

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

There was a refreshing note of achievement and advance about the meeting this year. The Secretary's report made clear the vast amount of work that had fallen upon the Church Council as a whole in the past year, and in particular upon its Standing and General Purposes Committee; but this work had been much more fruitful in result than for years past. The Vicar in his address characterised the last year as one of "break-through," after a long period of frustration and battling with seemingly insoluble problems. Wayside, from being an inspiration, had become to many a source of gloom and despair, and only by a majority of one vote had the Church Council decided to retain it. But from the moment of that decision the whole picture began to change: and now Wayside had been put in good order at reasonable cost, the upper floor well let to a co-operative tenant, a new garage built, and everything (though one had always to be prepared for unforeseen snags!) seemed now very satisfactory from a financial point of view. And not only this—the lower rooms were more in demand than ever before for parochial meetings of all kinds. Wayside had now indeed become the asset we had hoped it would be. The Vicar commended the persistent work and care of Mrs. Warwick, which had played so big a part in bringing this happy result about. The Parish Hall, another great source of anxiety a year ago, had actually, for the first time for many years, made a small profit on the current account of its year's working, though still unable to put money aside for capital expenditure because of the debt to the Bank still to be paid off. But at last the steadily increasing deficit had been halted. The main reason for this encouraging improvement was, of course, the rent paid by our good tenants, the St. James's Nursery School. Their advent had been regarded with mixed feelings, but it had proved a real boon all round—and one benefit had been the chang-

ing of the small hall from a place of peeling, dirty walls, into a cheerfully decorated room in which people were glad to meet, at next to no cost to the Church Council. So the Vicar's tale of good cheer went on—the sale of the long-derelict and seemingly unsaleable land in School Road at a good margin of profit; the increase in Sunday collections and Free-Will Offerings—and then, to crown all this, the entirely new spirit which had come into our giving, and the complete transformation of the whole financial scene, as a result of the tremendous efforts made by the Christian Giving Committee, and the response achieved. When Wells proved beyond our means, it seemed as though we might remain bogged down for years in our financial Slough of Despond—but the Vicar said he was determined to do all he could to prevent this from happening, even if he had to "go it alone." This had fortunately not proved necessary: the right people were there to help. Mr. Whiteley had proved a tower of strength, and the small committee that came together had worked as a team, with great eagerness and enthusiasm. At last we were on firm ground, with the right way ahead clear. Then the Vicar spoke of another advance—the Parish Meetings, often spoken of as desirable, now at last a reality which it was hoped would grow in strength and interest. The Vicar said that this "break-through" on the broad parochial front had encouraged similar "break-throughs" elsewhere and was reflected in the increasingly flourishing position of most of our organisations. It had certainly been the most encouraging year since he came to the parish, and it gave stimulus and impetus to confront the tasks and problems not yet tackled.

A motion that one-tenth of the Church's income for 1958 should be given to Christian causes outside The parish was amended, after much discussion, to the effect that a tithe of the monies given through the Christian Giving Scheme should be thus allocated.

After the elections, the 24 lay members of the Church Council are as follows: Messrs. W. F. Wiggin-ton and L. Melville (Churchwardens); Mr. H. R. Whiteley, Mrs. L. Mills, Mrs. M. Allport, Miss R. G. Scott, Mrs. G. Johnson (Representatives on Ruri-Decanal Conference); Messrs. L. Rockliffe, F. Nightingale, C. W. Smith, J. Swindale, S. V. J. Forrow, C. C. Wren, R. Salisbury, J. Geer, R. P. Bishop; Mrs. M. Beckett, Mrs. E. Taylor, Miss B. Rooney, Mrs. D. Childs, Mrs. J. C. Pyne, Mrs. J. M. Whiteley, Mrs. C. H. Stevens, Mrs. D. E. Warwick.

At the first meeting of the Council, Mrs. Warwick was re-elected as Secretary; Mrs. Allport was elected Assistant Secretary, and to take the place of last year's General Purposes Committee, a smaller committee, to be known as the "Executive Committee," was appointed. The members of this are: the Vicar, the Churchwardens, the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Nightingale (Hall Secretary) and Mr. Salisbury (Wayside Treasurer).

THE MOTHERS' UNION

There are several important dates for your diaries this month. On April 19th we are having a Jumble Sale to be held at the Parish Hall 2.30 p.m. The proceeds to supply articles for an attractive stall at the Parish Garden Party to be held on July 5th. On May 20th combined Young Wives and Mothers' Union Party to be held at St. Mary's Hall, Twickenham, at 7.30 p.m. Husbands will be **very** welcome. The speaker will be Mrs. Stevens.

