

East Farleigh PARISH MAGAZINE.

JANUARY, 1915.



EAST FARLEIGH PARISH CHURCH.

ONE PENNY MONTHLY.

MAIDSTONE:—VIVISH & BAKER PRINTERS, KING STREET.

PAROCHIAL STAFF.

Vicar—The Rev. A. BERNARD LITTLEWOOD, M.A., The Vicarage, East Farleigh.
Curate—The Rev. H. M. HADRILL, M.A., The Vicarage, East Farleigh.
Churchwardens—Captain Stephen Walter, The Parsonage; Mrs. Blair Maconochie, The Priory.
Sydesmen—Messrs. A. Brook, E. Brook, Costen, Day, Finch, W. Kennard, Laurence, Oatley, Captain Purefoy, Stevens, Tapsfield, and Colonel Warde.
Verger and Sexton—Mr. Hayzelden, Lower Street
Organist and Choirmaster—Mr. Hugh W. Weedon, 8, Bower Mount Road, Maidstone.

Services, etc., at the Parish Church.

Sunday—8.0 a.m., Holy Communion.
 11.0 a.m., Mattins and Sermon.
 12.0 noon, Holy Communion, 1st and 3rd Sundays in month.
 3.0 p.m., Children's Service, 1st Sunday in month.
 6.30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.
Holy Days—Holy Communion, 8.0 a.m. Mattins, 10.30 a.m.
Churchings—Before or after any Service.
Holy Baptism—3.45 p.m., 1st Sunday in month.
Communicants' Guild—Meetings after Evensong 1st Sunday in month
Sunday School—10.30 a.m. and 3.0 p.m.
Choir Practices—6.45 Wednesday, Friday.

Bell Ringers Guild	- - -	Hon. Sec. : Mr. S. Hayzelden.
Cricket Club	- - -	" Mr. H. Small.
Football Club	- - -	" Mr. T. H. Miller.
Cottage Gardeners' Society	- - -	" Mr. S. Hayzelden.

Services, etc., at the Mission Room, Coxheath.

Sydesman—Mr. C. Wilkins, Coxheath.
Sunday—9.0 a.m., Holy Communion, 1st Sunday in month. 2.30 p.m., Sunday School. 3.30 p.m., Mission Service.
Holy Baptism and Churchings—3.30 p.m., Sunday.
Children's Guild—6.0 p.m., Tuesday.
Men's Social Club—7 p.m., Tuesday.
Mothers' Meeting—2.0 p.m., Tuesday. Superintendents, Mrs. W. Kennard, and Mrs. Littlewood.

The Clergy can be seen any morning at the Vicarage before 10.0 a.m.
 It is requested that all sick cases may be reported at the Vicarage as soon as possible.

EAST FARLEIGH PARISH MAGAZINE.

MOTTO FOR 1915.

"Be Careful for Nothing."

Phil. iv, 6.

The Vicarage,

New Year's Day.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The year breaks on us with a black heavy cloud of war over Europe and our country, and over so many homes. There are the wounded, the prisoners and the dead. There is the pinch—the out of work, the want of money. There is unrest in the world, perplexity of nations, the sea and the waves roaring. Amid all, God, our Father, who numbers the hairs of our head, says "Be full of care for nothing, in nothing be anxious." It is God, who spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, who says this.

We may feel things deeply—it is right we should—but our shoulders are not broad enough to bear the burden of life. Cast all on Him, and in nothing be anxious. He is near to us; His ear is open; His heart is tender; His hand is strong. Nearer and dearer than the dearest earthly friend is the One whose ear is never closed, whose arm is almighty. We tell Him our sorrows, our fears, our disappointments, our blighted hopes, our thwarted plans; He is never weary with our frequent calls. He knows the way through another year, and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. He makes no mistakes; He is the only pilot who has never lost a ship. Strength for to-day He gives, and strength for to-morrow shall be given when to-morrow comes. And be the way rough or smooth it leads towards Home. Surely the war has taught us much; to value the big things—Faith, Honour, Hope, Love; to scorn the petty things—grumbling, selfishness, party-spirit, jealousy, and envy.

Wishing you all the best New Year wishes,

Believe me,

Ever my dear friends,

Your faithful friend and Vicar,

A. BERNARD LITTLEWOOD.

THE WORLD AT PRAYER.

Sunday, January 3rd, 1915, the first Sunday in the New Year, will remain in our memories for all time. It was absolutely unique in the history of the world. Every man, woman, and child, unless they were ill, or kept by some urgent cause, or detained in a lunatic asylum, every man worthy of the name of man attended his place of worship and asked help for his country and his brothers fighting for his safety on the sea or on land. England, France, Belgium, Russia, America, Australia, India, Africa, in fact nearly the whole world united in prayer, asking God to defend the Right, and to bless and help their own dear ones who live in their land. The man who stayed away from Church on Sunday might just as well have been fighting for the Germans, for he was hurting his country, injuring his brothers, and worst of all, staining his own soul with a stain that seems to me impossible to wash out. There will come an awful day of awakening in the hearts of the cowards who refused their brothers help, and their condition will be pitiable in that day.

Here in East Farleigh, in spite of illness, wet weather, and many difficulties, large congregations attended morning and evening, and £6 1s. 6d. was sent up to the British Red Cross Society, to help nurse the wounded soldiers on the fields of battle. Taking everything into consideration, we did very well, in fact we did so well one could not help wishing we had done better!

COTTAGE GARDENERS.

[BY THE SECRETARY].

A Monthly Meeting was held at the Victory Inn on Tuesday, January 5th. A Competition was held for Collection of Vegetables (three varieties), Mr. W. Laurence gaining first prize; points were gained by L. J. Costin, W. Laurence and W. Bellingham.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Bull Inn on Wednesday, January 20th, at 7 o'clock, when it is hoped every member will attend to hear the Report of 1914, and also the new Rules for the future.

COLLECTIONS FOR CENTRAL FUND, MAIDSTONE, FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Collected by Miss Hartridge:—

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens and maid, Mrs. Coveney and family, Mrs. Hobbs, Mrs. Achurst, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Oliver and Son, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Tuff, Mrs. G. Tuff, Mrs. Fleet, Miss Diprose, Mrs. Boorman, Miss Gibbons, Mrs. Ralph, Mrs. Hadlow, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Hartridge, Miss Price.—£1 13s. 8d.

Collected by Miss Bagwell, Mrs. and Misses Ley:—

Mrs. Large, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Philpott, Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Selves, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Standen, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. W. Smith, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Baggett, Mrs. Humphrey and family, Mr. and Mrs. West, Mrs. Foy, Mrs. T. Cox, Mr. Humphrey, Mrs. Button, Mrs. Hazeman, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Laurence, Miss Bagwell, Mrs. S. Arnold, Mrs. Latter, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Parker, Miss Gunn, Misses Tapsfield, Mrs. Miller and family, Miss Cronk, Mrs. Hertz, Mrs. MacWilliam, Mrs. Honeysett, Captain Purefoy.—£4 2s. 2d.

Another list to follow.

REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS & DEATHS.

Miss A. Tapsfield attends at Kettle Farm, Kettle Lane, East Farleigh, every Tuesday and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

THE COURT LODGE SLATE CLUB.

The Club had 40 members paying in 14/1 each, making total of £28 3s. 4d.; this with balance of 6/7, makes £28 9s. 11d., the receipts for the year. The expenditure was Sick Pay £6 12s. 6d., Auditors 3/-, Secretary £1, total £7 15s. 6d., leaving balance of £20 13s. 4d. between 40 members which share out 10/4 each with balance of 1/1 for next year.

Mr. Diprose undertook the arduous duties of Secretary when Mr. Russell Honeysett left the parish, and has carried on the work in the most successful manner. He was re-elected as Secretary at the Annual General Meeting, and has Mr. Tom Webb, Senr., as Chairman.

As some members have joined the Colours, there are a few vacancies, and the Secretary will explain matters to any intending members any Tuesday night at the Court Lodge Room.

HYMNS FOR JANUARY.

	MORNING.		EVENING.
JANUARY 3rd.			
JANUARY 10th (1st Sunday after Epiphany).	76 79 81	80 Ant.	219 81
JANUARY 17th (2nd Sunday after Epiphany).	78 306 307	303 302	511 21
JANUARY 24th (3rd Sunday after Epiphany).	266 255 210	292 233	20 31
JANUARY 31st (Septuagesima).	82 83 172	167 228 297	225

BAPTISMS.

"Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising."—
S. Matt. xxviii., 19.

- Dec. 6—Nora Ellen Lovelock.
" 6—Jack Philpot.
" 6—Albert Thomas Cox.
" 6—Daisy Alice Green.
Jan. 3—Edward Douglas Archard.

MARRIAGES.

- "Let Marriage be had in honour among all."—Heb. xiii., 4.
Dec. 25—Albert Edward Morgan and Elizabeth Smith.
" 26—James Twort and Emily Jane Fancett.

BURIALS.

- "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Rev. xiii., 13.
Nov. 30—Christopher Stowell Watson, aged 73 years.
Dec. 8—Arthur Phyll, aged 26 years.
Jan. 2—Lilian Florence Wolls, aged 27 years.
" 6—Richard John Fleet, aged 39 years.

The Vicarage,

Conversion of S. Paul, 1915.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I am very glad to be able to report that there are several new subscribers to the Magazine, I shall not be content until every house and every cottage contains a copy. We are most grateful to all those who distribute the Magazine for their most useful work.

Lent will now very soon be upon us. It will be very difficult to keep this year. The War has already made us give up nearly all luxuries, and most of us have given to the very uttermost to the various funds for the Soldiers, Sailors and Belgian Refugees. What more can we give up? There only remains our time. Let us give more time to thoughts of God, more time to prayer to Him, and we shall find "in His Presence is the fulness of joy and at His right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

There will be special Services daily at 12.30 and 5.30 p.m.; Wednesdays, at 7.30 p.m.; Thursdays, Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; and at Coxheath Mission Room, Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m. Some of these will surely be at a time convenient to everyone.

