in the Club Room, 3 p.m., and Quarterly Meetings. Enrolling Member—Mrs. Harvey.

St. James's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society meets in the Club Room, on Thursdays at 8 p.m. Associate Member—Miss Harvey.

Girl Guides. Captain—Miss Bass.

Brownies. Brown Owl—Miss C. Brown.

Sea Scouts—"The Venture," Hampton Water Works Group Scout Master—Mr. Ealden.

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage daily between 8.45 and 9.45 a.m.; and 6.15 and 7 p.m.

Sickness.

The Vicar will be grateful if cases of sickness are reported to him at once.

Churchyard.

Contributions towards the up-keep of the Churchyard will be gratefully received by Mr. C. A. Child, 149, Burtons Road.

Magazine Hon. Secretary—Mrs. C. A. Child.

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Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

We have already entered upon another Christian Year. The commencement of the New Year, whether Civil or Ecclesiastical, generally finds us questioning ourselves as to what sort of citizens we have proved ourselves to be of the British Empire and of The Kingdom of God. With regard to the former have we shown loyalty to the King, honour to our fellow citizens and love of our Fatherland? Under the present circumstances, have we done all we could to further the war effort and by so doing to hasten the day of victory, the liberation of those enduring the hardness of captivity and cruel persecution and the time when all that is being planned for the peaceful settling down of all nations in one harmonious brotherhood can be put into operation? We may find that with a little more rigidity in our way of living we can add our weight to the maximum of man and material resources that have been called for in order to defeat the forces of tyranny and oppression on the field of battle. But how about our citizenship in the unlimited and eternal Kingdom of God. It is that which at the moment should occupy much of our contemplation. Have we during the past year proved our fealty to God and our brotherly love

one to another? The Church is even now calling us all to more concentrated spiritual Endeavour. Better Christians we must try to be so that the greater may be the influence of Christianity in the world. Nothing can turn the dreams of those who are planning a better world into a stable reality save the power and grace of God. We Christians have been entrusted with a grave responsibility in this matter. It is so to order our own lives according to the precepts and example of our Lord that through our behaviour as His disciples all may come to know Him from the least to the greatest. Christianity will thus become the predominating influence all the world over and then the possibility of making our visions of the brotherhood of man a fact in history will be assured. But what can individual Christians do? I think the majority of us can be more strict with ourselves with reference to the devotional side of our spiritual life. To spend more time and have a greater care with our prayers, our Bible reading and our worship. Especially should we try to be more regular and frequent in our Communion. The mornings are dark just now and it is only by a greater effort of our wills that we can make ourselves get up in time to be at Church at eight o'clock. But it is really worth while to the faithful Christian, for it brings us

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more and more into closer fellowship with Jesus and strengthens our bond of unity with one another. Let us then as we enter upon this new Christian year endeavour to be better practicing Christians, preparing ourselves not only to keep the Christmas Festival, the Feast of the Nativity of our Blessed Lord as one of the principle festivals of the Church, but also for the second coming of Jesus when the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever.

This will be the fifth Christmas of the War and will be more shorn than ever of the means of making it a time of hilarious mirth at the expense of its true significance. With loved ones far away facing the perils and dangers of war it is only natural that Yuletide will take on a more sombre garb, nor shall we forget the hearts bowed down with grief for their dear ones who have laid down their lives for the cause of humanity, the homes with the vacant chair. No, Christmas cannot possibly be what it was in the bad old days and thank God for that! Nevertheless it can be a happy time for all who do not forget God, since in Him those absent from us and those who have passed on into His Presence are near to us in Spirit and can share with us the joy of the Festival of the Birth of the Saviour of Mankind. I hope you will all have a very happy Christmas and trust we shall meet together at the Altar to greet our Lord on His Birthday and to receive from Him consolation in our sorrows and strength to live lives more dedicated to His Service, which are the gifts He particularly wants.

Flowers will be scarce and very expensive, but from what I have seen beautifully berried holly is plentiful. I shall be most grateful if you will send sufficient flowers to make the Altar

beautiful and as much holly as you can to lend a Christmas atmosphere to the rest of the Church. It may be news to many that our Church was Consecrated on the Eleventh of December, just eighty years ago. We will try and mark the occasion by a Celebration of the Holy Communion on the day itself, which is a Saturday and by giving a rather festive sense to the Services on Sunday, with, if possible, a special preacher at Matins.

You will notice under the Parish News that we are making some alterations in our Sunday School. Realising what an important place the Sunday School has in the life of the Church, I hope there will be a ready response to my request for three new teachers.

