

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

PAROCHIAL NOTES.

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Enrolling Member: Mrs. Brunt.

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Vicar's Notes.

"HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES".—Last week, owing to the kindness of the Church Council, I was able to have four days' leave from the parish to attend the Diocesan Clergy Convention at Keble College, Oxford. It was a most worth-while experience. It was a most strenuous time too, because our minds and spirits were worked very hard—to our great benefit—and by the third day our bodies were wilting a little, and even the most youthful and energetic began to feel the need of a short nap after lunch! I was in lodgings outside the College, where five of us had to share one small bathroom, and as the landlady lent me her alarm clock and with it gave me the responsibility of getting the others up in time, I had to be the first up (soon after 6.30 a.m.) and shaved and washed as quickly as possible so that the others could follow in an orderly queue, with time to allow the last man not to be late for chapel.

In addition to the spiritual and intellectual stimulus we received, one most valuable feature of the Convention was the bringing together in fellowship of parish priests from different parts of this vast diocese who might otherwise seldom or never meet one another. It was good for us who came from areas where things still move fairly decently and in order, and the traditional Christian tone of life still persists in varying degrees of strength, to meet men from areas where the Church is hard up against it and fights with her back to the wall. There are parish churches where the congregation now never reaches double figures, though before the war it might have been numbered in hundreds; there are areas given over to gang-warfare, and where actual physical violence is often directed against those brave enough to come near the church. There are church youth clubs which have been smashed up again and again, and their members beaten: there are church-buildings which look as though a bomb had recently burst near them, shattering windows and parts of the fabric. I had long conversations with a priest who has a wooden-hut serving a new building area in West London—L.C.C. monster-flats, built on ground where I used to play football as a boy—and though a "slasher gang" operates in his vicinity, and he has great discouragement to face, is yet full of a tonic hope.

I feel all this as a great challenge to us who live in the more sheltered and stable areas—a challenge to us

so to build up and strengthen our own fellowship that we may be able to "overflow" and send reinforcements to those places where the battle is fiercest. From areas like ours there should stream volunteers with a sense of vocation to give personal service and leadership in districts where the Church needs this so badly. One church in a desperate situation did receive such help this year: a band of stalwart young men from other parishes joined together to help a youth club which had been frequently attacked by hooligans, prepared if necessary to resist physical force by physical force. The Diocesan Week of Prayer and Giving which falls this month helps to remind us of the larger body to which we belong, and much of what we give then does go to provide man-power and equipment in those areas where, as priest after priest said, "the position is desperate"; so let us give as generously as we can. Members of our Men's Society will also have a splendid chance of learning how "the other half lives" when the Rural Dean of Bethnal Green comes to speak to us of the problems, difficulties and opportunities of the Church in East London, on October 9th.

A DOMESTIC CONCERN.—Our day-to-day income, though greatly increasing, is not yet equal to our everyday expenses, which unfortunately are also increasing. But the gap is within our power to bridge if we could give that little bit extra in our Sunday collections or F.W.O. envelopes from time to time, and this would avoid the necessity for special efforts to meet ordinary needs.

THE PREACHER at our Harvest Festival this year is an old college friend of ours, but I myself had not seen him since he stayed a few days with me in my first parish 17 years ago until I met him at a Reunion in April. He had an adventurous time as a chaplain during the last war, especially in Italy, when he escaped from a P.O.W. Camp, and was reported "missing" for a long time.

Reports and Announcements

THE ORGAN.—On Sunday morning, September 9th, after an interval of nearly five months, our organ was brought into use again. While it was out of action the singing had been accompanied by a piano kindly lent by Lady-Stanton—lent for 6 weeks, and we are very grateful for her forbearance in allowing it to stay for a much longer period. The organ unfortunately was still

not as good as it ought to have been owing to some defective workmanship, and we naturally hesitated about rededicating and offering to God, work in which various flaws had come to light. But we felt that there was a sufficient basis of soundness on which the organ could function again, and it was this we asked God to bless. After the prayers of thanksgiving for this restoration, the organ was heard for the first time as Mr. Bull began to play Handel's Overture to Athalia. Later the choir sung the anthem composed by the organist of St. Alban's, Teddington, "Praise to the Master of Music and Loveliness." In his sermon, the vicar spoke of the deep mystery of music, and its place and purpose in worship and life.

We are glad to know that the firm of organ-builders to whom the work of reconstruction was entrusted have accepted responsibility for the faulty workmanship of one of their employees, and have sent one of their best craftsmen to carry out the repairs that are necessary. We hope therefore that in a week or two we shall hear the organ to full advantage, and have the satisfaction of knowing that the work has been well done. As most of our readers know, it has been made a gift to the church as a result of the generosity of Mr. Thomas Gorst, in memory of his wife, Elizabeth Ellen Gorst.

THE MEN'S SOCIETY.—On Sunday, September 23rd, during the course of Evensong, the following founder-members of the St. James's branch were admitted at the chancel steps by the Rev. Eric Yelverton, D.D., O.B.E., General Secretary of the C.E.M.S.: The vicar, as president; Mr. J. N. Cornish, chairman; Messrs E. V. Beckett, G. Casey, N. E. Chown, A. W. Christie, P. R. Cowee, W. E. Merrifield, A. W. Sutherland, E. H. Western, W. F. Wigginton.

At least two other gentlemen eligible for admission were away on holiday. Two present members, Mr. F. K. Sargeant, Secretary and Mr. H. Beckett, reaffirmed their vows, and were welcomed into the newly-formed branch. There were also present members of the C.E.M.S. from New Hanworth and two Ealing branches, and after the service there was an informal reception in the Hall. In his striking sermon, Dr. Yelverton stressed the importance of the Laity as a Fourth Order in the Church, not only to be spectators, but commissioned for active witness and evangelism and the spreading of Christian propaganda everywhere.