Let us all try to do our best.

Believe me,

Ever my dear friends,

Your faithful friend and Vicar,

A. BERNARD LITTLEWOOD.

CHURCH PEOPLE AND SOLDIERS AND HOSPITALS.

In a spirit of thankfulness and not of boasting it is to be noticed that the collections in aid of the Hospitals in London were £28,683, of this sum more than three-quarters came from Church people, namely £21,832 8s. The Jews gave £1,299, the Congregationalists £1,410, the Presbyterians £805, the Wesleyans £784, the

Baptists £575, the Roman Catholics £608. So it seems that the members of the Church of England look after the poor and the suffering to the best of their power.

In the Army returns for 1913 (last year not published yet) of 228,421 men, 161,232 were members of the Church, or 70% of the whole; 33,662 were Roman Catholics, 15%; 15,971 were Presbyterians, 7%; 9,755, or 4%, Wesleyans; 5,526, or 2%, were Baptists, Congregationalists or members of some other Christian bodies. In the Navy—Church of England, 93,598; Roman Catholic, 10,644; Wesleyan, 8,528; Presbyterians, 4,039; Baptists, 1,969; Congregationalists, 1,291; other bodies, 1,370.

Altogether we can be proud of the members of our Church, that they are foremost in defending our country by sea or on land, and in helping their poorer brethren by providing money for the Hospitals.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING.

The Prize-giving took place on Tuesday, January 19th, at 5 p.m. in the Court Lodge Room. There was no entertainment this year on account of the War, but Mrs. Carrington Ley kindly provided oranges for the children, who were immensely and stickily pleased with them. Carols were sung, and the prizes distributed amidst much applause. Cheers were given with great vigour for the teachers and Mrs. Ley. The names of the happy recipients are as follows:

GIRLS.

- CLASS 1.—Connie Simmons, Nellie Dodge, Jennie Mercer.
CLASS 2.—Ivy Arnold, Fanny Hadlow, Ethel Wellard.
CLASS 3.—Gertie Button, Lily Blake, Jessie Taylor.
CLASS 4.—Irene Dodge, Grace Funnell, B. Hayzelden.

BOYS.

- CLASS 1.—Henry Basset.
CLASS 2.—Tom Burridge, Frank Wood.
CLASS 3.—Arthur Webb, George Smith, S. Hayzelden.
CLASS 4.—James Selves, Lewis Taylor.
CLASS 5.—Fred Smith, Jim Woodhams, Charles Funnell.

INFANTS.

Gladys Arnold, Edie Arnold, Willie Taylor, Maud Springett, Daisy Weeks, Phyllis Latter, Reggie Wellard, Hilda Hayzelden, Katie Acott, Amy Acott.

CERTIFICATES. (over 150 marks).

Minnie Burridge, Elsie Hadlow, Lily Weeks, Isabel Webb, May Covus, May Norwood, Gertie Hawkins, Dolly Colson, Dolly Weeks.

Bishopscourt, Sevenoaks,

January 1st, 1915.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

First let me wish you one and all a Happy New Year.

We are passing through what is for many of us a time of personal sorrow, and for all a time of personal anxiety. May God hear our prayers, especially when as a Nation we approach Him on Sunday next (January 3rd), asking forgiveness for our many shortcomings, for guidance and help in the dangers with which we and ours, with our Allies, are faced, for faithfulness and courage on the part of all, and that the blessings of peace may be given us again. And to our prayers, we must unite our thanksgivings that so far we in England have been spared the miseries of war within our borders, and that He has blessed our arms with so large a measure of success.

Then I ask your prayers and help in making the new Scheme of Diocesan Finance successful. We inaugurate to-day the work which the Diocese has been preparing for the last three years.

The introduction of the new Scheme naturally involves changes in the management of the business affairs of the Diocese. But there will, I trust, be no change as regards the support given in the past to Diocesan Funds. Our needs are so urgent and so numerous that we cannot afford to dispense with the help of any, and I trust that those who have not hitherto done their share of our common work will be awakened to a new sense of duty.

I intend to address myself to the Diocese at greater length on this subject on the last Sunday of this month. Meanwhile, I commend to your sympathetic attention the leaflets of the Diocesan Board of Finance, explaining the principles and objects of the new Scheme.

Wishing you every blessing,
I am,

Your faithful Servant in Christ,
J. R. ROFFEN.

COLLECTIONS FOR CENTRAL FUND, MAIDSTONE, FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Collected by Mrs. Walter, The Parsonage:

M. Walter, E. Hall, H. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Cox, Miss Cox, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Colson, Mr. and Mrs. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. Thomsett, Mr. and Mrs. Walland, Mrs. Smith, Miss Glendinning, Mrs. Glendinning, Mr. and Mrs. Costen, Mr. and Miss Seager, Mr. and Mrs. Honey, Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Cheeseman, Mrs. Hewett, Mrs. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Moles, Mr. and Mrs. Willsmore, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Brooker, Mrs. Padgham, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Coppen, Mrs. Boorman, Miss Austin, Mrs. Seager, Mr. and Miss Bartlett, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Relf, Mrs. Brightman, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Hodge, Miss Page, Miss Taylor.

TOTAL £

THE HELPING HAND.

Just a gentle smile will cheer us,
When life's hill is very steep;
Just a kindly word will help us,
When a frown would make us weep.

Just the sunshine on the waters,
Just the rainbow in the sky,
Just a little love—so little,
And its value is so high.

HYMNS FOR FEBRUARY.

	MORNING.			EVENING.	
FEBRUARY 7th (Sexagesima).	186 187 322	36	523	290	27
FEBRUARY 14th (Quinquagesima).	210 255 266	267	260	194	192
FEBRUARY 17th. (Ash Wednesday).		84	92		89
FEBRUARY 21st (1st Sunday in Lent).	84 91 92	92	91	Ant.	252
FEBRUARY 28th (2nd Sunday in Lent).	94 184 528	182	277	86	493

BAPTISMS.

"Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising."
S. Matt. xxviii., 19.

[NONE].

The Vicarage,

February 22nd, 1915.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

What shall we do this Lent? I am absolutely certain the first thing is to try and keep cheerful. For the sake of the brave lads at the front, our sailors and soldiers, we must give up our time-honoured custom of grumbling. Of course everything is wrong, and of course we could all arrange the world very much better if we had the arrangement of it; but fortunately we have not. Let us just be brave and faithful, and cheerful.

May I suggest some simple Lenten Resolutions:—

- (1) To come to Church every Sunday, and to try and come every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.
- (2) For Communicants.—To come to the Lord's Service every Lord's Day.
- (3) To get up earlier, and spend the extra time in prayer.
- (4) To try to get one friend to come to Church, and to pray for him or her every day.
- (5) To read and think over S. John's Gospel, chapters 14, 15, 16 and 17.

The Rev. C. A. Fawnes, West Farleigh, is preaching a Course on "The Lord's Prayer," on Sunday evenings, and the Rev. J. A. Forrest, Vicar of Linton, on Wednesdays.

May we as Christ's soldiers do our duty as faithfully and as bravely as England's soldiers and sailors are doing to-day!

Believe me,

Ever my dear friends,

Your faithful friend and Vicar,

A. BERNARD LITTLEWOOD.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is always difficult to arouse enthusiasm in the hearts of some people for the work of Foreign Missions, and this War year it will be

increasingly difficult. We help the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Oxford Mission to Calcutta, and the Universities' Mission to Central Africa. The S.P.G. Collecting Boxes have just come in to the Secretary, who reports that £2 12s. 1d. has been collected from Mrs. Brook, Mrs. Burridge, Miss Coppen, Miss E. Cox, Mrs. Excell, Miss B. Hayzelden, Mr. W. Kennard, Mr. G. King, Miss M. Ley, Mrs. Oliver, Mr. F. Oliver, Mr. Tapsfield, Miss Tucker, Miss L. Tucker, Mr. Stevens, Miss Towers-Smith, Mr. Wilson Smith, Sunday School Girls, Sunday School Infants, and A Friend.

COLLECTIONS FOR SOAP FOR INDIAN TROOPS.

Collected by Mr. H. W. Weedon:—

S. Foy, B. Foy, H. Foy, T. Burridge, A. Arnold, G. Smith, F. Smith, W. Haisman, S. Hazelden, S. Baker, C. Baker, A. Webb, H. Bassett, R. Ranger, G. Button, J. Woodhams, G. Pettitt, E. Miller, J. Mercer, C. Wellard. Total, 9/3.

COLLECTIONS FOR CENTRAL FUND, MAIDSTONE, FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Collected by Miss Brook:—

Mr. and Mrs. Relf, Mr. and Mrs. Lane, Mrs. and the Misses Mercer, Mrs. Brook, Mrs. B. Brook, Mr. and Mrs. Price, Mr. Coulter, Mr. and Mrs. Crittenden, Mr. P. Lovelock, Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Johns, Mrs. Hickmott, Mrs. Woodger, Mrs. Thompsett, Mrs. Chartfield, Mr. and Mrs. Lucklock, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Woodhams, Mrs. Fleet, Mrs. Whibley, Mrs. Presneil, jun., Mrs. Burridge, Mrs. Standing, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Bowes, Mrs. Fenton, Mrs. Phyll, Mrs. F. Presneil, Mrs. Acott, Mrs. Tower, Mrs. Ralph, sen., Mrs. Kennett, Mrs. Mallyon, Mrs. Pettitt, Mrs. Presneil, Mrs. G. King, sen., Miss A. King, Mrs. Alder, Mrs. Hadler, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Knell, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Bromley, Mrs. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Archard, Mrs. Tucker. Total, £1 14s.