I have just heard with sorrow that Michael Job, the grandson of a former Vicar of Hampton Hill, has been killed on active service. For some years Mr. and Mrs. Job and family resided at Hampton Hill and I am sure our deep sympathy goes out to them in their terrible grief.

Although we cannot yet give full details about our Carol Service, I can assure you that many of the old favourites will be included in the programme which all will be able to join in singing. You will find time and date under the Parish News.

It has been thought advisable to renew our social activities. We are therefore preparing for a Social early in the New Year which I hope will be well patronised.

I remain your faithful friend and Vicar,

FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

Days of Special Remembrance.

11th Dec.—Dedication Festival. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

15th, 17th and 18th Dec.—Ember Days.

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21st Dec.—St. Thomas. Holy Communion
7.30 a.m.

25th Dec.—Christmas Day.

26th Dec.—St. Stephen. Usual Sunday Ser-
vices.

27th Dec.—St. John. Holy Communion 8 a.m.

28th Dec.—Holy Innocents. Holy Communion
7.30 a.m.

Services during the Christmas Festival.

24th Dec.—Christmas Eve. 11.45 p.m. Mid-
night Eucharist.

25th Dec.—Christmas Day. Holy Communion
7 a.m., 8 a.m. and after Matins. Choral Eucharist
9.45 a.m. Matins and Sermon 11 a.m.

The Collections during the Festival will be
given to the Sick and Poor Fund.

Gifts of flowers and particularly holly well
furnished with berries will be most acceptable for
decorating the Church and should be sent to the
Church on Friday morning, 24th December,
between 9 and 10 o'clock.

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Mothers' Union.

The monthly meeting will be held in the Club
Room, on Wednesday, 1st December, at 3 p.m.
The Speaker will be Mrs. Boswell. There will
be a Corporate Communion in Church on the
same day at 10.30 a.m.

Sunday School.

On the last Sunday in October the Sunday
School was visited by Miss C. M. Knowles of
the Diocesan Council for Youth. Miss Knowles
spent quite a time in each department and gave
some practical suggestions for the improvement
of the School. The fact that one from the
Diocesan organisation came and took an interest
in their work was very much appreciated by the

teachers and children. The Vicar received a
report from Miss Knowles which was very en-
couraging. She said that she was favourably
impressed with the work that was being done
amongst the children. She had a special word of
praise for the Junior Department and was agreeably
surprised to find a school so well staffed with
young teachers. Miss Knowles suggested that the
school should be divided into three departments
to coincide with those of the day-schools. This
plan is being adopted from the first Sunday in
Advent. In future the Senior School consisting
of boys and girls aged eleven-plus will meet in
the Club Room at 10 a.m. and will be taken to
the 11 o'clock Service at Church. The Junior
School (ages seven-plus to eleven-plus) will meet
at 11 o'clock in the Club Room and the Infant
School in the Parish Hall at the same time.
This will necessitate an addition to the staff of
three teachers. The Vicar will welcome offers
to fill these vacancies.

In the Junior and Senior departments all the
children will assemble together for the opening
and closing service, but the boys will have their
own separate classes as at present.

Hampton Parochial Charities.

A vacancy exists in respect of married quarters
at one of the Jubilee Almshouses, Hampton,
forming part of the above Charities: a small
weekly grant will also be given to any person who
is appointed by the Trustees of the above Charities
to fill such vacancy. Full particulars of qualifi-
cations required by any proposed applicant may be
obtained from Mr. J. Evelyn Moxon, Clerk to the
Trustees of the Hampton Parochial Charities,
51, High Street, Hampton.

Carol Service.

As the day following Christmas Day is Sunday,
Evensong on that day will be said at 3 p.m.,

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and at 3.30 p.m. there will be a Carol Service. Further particulars will be announced by means of small posters. Mr. Bougourd would welcome the assistance in the choir of gentlemen for the Christmas Festival.

The Confirmation.

Thirteen Candidates from this Parish were presented for Confirmation at St. Mary's, Hampton on the last Saturday in November. The Bishop of Kensington administered the Sacrament and gave some very helpful counsel for the guidance

of those who are entering upon full membership in the Church of Christ.

BAPTISM.

"Made a Member of Christ."

Nov. 7—Patricia Ann Turner.

MARRIAGE.

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

Nov. 25—Howard Thomas Vaughan and
Gertrude Monica Sawyer.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Nov. 6—Walter James Smith, aged 21 years.
Nov. 18—Mak Jesse Sargent, aged 42 years.
Nov. 19—Alfred Sydney William Norkett, aged 52 years.