On May 21st we shall be going to the Diocesan Festival at St. Paul's Cathedral. Meeting for the coach at 5 p.m. Windmill Road.

On May 7th the speaker at our Branch Meeting will be Mrs. Jennings.

We **should** be pleased to welcome any ladies of the parish to our Mothers' Union. The M.U. is **not** just one more organization, but a fellowship of women of every race and colour within the Anglican Communion. We meet every first Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We hear talks on widely differing subjects besides talks to help us in our devotional lives and in our homes.

M.J.B.

P.S.—Have you any Jumble?? Please contact Mrs. Bird (Mol. 3667) or Mrs. Beckett (Mol. 2421).

THE YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

In February a Wall's Ice Cream Demonstration was held in the Hall. Unfortunately the bad weather kept people away, but those who were there thoroughly enjoyed the results of the demonstration!

On March 26th a most interesting talk was given by Mr. T. Harris, an Educational Psychologist. He gave an account of a typical week's work: visits to mentally handicapped children, Child Guidance Clinic work, and dealing with children playing truant from school! A lively questions - and - answers discussion completed the evening.

J.M.W.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

The highlight of our activities this month was the open meeting, held on Palm Sunday. We were very pleased to see such a large number of our parents and friends there to hear what we have been doing and to join in one of our meetings. We have had some interesting studies on Sunday evenings and in particular we would like to thank Mr. Whiteley for being our host one Sunday and giving us such an intriguing talk. We had an energetic evening and a spring party this month, both of which were well supported. Next month, "Deo volente," we hope to hold a number of activities out of doors. We are always anxious to see new faces at our meetings, so please don't hesitate to come, if you're interested.

Our activities next month include: Sundays, April 6, 13, 20, 27, at 8 p.m.: Bible Studies.

April 6: Holy Communion and Breakfast at 8 a.m.

April 11: Table Tennis Match at Wayside.

April 12: Outdoor Activity.

April 19: Energetic Evening in the Hall from 6.30 p.m.

Any enquiries about the Y.P.F. should be addressed to:

R. P. Bishop,
197, Uxbridge Road, Hampton Hill.
R.E.P.

THE SCOUT GROUP

As the result of much canvassing and lots of hard work a very successful Jumble Sale was held at St.

James's Hall on Saturday, 22nd February.

Many bargains were to be had in all departments, and these were quickly snapped up by eager buyers.

The committee have every good season to be pleased with themselves as a very useful sum was added to the Building Fund.

A Very Big Thank You to all who helped.

On Tuesday, March 4th, a successful Bingo Drive was held at St. James's Hall, this was well attended and an enjoyable evening spent by all. This was also in aid of the Building Fund.

Wednesday, 5th March, St. James's Hall was the scene of a dual-purpose evening — the Scout Troop holding an Open Evening in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting of the parent Group.

Various activities of Scouting were performed, including building a shelter in open country. Team games were played and high praise should be given to the boys for the very sporting way in which they were played.

After a cup of tea we then got down to the serious business of the A.G.M.

G.S.M. Casey spoke on the Group's activities during the past year. He then extended a hearty welcome to the new Guide Captain and Brown Owl who were present.

S.M. Wren then said a few words about the future activities of the Scout Troop.

Bagheera then spoke about the Cubs and the number of badges that they earned during the year. Kim told us of the Cubs' activities, the highlight being the District Sports, at which our Cubs gained 3rd place.

The Chairman thanked all the parents for the wonderful support they had given the Group and hoped that the ensuing year would be as successful as the last.

Mr. Gidlow was elected as Chairman for the coming year, Mrs. Childs as Sec. and Mr. Cudmore as Treasurer.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Gidlow who had carried out the duties of Sec. for the last two years and to Mr. Edward for all his hard work during his term of office as Treasurer.

It was announced at the meeting that once again our Scout Group has been privileged to use Laurel Dene for their Fete, which is taking place on Saturday, May 17th. We shall be greatly honoured by the presence of Alderman F. J. Edwards, J.P., who will declare the Fete open.

This year being the 10th Birthday of the Group we have every good reason to want to make it a great success.

All tastes are being catered for, so the excuse that "there will be nothing to interest me" just won't do! The committee, under the skilful guidance of Mr. Palmer, has planned a programme to suit everybody.

If you feel that you would like to assist on a stall or help in any way PLEASE let me know, as help of any kind would be greatly appreciated.

A. R. COOK,

Group Press Representative.
11, Myrtle Road.