REPORT OF DIOCESAN INSPECTOR.

East Farleigh School was inspected in Religious Knowledge on January 21st, 1915, by the Rev. F. W. Lace.

Mr. Lace reports:—The religious education in this School continues to be very satisfactory. The teaching in all groups has been made practical.

THE INFANTS (whose numbers were once again considerably reduced by illness), form two very bright groups. The Babies answered delightfully, and the Upper Children have worked hard, and know their full syllabus well.

STANDARDS I. AND II. form a stronger group than at my last visit, and have done much good work. The answers of the children showed thoughtfulness. Some of the writing was very good, but much of it was decidedly untidy.

STANDARDS III. AND IV.—These standards formed one group, instead of two as hitherto, owing to vacancy on the staff. But in spite of this the work done by all was exceedingly good. The care bestowed upon the details of the narrative, and the practical lessons to be drawn therefrom, is well repaid by the excellent knowledge and responsiveness of the scholars. The very full syllabus had been carried out with marked success, especially the Old and New Testament. The writing is good.

The behaviour of the children is excellent in all groups."

Signed,

H. T. POWELL,
Diocesan Inspector.

VICARAGE WORKING PARTY.

Owing to the War, the Lent Working Party will not meet at the Vicarage. Will all those who so kindly helped last year make garments for the Sailors and Soldiers? (shirts and socks badly wanted); or materials can be obtained by applying to Mrs. Carrington Ley.

REGINA LAURENCE : an appreciation. (CONTRIBUTED).

On February 10th there passed to Higher Service one of the fairest of God's children. Born June 22nd, 1887, Regina Laurence early displayed the histrionic talent which was to shape her life in after years. Educated for the stage in Sir Herbert Tree's School of Acting, she quickly made her way to the front, but on the threshold of a career full of promise her health broke down, and she was obliged to abandon all idea of a professional life. What this disappointment was to her, only those who knew and loved her well could guess. With characteristic pluck and energy she threw herself into new work, and it was while serving her King and Country in the Women's Emergency Corps that she contracted the fatal illness—measles. Delightfully humorous yet never flippant, tender and compassionate yet fiercely enthusiastic in her convictions, greatly gifted intellectually yet considerate and humble-minded in her dealings with all, a staunch and true friend, ever inspiring the highest and best in those around her. Verily a great character that her friends are mourning to-day, and they are the poorer for her loss. Poorer and yet richer, for her clear compelling influence lives on.

She was laid to rest in the village churchyard of East Farleigh within sight of the home she loved so well.

"Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God."

HYMNS FOR MARCH.

	MORNING.			EVENING.	
MARCH 7th (3rd Sunday in Lent).					
	89	263	309	255	266 267 260
MARCH 14th (Mid-Lent Sunday).					
	257	259	248	251	107 215 523
MARCH 21st (5th Sunday in Lent).					
	112	96	106	105	96 97 259
MARCH 28th (Palm Sunday).					
	98	99	322	98	106 107 493

SERVICES—HOLY WEEK & EASTER.

Good Friday.

8 a.m., Litany and Meditation.
9.45 a.m., Mattins and Sermon at Workhouse.
11 a.m., Mattins, Ante-Communion & Sermon.
3.30 p.m., Mission Service (Coxheath).
7 p.m., Evensong, Sermon, and Story of the Cross.

Easter Day.

Celebrations of the Holy Communion:—
7 a.m., 8 a.m., and mid-day.
9.15 a.m., Coxheath Mission Room.
9.45 a.m., Workhouse Chapel.

Monday in Easter Week.

10.30 a.m., Mattins.

Tuesday in Easter Week.

10 a.m., Holy Communion.
10.30 a.m., Mattins.

¶ And note that every Parishioner shall communicate (receive the Holy Communion) at least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one.

Parishioners unable to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day should receive on Easter Tuesday, at 10 a.m., or the first Sunday after Easter.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

East Farleigh Men who are serving their King and Country.

Acott, W..... Royal West Kent (T.)
Arnold, F. Royal Army Medical Corps (T.)
Baldock, C..... H.M.S. "Maidstone."
Barnaby, G..... Rifle Brigade (T.)
Bartlett, E. S.... Royal West Kent.
Blake, G..... H.M.S. "King Edward VII."
Bodkin, F. Canadian Artillery.
Boorman, J. ... Grenadier Guards.
Boxall, Ed. Royal West Kent.
Brisley, C. National Reserve Guard.

Brisley, C. Royal Army Medical Corps (T.)
Brook, W. Army Service Corps (T.)
Brook, J..... Army Service Corps (T.)
Burrage, G..... Royal West Kent (T.)
Button, F. Army Service Corps.
Button, W. Royal West Kent (T.)
Cheesman, A. ... Royal West Kent.
Clifford, J. The Buffs (T.)
Clifford, W..... The Buffs (T.)
Colson, J. National Reserve Guard.
Connor, J. National Reserve Guard.
Costin, Alf. Army Service Corps.
Coulter, J. Beds. Yeomanry.
Cramp, W. Royal Army Medical Corps.
Crane, F..... H.M.S. "Antelope."
Daw, J. Royal Marine Light Infantry.
Dawson, P. Royal Army Medical Corps (T.)
Eves, W. Royal Army Medical Corps (T.)
Fancett, T. Royal West Kent.
Farmer, A. The Buffs.
Farmer, E. The Buffs.
Fenton, W. The Carabineers.
Fleet, W. R. ... Royal Field Artillery (T.)
Froud, G. A. ... Army Service Corps.
Gillingham, A... 9th Lancers.
Gillingham, W. Worcester Regiment.
Hadler, A. Royal West Kent.
Hartridge, A. D. M. T. Army Service Corps.
Hartridge, C. ... Royal Army Medical Corps (T.)
Hartridge, N.... West Kent Yeomanry.
Hayward, F. 15th Hussars.
Sergt.
Hayzelden, S. The Buffs.
(jun.)
Hewett, F. Royal West Kent (T.)
Hine, A. Royal Garrison Artillery (T.)
Hobbs, W. Royal Army Medical Corps (T.)
Ingram, J. H.M.S. "Lancaster."
Ingram, L. The Buffs.
Ingram, W. C.... Royal West Kent.
Judd, F. Royal Army Medical Corps.

Kennard, K., 2nd Lieut. Army Service Corps.
 Kennard, M. ... Inns of Court O.T.C. (T.)
 Kennett, H. The Buffs.
 Latter, A. Royal West Kent (T.)
 Latter, G. Royal West Kent (T.)
 Mallion, B. H.M.S. "Natal."
 Marsh, H. The Buffs.
 Marsh, T. B. ... Royal Army Medical Corps (T.)
 Marsh, W. Army Service Corps (T.)
 Mew, W. H.M.S. "Inflexible."
 Miller, H. Rifle Brigade (T.)
 Miller, J. E. Royal Engineers (T.)
 Miller, T. Royal Army Medical Corps (T.)
 Oliver, A. Royal Army Medical Corps (T.)
 Page, A. Army Service Corps.
 Parsons, W. Royal Garrison Artillery.
 Price, C. Scots Guards.
 Price, C. 60th Rifles.
 Ralph, W. Royal Scots Fusiliers.
 Ralph, M. Grenadier Guards.
 Rogers, A. E. ... National Reserve Guard.
 Seager, G. Royal Scots Fusiliers.
 Sharp, G. H.M.S. "Lennox."
 Small, D. Artists Rifles (T.)
 Smith, G. 7th Hussars.
 Smith, W. H. W. Royal Field Artillery.
 Lieut.
 Tapsfield, W. ... West Kent Yeomanry.
 Taylor, W. Royal West Kent (T.)
 Tinsen, J. Rifle Brigade (T.)
 Tompsett, E. ... Royal Garrison Artillery.
 Tompsett, F. ... Royal West Kent.
 Tompsett, P. ... Royal Garrison Artillery.
 Towner, Albert Royal West Kent.
 Towner, H. The Queen's Regiment.
 Tutt, G. Royal Army Medical Corps (T.)
 Tutt, H. Royal Army Medical Corps (T.)
 Walter, S. R. P. The Queen's Regiment.
 2nd Lieut.
 Watts, E. Royal Army Medical Corps (T.)

Webb, E. Royal West Kent.
 Webb, L. Hants Regiment.
 Whibley, F. Royal West Kent (T.)
 Wilson, L. Hants Regiment.
 Wilsmore, C. ... Royal West Kent.
 Winch, J. The Buffs.
 Wood, F. Royal West Kent.
 Wood, E. Royal West Kent.
 Yorke, A. H.M.S. "Agamemnon."
 Yorke, E. Royal West Kent (T.)
 Yorke, H. Royal West Kent (T.)

The following offered themselves for enlistment, but were medically unfit.

Cheesman, R. Pankhurst, J.
 Costen, A. L. Sears, E.
 Ipsley, A. Towner, M.
 Ipsley, R. Webb, T.

Voluntary Aid Detachment, Kent No. 12.

Miss M. Ley. Mrs. Littlewood.

Voluntary Aid Detachment, Kent No. 14.

Miss P. Hartridge. Mrs. Wilson-Smith.
 Mrs. W. Kennard. Miss G. Warde.
 Miss D. Warde.

HYMNS FOR APRIL.

MORNING.	EVENING.
APRIL 2nd (Good Friday). 114 119 105	Mission Hymns.
APRIL 4th (Easter Day). 134 127 133 316	134 Ant. 138 499 30
APRIL 11th (1st Sunday after Easter). 125 499 132	133 Ant. 135 138
APRIL 18th (2nd Sunday after Easter). 197 334 333	140 258 275 498
APRIL 25th (3rd Sunday after Easter). 125 498 232	273 222 235 274

THE EASTER SERVICES.