MOTHERS' UNION.—The address at the meeting on October 3rd, will be given by a missionary just returned from the China Inland Mission, to which she will, probably, never be able to return. Her news will be of such importance and topical interest that members are specially invited to bring friends to this meeting.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD.—A preliminary meeting was held on September 19th. After prayers the work of the Guild was discussed. It will be open to all women in the parish. Mothers' Union membership will now include the Guild and Guild members are welcome to all M.U. branch meetings.

The first meeting will be on October 17th, and will be in the nature of a "fruit bottling competition". Mrs. Boag of the Women's Electrical Association and a

Women's Institute President, will judge and give a short talk about bottling.

Any fruit or jam for sale will be in aid of the Baptistery Fund.

BAPTISTERY FUND.—The M.U. Jumble Sale to open this Fund took nearly £9. For this excellent result we thank all the workers—Mrs. Beckett and Mrs. Swatland tramped many miles with the Vicarage baby's pram!—and those who gave so generously. Mrs. Swatland has kindly undertaken to be treasurer for this fund.

THE MAGAZINE.—Everyone will know that the price of printing this magazine has risen considerably. We face running it at a loss unless we increase the circulation to double what it is now. We could do this if everybody who takes the magazine would be responsible for finding one other person or family who would like to take it regularly. Please give in names to your distributor, or to the Magazine Treasurer or Secretary. (For addresses see top of first page).

We would also be grateful for offers from friends of the church who would distribute magazines. This might be possible in the neighbourhood of their homes, and it would not matter how few.

Please help to make the magazine a parish effort by sending in news of interest of present and past parishioners. Short articles are welcome: they may not be printed in their entirety, but reference will always be made to them.

H.S.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS.—It was Mrs. ("Granny") Kingsford's 93rd birthday on Wednesday, September 19th, and we would like to take this opportunity of offering her our congratulations and very best wishes.

Granny sent some of her lovely birthday Chrysanthemums to the church for the altar: a loving thought for the church where she has worshipped for 67 years.

COMMENTS BY THE WAY.

HOLIDAYS.—In August I went to North Wales and found the weather very good. I have not space to tell of the glories of the mountains and countryside, the castles and bridges of North Wales, it would fill a book, but, I can say how pleased I was, at the end of the long road journey home, to see in the distance the spire of St. James and to know that home was not far off.

HAMPTON COURT.—Since returning home we had some relations from the North staying with us. Quite naturally they wanted to see everything there was to see, including Hampton Court. The Festival was visited, also the Airport, Zoo, etc.

I must say the Gardens at Hampton Court were exquisite, particularly the enchanting Dutch Garden. We have lately received a letter from the relatives saying that of all places visited they most enjoyed Hampton Court. This makes me wonder if we in Hampton Hill appreciate to the full, the beauty so near to us?

J.N.C.

SOME DATES TO NOTE.

October 1st.—7.30 p.m. Scouts Camp Fire, Parish Hall.
7.30 p.m. R.D. Conference, St. Mary's Hall, Twickenham.

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October 3rd.—3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union: "China To-Day".

October 4th.—7.15 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving, Preacher: The Rev. Niel Nye, Rector of Clapham. Alms for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. 8.30 p.m. Harvest Supper. Tickets 3/-

October 7th.—Continuation of Harvest Thanksgiving. All collections for the Bishop of Jamaica's Church Aid Fund.

October 9th.—8.0 p.m. C.E.M.S. Meeting, "The Church in East London", Speaker: The Rural Dean of Bethnal Green.

October 10th.—3.30 p.m. Young Wives' Group.

October 11th.—2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Mass Meeting, Royal Albert Hall.

October 14th-21st.—Diocesan Week of Prayer and Giving. Envelopes available on 14th; all collections on 21st for London Diocesan Fund.

October 16th.—8.0 p.m. Church Council.

October 17th.—8.0 p.m. C.E.M.S. Devotional Evening, St. George's, Hanworth.

October 18th.—St. Luke, Holy Communion, 7.0 and 10.30 a.m. Alms for Medical Missions. 8.0 p.m. C.D. Training Classes begin again.

November 1st.—All Saints' Day: Holy Communion 7.0 and 10.30 a.m.

November 2nd.—7.0 p.m. Magazines ready: Distributors' Meeting.

BAPTISMS.

- Sept. 9th.—Coral Jane Tandy, 78, Park Road.
Sept. 9th.—Shirley Anne Stroud, 20, Clifton Road, Teddington.
Sept. 9th.—Mary Elizabeth Plumbley, 77, Longford Close.
Sept. 23rd.—Ann Rathborn, 70, Hampton Road, Teddington.
Sept. 23rd.—Keith Richard Lister Giffen, 65, Longford Close.
Sept. 23rd.—Susan Caroline Waltham, 1, Sherwood Street.
Sept. 23rd.—Kathleen Brumpton, 17, Holly Road.
Sept. 23rd.—Peter Aylott, 32, Norman Avenue, Hanworth.

MARRIAGES.

- Sept. 1st.—James William Goodey to Stella Mary Sumner.
Sept. 1st.—Charles Herbert Geoffrey Oldham to Brenda Mildred Raven.
Sept. 8th.—Percy Charles Croucher to Joyce Brenda Durrant.
Sept. 25th.—Noel Lionel Allport to Mary Agnes Allport.

BURIALS.

- Sept. 3rd.—Annie Kate Pitt, 9, Albert Road, aged 76 years.
Sept. 5th.—Nellie Elizabeth Turner, 23, Holly Road, aged 73 years.