Cub Pack News

Those of you who were present at our A.G.M. will have heard the very worth-while reports given by my two Assistants of the working of the Pack over the previous year.

Bagheera stated that 40 Badges had been gained, and Kim gave an account of the various activities:—outing to Oxshott Woods, swimming at Hampton Bath, gaining the 3rd Cup at the District Sports Meeting, the play put on "Tales from Hiawatha" at the Group Show and their help at the Fete at "Laurel Dene." Recently 8 of our Cubs went up into The Scout Troop and now, for the first time since the Pack was inaugurated 8 years ago our numbers are down to the official requirements and we are not having to cope with twice as many boys as allowed.

We were very pleased to welcome Mr. R. Bishop to our Pack Meeting on 19th March, when he gave a short talk to the Cubs.

AKELA.

Dates to note:

April 15th: Scout Group Committee
8.0 p.m. (W).

April 29th: Bingo Drive, St. James's
Hall, 7.45 p.m.

May 17th: Fete, Laurel Dene 3 p.m.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

- April 12.—7.45 p.m. Easter Parish Party (H).
April 15.—8.0 p.m. Scout Group Committee (W).
April 17.—8.0 p.m. Parish Meeting (W).
April 19.—2.30 p.m. Jumble Sale (H).
April 21.—8.0 p.m. Hampton Council of Churches (Congregational Hall).
April 24.—8.0 p.m. Garden Party Planning Committee (Laurel Dene).
April 25.—St. Mark.
9.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
April 30.—8.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group (H).
May 1.—SS. Philip & James.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
8.0 p.m. Church Council (W).
May 5.—7.30 p.m. Ruri-Decanal Conference (St. Mary's Hall, Twickenham).
May 6.—8.0 p.m. Prayer Group (W).
3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union (H).
May 7.—7.45 p.m. Parish Meeting (W).
May 9.—7.30 p.m. Magazines should be ready (V).
May 15.—Ascension Day.
7.15 and 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. National Rally—"The Christian Challenge in a Changing World" (Albert Hall).
May 17.—3.0 p.m. Scout Group Fete (Laurel Dene).

BAPTISMS

- Mar. 23.—Bruce Alistair Miller
McNab, 32, Burton's Rd.
Apr. 6.—Lindsay Margaret Anne
Robinson, 36, St. James's Road.

MARRIAGES

- Mar. 15.—Peter Sidney Stiles to
Pamela Irene Cartèr.
,, 22.—Timothy William Bailey
Browne to Antonia Anne
Pereira.
,, 22.—Frank Godfrey Belcher to
Winifred Ellen Batchelor.
,, 22.—Raymond Charles Burge
to Beryl Joan Christie.
,, 22.—George Malcolm to Marg-
aret Dorothy Rose
Pettifer.
,, 22.—Robert Charles Cole to
Pamela Joyce Briggs.
,, 29.—Ronald Dennis Pemberton
to Evelyn Lilian Farrow.
,, 29.—Derek Meades to Joy
Woolveridge.
,, 29.—Gerald Dott to Margaret
Bird.
Apr. 5.—Frank Albert Bishop to
Eunice Rita Bishop.
,, 5.—Frederick Alan Ray to
Gwendoline Joan Violet
Lomax.

BURIALS

- Mar. 20.—Nellie Winifred Delve, 3,
Windmill Road, aged 54
years.
,, 31.—Eleanor Louise Gutter-
idge, 32, Acacia Road (at
Teddington).

FROM BEYOND THE SPIRE

WORLD POPULATION GROWTH

In only four years, world population grew by about 172 million, which is equal to the total population of the United States today.

Until 1650, growth was comparatively slow and erratic. It was held in check by famines, epidemics, droughts, floods, wars and rebellions. Since that time, growth has been by leaps and bounds, at an ever-accelerating pace. It doubled during the two centuries between 1650 and 1850, and then more than doubled again during the one century between 1850 and 1950. At the present rate of growth—1.7 per cent. per year, nearly 45 million, or 123,000 a day—world numbers will double in only a little more than 40 years.

More people are living longer in

the over-populated, under-developed areas of the world. Few are enjoying a decent standard of living, and the poor may be growing even poorer.

It is in many of these areas that C.M.S. missionaries are working and witnessing today. The immensity of the task to which they are dedicated, increases daily. They depend as never before on **your** prayers and **your** sacrificial giving. (We give very little help from this parish at the moment, and this fact weighs heavily on our minds. Now that the Christian Giving Scheme is in operation, we want to begin to give to this vital work in a more worthy way. To help us in our thinking about it, we are hoping to have a C.M.S. representative as preacher at Matins on June 8th).