Owing to the War and the large number of men away from the Parish on active service, and also to the fact that no Confirmation was held this year, the number of Communicants on Easter Day was much smaller than last year. The Services, however, were well attended, and the Churches and Mission Room beautifully decorated. The teaching of the Easter Festival came as a great comfort to many a stricken heart. On the Sunday following, the Choir sang the Services at the Workhouse Church, and afterwards sang hymns in four of the Hospital wards. The Master and Matron kindly entertained us to tea afterwards. Miss Kitty Eve sang "I know that my Redeemer liveth" both in the Parish Church and also at the Workhouse.

**ASCENSION DAY SERVICES,
May 13th.**

6. 0 a.m. - Holy Communion.
 8. 0 a.m. - Holy Communion.
 10.30 a.m. - Mattins and Intercession Service.
 7. 0 p.m. - Evensong & Sermon.

EASTER VESTRY MEETING.

The Annual Easter Vestry was held on Monday, April 5th, at 7 p.m., in the Church Vestry. The Churchwardens' Balance Sheet and the Charity Accounts were passed. Capt. S. Walter was nominated Vicar's Warden, and Mrs. Maconochie was unanimously re-elected People's Warden for the ensuing year. The following were elected as sydesmen:—Messrs. A. Brook, E. Brook, L. Costen, Day, Finch, W. Kennard, F. Laurence, F. Stevens, A. Tapsfield, Capt. Purefoy, and Col. H. M. Warde.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. W. F. Hartridge for his excellent work in connection with the Christmas Charities; to the Ladies of the Congregation for their most artistic decoration of the Church, the Mission Room, and the Chapel at the Workhouse; to Capt. Walter for his work in the Churchyard (our Churchyard is one of the most beautiful in the county); to Mrs. Maconochie for her work as Churchwarden and the interest she has taken in the Church and its welfare.

The meeting was better attended than usual, but there is still room for improvement, and it is hoped next year that more Parishioners will attend and shew their appreciation of the efforts of the various Church officers on their behalf.

MISS I. M. TUXFORD'S CONCERT.

Miss Tuxford, in spite of the War and its claims, in spite of many difficulties, boldly determined to continue her annual kindness to the poor and the sick folk in the parish, and announced her Annual Concert in Easter week. In spite of three failures at the last moment, the programme was a long and interesting one. Miss Pope, Miss Evelyn Leney, Miss Kitty Eve, Miss Pennethorne and Miss Phyllis Hartridge were warmly applauded and deservedly encored. whilst Mr. Courtney Small, Mr. Howard Small and Mr. Gibbons were equally welcomed and were called upon to sing again and again. Notwithstanding the fact that the prices of the seats were reduced this year, a sum of no less than £5 3s. 7d. was placed to the account of the Sick and Poor Fund. Great credit is due to Miss Tuxford for her indefatigable energy and her many kindnesses shewn to the Parish. She has gone North to nurse the wounded at one of the Military Hospitals, but we look forward to seeing her again very soon, and we can't hope to attempt the Hopping medical work without her.

THE LENT SERVICES.

During Lent the Rev. Cecil Fawnes, of West Farleigh, preached a course of sermons on "The Lord's Prayer."

The Attitude of the Christian Life.
The Object of the Christian Life.
The Work of the Christian Life.
The Law of the Christian Life.
The Condition of the Christian Life.
The Joy of the Christian Life.

The usual Working Party at the Vicarage was not held owing to the War and the fact that so many were nursing at the V.A.D. Hospital. Garments were made last year and sold for £1 13s., which was given to the Mission Work amongst the Hop-pickers in the Parish. We are most grateful to all those who contributed to this most necessary work.

EAST FARLEIGH BAND OF HOPE.

This year it was found impossible to give the usual entertainment, and it was therefore decided to devote all the energies of the members of the above Society to needlework, selling the articles made for the benefit of the "Belgian Refugees in Maidstone." This idea was carried out, and on Tuesday, March 30th, at the conclusion of the Mothers' Meeting at the Court Lodge Room (by kind permission of Mrs. Maconochie), a small sale was held. Useful and fancy articles all found a rapid market, and both makers, givers and buyers will be pleased to hear that the money taken realised £1 11s. 9d., which was forwarded next day to Mrs. Robert Hoar, Secretary to the Belgian Refugee Committee in Maidstone, who gratefully acknowledged it.

Our Soldiers and Sailors were not forgotten either, by the Band of Hope Members, and over 30 scarves and pairs of mittens were sent to the Central Fund in Maidstone.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

For the Choir and Organ Fund:—W. Kennard, Esq., 15/-; A. Kennard, Esq., 15/-; W. F. Hartridge, Esq., 15/-.

HYMNS FOR MAY.

	MORNING.	EVENING.
MAY 2nd (4th Sunday after Easter).		
	207 524 170	550 537 530 477
MAY 9th (Rogation Sunday).		
	143 176 235	196 142 298 302
MAY 13th (Ascension Day).		
		147 148 149 150
MAY 16th (Sunday after Ascension).		
	149 299 553	147 150 300 142
MAY 23rd (Whitsun Day).		
	211 156 207	156 Ant. 157 152 30
MAY 30th (Trinity Sunday).		
	160 Ant. 36	163 160 162 588

BAPTISMS.

"Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising."—
S. Matt. xxviii., 19.

April 4—Dorothy Ada, daughter of Rupert and Ada Stedman.
" 4—May Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Catherine Tree.

MARRIAGES.

"Let Marriage be had in honour among all."—Heb. xiii., 4.
April 3—Albert Ernest Golding, and Kate Tompsett.
" 5—Arthur Lewis Costen, and Alice Caroline Brooks.

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Rev. xii., 13.
Jan. 27—Frank Frederick Tucker, of West Farleigh, aged 18 years.
" 30—Elizabeth Webb, of East Farleigh, aged 47 years.
Feb. 13—Regina Kathleen Laurence, of Half Yoke, aged 28 years.
April 14—James Watts, of Maidstone, aged 81 years.
" 20—Eliza Sophia Weller, of East Farleigh, aged 83 years.
" 22—Victor Thurston, of Barming, aged 7 years.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS,

EASTER, 1914, TO EASTER, 1915.

CHURCH EXPENSES, EASTER, 1915.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
By Collections	61	0	7	To Deficit to Churchwardens.....	2	1	5
" Donations	9	1	6	" Verger	12	0	0
				" Attending Clock	2	0	0
				" Chiming Bells	1	0	0
				" Blowing Organ	2	0	0
				" Church Cleaning.....	13	0	0
				" Candles, Oil, etc. (J. B. Leaver).....	7	5	8
				" Insurances	6	9	0
				" Water Rate (one year)	1	0	0
				" Vino-Sacro (Hicks & Co.).....	3	0	0
				" Coke (C. Willsmore)	5	11	0
				" Washing Surplices.....	3	5	1
				" Visitation Fee.....	10	0	
				" Intercession Forms	19	7	
				" Sundry Repairs (S. Hayzelden)	1	4	3
				" Repairs (T. H. Miller)	6	15	10
				" Notices	2	9	
				" Stamps for Notices.....	1	9	
				" Mending Cassocks	2	6	
				" Balance in hand	1	13	3
	£70	2	1		£70	2	1

CHRISTMAS CHARITY ACCOUNT, 1914.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance	14	11		108 Loaves, ½-gall. (Finch).....	1	11	6
Charge on Half Yoke	2	10	0	147 yards Flannel @ 1/11½ (Leaver)	8	5	4
Consols	10	15	4	54 lb. Beef @ 9d. (Weaver)	2	0	6
				54 " " (Crundwell)	2	0	6
				Six Post Cards			3
				Balance	2	2	
	£14	0	3		£14	0	3

COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH TO EASTER, 1915.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Choir and Organ Fund	6	6	1	O. M. C.		4	6
U. M. C. A.	6	2		S. P. C. K.	1	9	6
A. C. S.	3	12	4	E. L. C. F. Jews	1	0	0
Prince of Wales' Fund	13	4	9	Poor Fund	33	13	3
Red Cross Fund	7	7		Church Expenses	61	0	7
R. A. B. I. and Hospital	5	12	6				
Hop-pickers' Mission	4	5	9		£136	19	5
S. John Ambulance	5	16	5				

CHOIR AND ORGAN FUND.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance	4 1	Organ Tuning	4 4 0
Mrs. Coveney	15 0	Christmas Treat	1 1 4
J. C. Ley, Esq.	2 2 0	Choir Boys	6 2 10
C. Hastings, Esq.	3 0 0	Service Papers	15 9
Mrs. Maconochie	51 0 0	Monitor	5 0
Capt. S. Walter	1 1 0	Margate	5 13 0
Col. H. M. Warde	2 2 0	Organist	50 0 0
H. Wilson Smith, Esq.	2 0 0	Balance	8 3
Collection at Easter	6 6 1		
	£68 10 2		£68 10 2

SCHOOL TREAT.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance	2 8 3	Cake, Bread, etc.	2 9 3
Miss Brook	2 6	Toys and Prizes	1 3 8
Miss Bagwell	5 0	Milk	4 0
Mr. Ballard	1 0 0	Carting and Labour	5 0
Mrs. Coveney	5 0	Balance in hand	3 14 10
Mrs. Ley	10 0		
Mrs. Maconochie	2 0 0		
Mrs. Walter	10 6		
Mrs. Warde	10 6		
Mrs. Hartridge	5 0		
	£7 16 9		£7 16 9

COAL AND CLOTHING CLUB.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Members' Payments	77 18 2	Messrs. Denniss Paine & Co.	48 8 8
Mrs. Maconochie	2 2 0	Mr. Whyman	16 8 11
R. Mercer, Esq.	2 0 0	Mr. Adams	21 3 10
Capt. S. Walter	1 1 0	Mr. Willsmore	2 4 10
C. Hastings, Esq.	1 0 0	Deposit Cards	6 0
Messrs. Denniss Paine	4 0 8	Balance	17 6
Interest, 1914	1 7 11		
	£89 9 9		£89 9 9

GUILD OF BELLRINGERS.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
The Vicar	10 0	Mrs. Coveney	3 0
Mrs. Maconochie	10 0	Mr. H. W. Weedon	2 6
Mr. J. C. Ley	5 0	Mr. P. Warburton	2 6
Col. H. Warde	5 0	Mr. R. Cooke	2 6
Mr. F. Laurence	5 0	Miss J. Day	2 0
Mr. C. G. Hastings	5 0	Mr. W. Day	2 0
Mr. M. Ballard	5 0	Mr. J. B. Leaver	2 0
Mr. H. Wilson Smith	5 0	Mr. F. H. Stevens	2 0
Miss Bagwell	5 0	Mr. W. Moses	1 0
Mr. A. Kennard	2 6		
Mr. W. Kennard	2 6		
Mr. W. F. Hartridge	2 6		
Mr. A. Tapsfield	2 6		
			£4 5 0

PARISH MAGAZINE.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance, 1914	2 0 2	Kalendars	1 15 0
Subscribers	9 16 9	Printing (Vivish & Baker)	12 7 0
Advertisements	8 18 0	"Dawn of Day"	4 1 11
Mrs. Maconochie	1 0 0	Carriage and Postages	6 6
Mrs. Walter	10 6	Balance in hand	3 15 0
	£22 5 5		£22 5 5

CHURCHYARD FUND.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Mrs. Maconochie	1 1 0	Grass Cutting and Work on Paths (Hayzelden)	6 0 10
Miss Bagwell	10 0		
The Hon. Mrs. Hammen	10 0		
Mrs. Hastings	10 0		
Mr. B. Small	10 0		
Rev. C. Watson (late)	10 0		
11 Subscribers of 5/- and under	2 9 10		
	£6 0 10		£6 0 10

SICK AND POOR FUND.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Capt. S. Walter	1 1 0	Deficit, 1914	5 1
H. W. Smith, Esq.	1 1 0	Convalescent Homes	3 12 6
Miss Tuxford's Concert	5 3 7	Relief in Grocery, Meat, Milk, Coal	40 2 1
Collections in Church	33 13 3	Balance in hand	1 8
Mr. Ballard	2 12 6		
Mrs. Richardson	5 0		
Mr. Froud	5 0		
	£44 1 4		£44 1 4

SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
F. S. W. Cornwallis, Esq.	2 0 0	"Our Empire"	8 4
Miss Bagwell	1 0 0	Prizes	1 4 0
Mrs. Maconochie	1 13 0	Christmas Treat	2 5 4
		Registers	4 6
		Balance in hand	10 10
	£4 13 0		£4 13 0

COXHEATH MISSION ROOM.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Collections	2 6 0	Deficit, 1914	1 8 7
F. S. W. Cornwallis, Esq.	3 0 0	Altar Cruets	8 6
		Cleaning	2 10 6
		Oil, Coal, etc.	12 2
		Balance	16 3
	£5 6 0		£5 6 0

SUMMARY OF A SERMON Preached at East Farleigh Church on Trinity Sunday.

"HAVE FAITH IN GOD."

Dear people of East Farleigh, what a lot has happened since last Trinity Sunday! Everything is altered; but amid all the change God alone remains unaltered; and Jesus Christ is the same—yesterday, to-day, and for ever. The lesson of the moment for us all is—"Have faith in God." This is not easy, because the War has chilled many hearts with sorrow, unbalanced many minds with doubt, and broken up conventional ideas of life in general, and of religion in particular; and has put an abnormal strain on the faith of us all. But this is by no means a bad thing, but rather good, as it has forced us to think of the mystery of the ways of Providence, and brought us closer to God, even the most thoughtless and irreligious, and has taught us the value and necessity of speaking to God through Prayer. To the thinker and the worshipper especially, there is much in the present distress to strengthen faith in God!

The words of our text were spoken by Christ at a time of national distress, and had reference to a condemnation of the barren fig tree, which was a parable of God's rejection of that which had failed to do its natural duty, and fulfil the Divine purpose for which it had been created. The militarism of Rome was seeking to overwhelm God's people, and rejecting God's greatest gift to man, namely Christ, yet He and all He stood for was destined to endure and to triumph, and to be the permanent good to benefit mankind. It is still the one good element in a world of evil, and must survive this present evil thing, for God is stronger than the devil, and right must prevail. The main thing for us is to be on God's side, and then who or what shall separate us from His love which we have in Christ Jesus our Lord?

While the material side of war is destructive, its moral side is constructive. The carnal dies that the spiritual may live and thrive. Sacrifice for principle is the touchstone of Christianity, a real "survival of the fittest." As in the Kingdom

of Grace, so in the Kingdom of Nature. The "fittest" alone can survive. The *weak* Christian is a source of danger to high principle, which (by his very name) he is meant to uphold. Trial strengthens and purifies him! Now, how are we to prevail? Not merely in this war against the Devil incarnate, but in the perpetual war—against evil always. The Christian in Holy Baptism is pledged to fight against sin, the world and the devil; he is therefore always a *Soldier*. We need a Trinity of grace and power, *i.e.*, Courage, Faith and Hope. Merely to *live* is not enough. Man's life is meant to witness to God's truth, to Christ's righteousness, and the Holy Spirit's power. This is the burden of the whole Gospel, and the ordained Ministry and Sacrament of the Church. The Priesthood of the Clergy, and of the laity as well, is fulfilled in the acceptance and performance of this sacred duty, of which another—Festival of the Blessed Trinity—is a solemn reminder. Christian courage is the child of faith, and faith is God's gift as much as parentage, to be both honoured and obeyed! Hope is the offspring of the future, and the experience of those whose willing service as Christ's faithful soldiers will be rewarded by conquest of evil in every shape and form, ghostly and bodily.

An instance of Christian courage was brought to me recently. A brave woman (and women *are* marvellously brave, though their bravery is of a different kind from men's) who lost her only boy at Neuve-Châpelle, when being consoled with, quietly (with pallid lips) replied—"I would not have had it *otherwise*"! No, indeed, because she realised that by his act her son had mysteriously entered into the sublime sacrifice of Calvary, and laid down his life for his friends!

Then as to Faith, or rather the absence of it. The other day a man said to me—"I suppose the Almighty is responsible for this War"! My answer was, "He is no more responsible for this War than He is responsible for any breach of the law of God to man by any separate individual"! If a man steals, or lies, or murders, we do not say God did it. No, for man has a free will (*part of the Divine image within him*); he is a free agent, and *can* resist

all the promptings of God's Holy Spirit. In so doing, he is bound to bring trouble on harmless and innocent victims, such as his wife and children, etc. It is the working out of the cause and effect. "The wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God." Those in Germany who have brought about this barbarous war, and they alone are responsible for it, and its effects on the innocent! God's method is not to interfere, forcibly, with the free will of the creatures He has made. If it were so, we should cease to be men and women, and become mere machines, without responsibility. The religion of Germany, whatever it is, is *not* the religion of the Christ Incarnate. Their "God" appears to be the God of War, and lust, of murder and blood and iron. There is nothing of the Christian gentle-man about it, or the character of the gentle Jesus within it! They have cast off the teaching of the Incarnation, and with it sentence of condemnation is being pronounced against them. They have failed to fulfil the Divine purpose, and so are self-cursed! Their helpless victims, the injured innocents, are as much upholders of high principles as the soldiers who fight. By their death, salvation and freedom must come to mankind. Look at Calvary's Cross, and there you will see the explanation. Life springing out of sacrifice and death.

For us then it is to be courage, faith and hope, and faith is the bed-rock foundation on which alone the other two can be built. For this is the Victory that alone will overcome—not merely the evil thing in Germany, but the evil in the world—even our FAITH.

KINDNESS TO ANIMALS.

The 4th Sunday after Trinity, June 27th, reminds us of our duty of kindness to animals. On that day special sermons will be preached on the subject. For many years the R.S.P.C.A. has done noble work in looking after God's animal creation, and last year 4,885 persons were prosecuted and convicted, and 25,153 persons cautioned, for cruelty to animals. When war was declared, the Society provided two complete Hospitals, each accommodating 1,000 horses, with recreation rooms for the men. It also took care of dogs and pets of men in the fighting line, and paid the licences when necessary. A considerable number of dogs, etc., were brought to this country by refugees from Belgium and Flanders. These have been taken care of by the Society, and placed in quarantine; at the end of four months they were restored to their owners, or placed in comfortable homes.

In East Farleigh we have done our best for animals in providing a Drinking Trough. For some years this has been kept up by private individuals, but as it was thought that many people would like to help in such a splendid work, the up-keep of the Trough has been taken over by the Vicar and Churchwardens, and on the 4th Sunday in Trinity collections will be taken for that purpose. All therefore who love animals, and who would provide water for those who are thirsty, and anyone who has seen the splendid benefit the Trough has been to the Parish, let them come to Church on June 27th, and help in the good work. There is a special blessing promised to those who give "even a cup of cold water" to any human being who is in want, and I am sure there will be one as well for those who provide water for horses and dogs who cannot help themselves, and depend entirely on the thoughtful kindness of their masters and friends.

HYMNS FOR JUNE.

	MORNING.	EVENING.
JUNE 6th (1st Sunday after Trinity).		
	186 106 192	511 294 574 391
JUNE 13th (2nd Sunday after Trinity).		
	432 413 436	12 215 274 27
JUNE 20th (3rd Sunday after Trinity).		
	4 229 322	224 222 196 296
JUNE 27th (4th Sunday after Trinity).		
	415 414 438	540 165 306 172

BAPTISMS.

"Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising."—
S. Matt. xxviii., 19.

- May 2—William Frederick Arthur, son of Frederick and Elizabeth Fancett.
 „ 16—Elsie Elizabeth, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Dadson.
 „ 23—Evelyn May, daughter of William and Mabel Honey.
 „ 30—Roy Edward Stuart, son of Arthur and Beatrice Onion.

MARRIAGE.

- "Let Marriage be had in honour among all."—Heb. xiii., 4.
 May 9—Arthur David Bowles and Minnie Jane Dodge.

BURIALS.

- "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Rev. xii., 13.
 May 10—Percy Colebrook, of Fant, aged 10 years.
 „ 29—Howard Percy Kennard, of East Farleigh, aged 42 years.

TO THE MEN OF EAST FARLEIGH.

I need not remind any of you that it is the plain duty of every Englishman if he is of military age to join the Army at once and defend his country, his home, and wife and children. The duty is so plain that anyone must see it. But what can men do who are too old to enlist? In places where there are factories they can do Government work, and make shells and guns, and uniforms, and all and everything that the Government requires. But what can they do in Farleigh? Apart from the fact that everyone who prays, either at Church or at home, is helping his country, and his brother in the trenches, what can a man do for his village? Well, the time has come when he must learn to defend it. Any day the Germans may land, and if they land it will be in Essex or Kent, to attack London; and when they land they will show no mercy to man, woman or child—it is no good saying it is best to remain a civilian; it would be of course in ordinary warfare, but this war is not ordinary warfare, and if the Germans pass through Farleigh, *no ones life will be safe*. I tell you we had better learn to defend our homes, and our wives and our little ones. Fancy the man's feelings who had not learned to defend himself and his home, when, although he was in civilian clothes, he was bayoneted, or shot, or burned to death with his mates in an oasthouse. What would he think? "What a coward I was" he would say to himself, "if only I and my mates had all learned to shoot, and every man in the village had done his bit and learned his drill, and held the trenches, why the village might have been held and saved till the regulars had arrived, and now it is too late!"

We must face the fact that an invasion may take place, and we shall be nothing short of madmen if we refuse to do our best to help the Army and keep the Germans out.

In another column you will see the account of a meeting to form a Unit of Volunteers, and every man who loves and values his home, and his wife and little ones, ought to join at once, and learn how to defend those who are dear to him. If he

doesn't he may some day, when it is too late, bitterly regret it. Could there be anything nobler or greater than to defend one's own when they are attacked? and it is only discipline and organization that will enable a man to do this properly. Men, I ask you, do you want to see your houses destroyed like the poor peasants in Belgium? Do you want to see your wives and daughters violated like the poor women in Flanders and France? Surely, every spark of manhood in you blazes up into a fierce flame of wrath when you read of the awful atrocities that have been committed—surely you won't allow these things to happen here? and if you won't allow it, *you* must do something to prevent it. Don't shelter yourself behind the Army, it is not big enough at present; don't shelter yourself behind the Navy, for no one knows what may happen; but just be a MAN, and make yourself able to defend your own. Is it not worth doing? What would you think of yourself when the invasion came and you were sent away with the women and children, and left the men of the village behind to defend it? So be a man and join the Volunteer Force.

A. BERNARD LITTLEWOOD.

K. V. F.

I daresay a number of you will wonder what those three letters mean. Well, they are short for Kent Volunteer Fencibles, a force which was raised in 1789, when it was realised that Napoleon with his Army might invade England, and land in Kent.

Now we are threatened again with the possibility of invasion by a much more terrible and horrible enemy than ever Napoleon would have been. Thus a force has been formed once more in Kent (as it is being formed all over England), called by its old name, the Kent Volunteer Fencibles, and already four hundred thousand men have joined it.

Thus a Public Meeting, called by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Ernest Brook, who presided, was held on Friday, the 25th June, for the purpose of still swelling the ranks of this Volunteer Force from the manhood of East Farleigh still remaining and unable, owing to age or other good reason, to join the regular Army.

The acting Lord Lieutenant of the County, Lord Harris, who is the head of this movement as regards the County of Kent, has appointed several gentlemen to explain its objects and the details connected with its organisation throughout the County, and for this purpose and as his representative, Colonel Borton, of Hunton, attended the Meeting and delivered a most stirring and interesting address.

He pointed out that there was a possibility of the Germans invading England, as their greatest aim was to reach and plunder London; that it was up to every man to be prepared to repel this invasion, and that the only successful way to do this was to join the Kent Volunteer Fencibles, so as to be properly organised and drilled, and to become proficient in the use of the rifle. Anyone, he stated, above the age of 16 is eligible to join, but those of military age, namely, between 19 and 40, would have to show some reasonable grounds why they did not join the regular Army.

The result was that a resolution was passed "that a unit of the Kent Volunteer Fencibles be formed in East Farleigh, and that West Farleigh be invited to join with them."

A Committee was then formed, consisting of Captain Purefoy (Chairman), the Rev. A. B. Littlewood, Messrs. E. Brook, E. J. Parker, H. C. Lane, F. H. Stevens and A. Brook, Mr. Stevens consenting to act as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. A. Brook as Assistant Honorary Secretary. Before the meeting dispersed, 10 of those present notified their willingness to join the Corps.

It is hoped that this number will at once be largely increased, and Mr. Stevens, Court Lodge Cottage, East Farleigh, will be pleased to receive the names of those intending to join.

A private enclosed drill ground and a miniature rifle range have kindly been placed at the disposal of the Corps, an Instructor has offered his services to drill the men, and Mr. Ernest Brook will superintend the musketry; and the rifles for this purpose will be provided.

All, now, that is wanted are the men to join, so come along.

East and West Farleigh and District GARDENERS' SOCIETY.

[BY THE SECRETARY—S. HAYZELDEN, SEN.]

A Meeting was held at the New Inn on Tuesday, June 22nd, Mr. T. B. Brook presiding,

There were Two Competitions—Six New Potatoes and Three Lettuces. The prize-winners were:—Potatoes: 1st, J. D. Springett; 2nd (equal), S. Hayzelden and W. Laurence. Lettuces: 1st, T. B. Brook; 2nd, J. D. Springett; 3rd, G. Moorecroft; 4th, F. Oliver.

The next Meeting (an extra one) will be held at the Rose Inn, Tovil, on Tuesday, July 6th, when the Competitions will be Collections of Vegetables (3 varieties), and 4 varieties of Cut Flowers (3 spikes of each).

The Summer Show will be held this year on Bank Holiday (August 2nd). The members think it right to hold the Show as usual this year, in order to encourage members to grow as many vegetables as possible in these sad and bad times, and also to try and help others all we can. We have decided to give one half of the gate money to the War Fund, and the members will give some of their productions to the Local V.A.D. Hospital; so come to see the Show and help those who try to help others. There will be a grand Concert in the evening this year, so a treat is in store for all who come.

HYMNS FOR JULY.

MORNING.	EVENING.
JULY 4th (5th Sunday after Trinity). 267 193 316	236 290 178 21
JULY 11th (6th Sunday after Trinity). 260 210 275	198 178 191 32
JULY 18th (7th Sunday after Trinity). 7 239 175	292 265 271 28
JULY 25th (8th Sunday after Trinity). 290 209 527	441 418 440 620

BAPTISMS.

"Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising."—
S. Matt. xxviii., 19.

[NONE.]

MARRIAGES.

"Let Marriage be had in honour among all."—Heb. xiii., 4.

[NONE.]

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Rev. xii., 13.

[NONE.]

THE SCHOOL TREAT.

The Annual Treat will be held on July 30th, in the Priory Meadow. On account of the War, the Treat will be quite a simple one, and will consist of tea and games for the children. There will be no fireworks or fire balloons, no presents on leaving, no entertainment for the workers, and Mrs. Maconochie will not entertain her usual large party of guests and helpers at the Priory.

HOP-PICKING MISSION WORK.

This will be the most difficult year we have ever had to face. It will be almost impossible to obtain the services of any University men to run the marquee, for every man who is a man has obeyed his country's call. It will be difficult to get any nurses, but the work must go on, and we must do the best we can. "Invicta" is our motto, and we shall carry on to the best of our ability. Miss Edith Luard and her kind band of ladies will we hope be able to come again, and Mr. J. Reed and Mr. Walton have also promised their help. We must rely on local help and local talent, and I am sure it will be forthcoming. Miss Luard wants a pony for her red coffee cart; has anyone one to lend her?

K. V. F.

Universal Service is coming; it has taken a long time to come, but it is coming, and coming very soon. All the faint-hearted, all the shirkers, all the pacifists will have to go—everyone will have to do their share in defence of the country, to defend their own lives. The voluntary system is very beautiful in theory, but very unjust and very costly in practice. It allows two millions or more unmarried men to stay at

home, and sends 843,000 married men to the Front at an extra cost of 25 million pounds to the nation! Before Parliament passes the Compulsory Service Bill, it would be wise for those who have any self-respect and proper pride to enlist; because they will find then the conditions of the service will in all probability be vastly different to the present order of things. In the meantime, all those who are medically unfit or outside the military age should join the K.V.F. A very good start has been made. Drills are held on Tuesdays at 7.30, at Captain Purefoy's; on Fridays, at West Farleigh School, Musketry practice, Court Lodge Oast, 3—6 p.m. The number enrolled is very satisfactory, but, as Lord Kitchener says, we want men, more men and still more men—So men, come along and do your best.

V. A. D.

The country has just woken up to the valuable service rendered by the Voluntary Aid Detachments. The Medical Correspondent in the "Times" says Sir Frederick Treves said no more than truth when he wrote recently, "The sick man's first wish is to get out of the hospital, to be free from the ward with its sickly sights, its suspicious smells, and its horrid sounds." That truth is known to every doctor who has worked in a great hospital, and the larger the ward and the more crowded the greater the desire to escape. It is for this reason that small hospitals are so often preferred by the patients. The small hospital is less formal than the big ones, and is less mechanical, and it is "kinder." These considerations must be kept firmly in mind if the splendid work performed by the V.A.D. during the War is to be appreciated. Before the outbreak of the War, V.A.D.'s were found in almost every village of some counties, and in most villages in others. Buildings

were earmarked for hospitals, and beds had been arranged for. The detachments trained diligently, and though they were sometimes the subject of a good deal of banter, held to their determination to become efficient. The V.A.D's have given most valuable help to the War Office. To date, upwards of 600 small hospitals have been given with a capacity considerably over 17,000 beds. Up to March 1st, 70,000 patients had passed through V.A.D. Hospitals in England and Wales alone. On June 23rd, there were 2,359 detachments in England and Scotland, employing 70,846 trained men and women. All this service is given to the Nation free, and most efficiently. I had an opportunity recently of inspecting a hospital organised by one of the V.A.D's, and can testify to its efficient character. The patients rejoiced that they had the good luck to be sent there. The hospital costs the Nation nothing so far as the doctors' salaries or nurses' salaries are concerned; also a good deal of the provisioning is done from private subscription.

That is what the Medical Correspondent of the "Times" Newspaper says, and all thoughtful people will echo his words. There can be no nobler or more beautiful work than nursing those brave men who have been wounded in their country's service. Our village has done splendidly, and sends its helpers to the Howard de Walden and Hayle Place Hospitals.

East and West Farleigh and District GARDENERS' SOCIETY.

[BY THE SECRETARY—S. HAYZELDEN, SEN.]

A Meeting was held at the Bull Inn on Tuesday, July 20th. There were Two Competitions—20 Pods of Peas and 4 Varieties of Sweet Peas. The prize-winners were:—20 Pods of Peas: W. Laurence, 1st; C. Weeks, 2nd; J. D. Springett, 3rd; and E. Sears, 4th. Sweet

Peas: C. Weeks, 1st; T. B. Brook, 2nd; and S. Hayzelden, 3rd.

Don't forget the Flower Show is on Bank Holiday, August 2nd, when the Society is giving half their gate money to the War Fund, vegetables to the local hospitals, and also inviting the wounded soldiers in the district to the show and entertaining them to tea; so come and welcome them by your presence.

HYMNS FOR AUGUST.

MORNING.					EVENING.
AUGUST 1st (9th Sunday after Trinity).	181	176	313	22	184 268 266
AUGUST 8th (10th Sunday after Trinity).	460	461	247	12	242 305 210
AUGUST 15th (11th Sunday after Trinity).	303	242	36	37	240 172 302
AUGUST 22nd (12th Sunday after Trinity).	4	308	223	12	512 191 274
AUGUST 29th (13th Sunday after Trinity).	235	368	240	588	550 511 23

BAPTISMS.

"Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising."—
S. Matt. xxviii., 19.

[NONE.]

MARRIAGES.

"Let Marriage be had in honour among all."—Heb. xiii., 4.

[NONE.]

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Rev. xii., 13.

[NONE.]

Letter from Corporal F. Weedon, No. 9876 C Company, 6th London Regiment, B.E.F.

My dear Brother,

You will see by this that I am still alive and kicking, but very lucky to be in such a happy position. What I have told you on several occasions has come off, and the 6th London Regiment has made a name for itself that will be a page in the history of the war equal to any battalion in the British Army. It was a wonderful and yet horrible event, and I am sorry to say very, very bad for our Regiment. There are only 250 of us left, so you can see I ought to feel pleased, although not happy. Everyone of my pals have gone. Poor Syd.—is killed, and we are pretty well certain Chas.—was blown to pieces. —died in hospital yesterday. Roger—and Harry—are both wounded, but I am pleased to say not badly. So you see, old chap, I am pretty well alone with only a fine memory of some loving pals to keep me company. I have now to choose a fresh pal, but none can come up to my old ones.

The French have had our name in their papers as the battalion which charged the valley of death. They themselves lost 4,000 men in four days and failed to capture the position, so you can see what our boys had to face. To go in a charge causes all manner of things to pass through one's mind, because, as you know, to come out of one you have to be frightfully lucky. We were marched up to the trench over-night, and all the N.C.O.'s (and of course the Officers and all the men) have their watches timed and are told as well) exactly what time they are to "go over the top." Of course we knew exactly what direction we had to take and which trenches were to be taken. No order is given, and at the hour mentioned you just say "over we go" and to a man the trenches are left. We had to walk, because we had got to go so far that it would have been impossible to have run. We went over in a

cloud of smoke so as to keep us from view as long as possible. The German first line was about 700 yards from us. The Germans started shelling directly they saw the smoke, and the machine guns blazed away for all they were worth. You can imagine what passed through my mind with all this flying about. Home, mother, brothers and sisters; everything that was dear to me. Then I saw the poor chaps falling all around me, but on I went till I came to the German barbed wire, which had been very well cut. There I saw our Major, who was standing as cool as a cucumber telling us where to go through. My company did not stop at the first German trench, our business was their second line. Just about then I met my first German, a man about 6-ft. 1-in.; he loomed up in front of me and had not the pluck to fight, but said "Bon Camerade." A feeling of disgust came into my mind, so I killed him straight away. On I went, got to our place in the second line, and met my platoon officer. He said how pleased he was to see me, but he had hardly spoken the words when we heard Germans running like the devil. We went after them and copped them "a treat," and I again proved myself to be a good shot; none of them will tell a story about we English again. Here we jumped into a trench and made our way into a huge dug-out where I met "a beauty," I wounded him and went on to see if there was no more scum in it. My Officer then went up the line to a trench about 600 yards farther on, but we had hardly started when we heard another rush, and my Officer put paid to his account. We met no more obstacles and got into the advanced trench which was our objective, met a number of our chaps and started making the trench into one of our own so as to stop any counter attack that might come. Of course other Battalions were attacking on our left belonging to Kitchener's Army, and I am glad to say all attained their objective. We had no counter attacks on our side of the line, so by working day and night

for three days we made our position pretty safe. I was not sorry when we were relieved, for I had no sleep all that time and scarcely any food or water. The one feeling I have of the Germans now, is that of total disgust. They use every device that is vile to stop an attack, and when you get by the barrier and expect a square fight they go on their knees and pretty well cry for pity. I have made up my mind never to take a prisoner in future. I will not kill a wounded man, but any other will be one of revenge for my poor pals. Liquid fire was their method of stopping us, but it only caught about half-a-dozen of our fellows who rolled on the ground and put themselves out. Our captain is the only one of his rank left, and if ever a man deserved the V.C. he does. A lovely fellow, full of grit, and as humane to the fellows under him as is possible to be. The poor chap is awfully cut up because so many of his company have gone.

I have a mission for you, and a very unhappy one, to perform, if you will; I want you to see Mr.— and Tommy— and break the sad news to them and say I am writing to them in a day or so. It will be better than me writing to them and breaking it suddenly. It will break them up I feel sure, for he was a fine chap and loved by all, a true Britisher, and died a glorious death, the best death that an Englishman could die. I try to forget now that my pals have departed. You must not get miserable at this work, for it plays havoc with your nerves.

Thank God I suffer from no complaint, and feel as well as ever I did in all my life.

I am going into the Trenches again in a day or two in reserve to another part of our division; where, I must not mention, but it will not be far from where we had our first engagement. There is a good deal of humour attached to an attack. To see one of our small boys with fixed bayonet marching off about a dozen lumping great Prussians is a sight to make you laugh, despite other goings on around you. We

fought Prussians, so feel doubly pleased with our coup. I saw yesterday's paper and it was all Kitchener's Army that made the glorious attack. We poor Territorials were left out of it, but when General French makes his report you will get the truth and perhaps be astonished. The paper I read was the *Daily Mail*, September 30th, so if you can get that paper and divide the lot you will not be far out. He did not write with a great deal of accuracy, because for one instance one of the "Flowers of London" has been blown away. There are many more details that are entirely wrong.

Things seem to be going very much in our favour now, don't they?

An Officer we captured (wounded) had cheek enough to tell us the Germans would win from a financial point of view. Of course we laughed at him and asked him why he and the rest of them did not fight like men. All he could say was "The Heads direct us in what we do." So of course we asked him the old thing: "If he were told to commit suicide, would he do it?" his answer was "You have your opinion and I'll have mine." He added that the Germans recognised the British as a brave race, for which we thanked him. Well, old chap, if you will excuse me for a day or two I will draw this letter to a close. I have not heard from you for a good time now, and am looking forward to a letter shortly. Give my love to Mother and tell her not to fret or worry about me. I am alright. Give my love to all my Brothers and Sisters, Uncle Walter, Aunt, and Old Wick, and tell him I can still picture my bed and remember the language he used to use to me. By the way thank you for the watch and tobacco, both of which have been a great boon to me. I have, unfortunately, broken the watch in the struggle, but can get it mended here. With much love.

Your loving brother,

FRANK.

The Vicarage.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

This has been the longest Hopping I have known—it has dragged on for five weeks and is not quite over yet. You will be very sorry to hear that Mr. Hadrill is leaving us for a more important sphere of work at Boxmoor, in Hertfordshire, and that he has sustained an irreparable loss by the death of his mother. I am sure your prayers will follow him in his new work, and your sympathy will help him in his sorrow. I quite thought it would be impossible to fill his place in War time, but the Bishop has most kindly arranged that the Rev. George Chatterton, B.A., should come and work here. He took his B.A. at Cambridge in 1909, and was at Wells Theological College ordained Deacon in 1911, and Priest at Rochester Cathedral in 1913. He had a severe illness last year, which prevents him taking any violent exertion or bicycling; but he feels quite able to undertake the work of the Parish. I know you will give him a very hearty welcome, and as he is a very keen visitor, he will soon find out many friends; he will come into residence on October 30th. I am sure you will all pray for God's blessing on his work amongst us.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, October 17th, at the Parish Church. We want plenty of help and plenty of fruit, foliage and flowers, for decoration. Please everybody send something, however small. As I am now single-handed I dare not attempt the extra Services at the Workhouse and the Mission Room.

ALL SAINTS' DAY falls this year on Monday. To many it is impossible to attend Church on a week-day; may I suggest that it is possible to keep the Festival on the day before, which is Sunday, "All Hallow E'en"? When we think of the brave lives laid down for their country's good, and of our own dear ones who have passed away, we must feel that it is a great privilege

to attend the celebration of the Holy Communion on that day, and to commend their souls to God's Fatherly care.

"May the souls of the faithful departed by the mercy of God rest in Peace."

Believe me,

Ever my dear friends,

Your faithful friend and Vicar,

A. BERNARD LITTLEWOOD.

HOP-PICKING, 1915.

Hop-picking and War-time. The War naturally came first, and we had to decide what part of the Work should be given up. With a bold venture of faith we decided to carry on everything, and the end has shewed that we were right. Of course we were short-handed; one year we had ten men from Oxford and Cambridge, this year we had but two, for every able-bodied man has joined the Navy or the Army. There are 10,000 Cambridge men in the Army, and of these 500 have been killed. When one remembers that there are 3,000 undergraduates in residence, and 1,000 come up every year, it means that *half* the number who came up last year have fallen fighting for their King and Country—it is a terrible account; one wonders why so many young lives should be sacrificed—perhaps it is the answer to those unfortunate men who tried to engineer a class war in England, who tried to set the poor against the rich, and the employee against the employer; for a great many years they were allowed to teach their pernicious doctrines and many amongst the working classes believed them, but now I think that their day is over and the whole of England knows now that the Universities and Public Schools were the first to volunteer and lay down their lives for their Country's good.

But if we had but two men from Ch. Ch., Oxford, we had two of the best, and we are most grateful to Mr. S. Trelawney-Ross and Mr. R. F.

G. Swinson for their most useful work in the Marquee and with the Coffee Cart in the Hop Gardens. Miss Tuxford having gone to Egypt rejoicing in the following initials after her name, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., could not help us, and we missed her very much, but Sister Frances Miller gave up her much needed rest and well-earned holiday at the West Kent Hospital and came to our rescue, presiding at the Surgery from September 8th to September 24th. Again good fortune attended us, Miss Jackson, staying at West Farleigh Vicarage, then kindly took charge and carried on the work.

The Coffee Stall, which was open all day from 5 a.m. till 8 p.m., was most fortunate in its helpers; Mrs. Maconochie, Mrs. Walter Kennard, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. Fawnes, Miss Margaret Ley, and Mrs. Littlewood, dividing the honours between them. The Hop Gardens were supplied by Miss Edith Luard and her splendid band of ladies. Mrs. Beatrice Swire, Miss Marion Ingles and Miss Queenie Bond; they were unfortunately not able to stay the whole of the time, but whilst they were here they worked wonders.

Miss Day came of age this season, completing 21 years of most useful service at the Iron Room. Mr. and Mrs. Laurence were indefatigable in their attendance at the Bridge Tent, and were most warmly greeted by many old friends. "Archibald" (Mr. Howard Small) was if possible more popular than ever, and his brother Mr. Courtney Small shared his triumphs, whilst Mr. Albert Toff always received a warm welcome when he was able to appear.

The out-door services conducted by Mr. Reed and Mr. Walton were very well attended, and the Lych Gate Service on Sunday night was remarkable for its quietness and reverence; here were to be found many of our own people. Is it too much to hope that having come so far they will take the next step and come *inside* the Church? The Harvest Service would be a good opportunity; come and thank God for your daily food, and pray for our sailors and soldiers

who have kept us and our homes in safety. Are we grateful enough? I wonder.

HYMNS FOR OCTOBER.

MORNING.			EVENING.			
OCTOBER 17th (20th Sunday after Trinity).						
381	382	384	381 An.	384	386	30
OCTOBER 24th (21st Sunday after Trinity).						
8	240	303	425	433	434	621
OCTOBER 31st (22nd Sunday after Trinity).						
12	219	238	218	223	305	477

BAPTISMS.

"Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising."—*S. Matt. xxviii., 19.*

- Aug. 1—Elizabeth Jessie, daughter of Ferdinand Elgar and Muriel Annie Brandon.
 „ 1—Daisy Ivy, daughter of Arthur and Jessie Taylor.
 „ 8—Ronald, son of Charles and Alice Excell.
 „ 22—Alan, son of William and Avis Foster.
 „ 22—Lloyd George Kitchener, son of Will and Lily Ingram.
 Sep. 26—Angelina, daughter of Albert and Angelina Harris.
 „ 26—Betsy, daughter of Harold and Ruth Smith.

MARRIAGE.

- "Let Marriage be had in honour among all."—*Heb. xiii., 4.*
 Oct. 6—Frederick George Davis and Flora Mary Hayzelden.

BURIAL.

- "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—*Rev. xii., 13.*
 Oct. 7—Winifred Mahoney, aged 21 months.

The Vicarage,

All Saints' Day, 1915.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Our Church was very beautiful this year at Harvest Time. The greatest care was taken, and the colour scheme was exceptionally good. We are most grateful to all those who spent so many hours in carrying out the work. The Choir, helped by some kind friends of our Organist, sang nobly and well. The *Te Deum* was *Garrett* in D; the Canticles, *Bath* in F; and the Anthem "Ye shall dwell in the Land." The Collections, amounting to £5 2s. 0d., were divided between the West Kent Hospital and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

We want to begin our Winter work now, but it will be very difficult, all the ladies in the Parish are Nurses in the V.A.D. Hospitals, and nearly all the men are away in the Navy or Army, or Air Service. Still, we who remain must do our best. The Mission Room will re-open on Advent Sunday. Mr. G. Chatterton will be in charge, and I am sure the congregation will soon rally round him and help him in every way they can.

The Weekly Intercession Service causes me much anxiety. I do not yet know the day and time that is most suitable. I do feel very earnestly that *everyone* in the Parish should come and take their part in the war.

The Kent Volunteers drill every Tuesday and Friday night, at 7 p.m., at the Court Lodge Oast, and Rifle Practice every Thursday, at 6.30. This only leaves Wednesday for the Service. We will make enquiries and begin the first week in Advent.

The resignation of Mrs. Jones, the Organist of the Workhouse Chapel, has caused great regret. She has played at the Services for over a quarter of a century, and she will be greatly missed by all who attend the Services. Mr. A. Okill, of St. Kilda, Bower Place, Maidstone, has been appointed by the Guardians to take her place, and he will be very glad of anyone who will help by singing in the Choir. Most of the inmates at the Workhouse are very old, and cannot sing in the same way they were able to do when they were young, but they appreciate the singing, and it is a great joy and help to them.

Believe me,
 Ever my dear friends,
 Your faithful friend and Vicar,
 A. BERNARD LITTLEWOOD.

ADVENT.

The Advent season is the commencement of the series of the Church's holy seasons—the first link in the chain, the beginning of the annual commemorations of the great objects of our Faith. The object of this season is to keep in mind the awful truths connected with what are known as "The Four Last Things"—Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell—and at the same time it sets before us the blessed hopes of life, peace and deliverance, through the Incarnation of God, and His coming to save and to bless us.

This opens the way to all that follows. On keeping before us these Advent warnings depends the joy that we feel when Christmas tells of the actual coming in our very nature of our blessed Redeemer, to fulfil our hopes and to save us from our fears.

CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop of Rochester will hold a Confirmation on Wednesday, April 19th, at 3.30 p.m., in the Parish Church. Classes will be formed directly after Christmas, but names of intending Candidates may be sent in at once. Last year a number of adult candidates were presented; it was a most encouraging sign, and it is hoped that many others, men and women, who for lack of opportunity were not confirmed when they were young, will come forward this year and shew that they are on God's side in the warfare against evil. With the air ringing with deeds of heroism at the Front, and the splendid example of our Sailors and Soldiers and Airmen, surely everyone ought to be brave enough to obey Christ's command. He did not ask very much, only this—"Do this in Remembrance of Me." Come to the Blessed Sacrament of Christ's Love, and the way to It is through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

HOPPING, 1915.

[By a FARLEIGH FRIEND.]

Hopping has come and gone, though truly it lasted so long that we began to think it never would 'go,' and that we should have our London visitors with us for always. However, all good things come to an end sometime, and so Hopping is really over, the pickers have hopped back to their homes, and the 'Helpers' have packed up their tea-urns and coffee stalls to await another season.

The War made itself felt even in Hopping, for the absence of men was very marked; and the ladies had more money than in times of peace—the result of separation allowances—and we were constantly assured that they “was not ‘ard up for a poun’ or two,” or they “only come ‘opping just for a ‘orliday—not that we wants the money partic’lar.”

We Farleigh folk think there is nothing quite like Hopping in the wide world. It has a glory all its own; the unexpected becomes the daily rule; and a certain glamour pervades everything; even to sitting in the coffee stall day by day, and hour by hour dispensing mugs of coffee and buns across the counter; or dragging one’s weary way up and down the drifts carrying jugs of steaming tea, and scalding one’s hands or feet when the roughness of the ground and having to jump over long bines or small children, causes one to stumble and spill the precious beverage.

Then there is the marquee, that splendid erection of canvas and patches,—and, if the illumination was not so bright as it might be, nor the ventilation so generous, will all complaints please address themselves to Potsdam, for it was not that Farleigh begrudged her guests oil or air, but police regulations had to be complied with, and Zeppelins outwitted. Here London talent did not reach the standard of former years; but we were delightfully entertained on three evenings by Mr. Small and his Concert Party, who gallantly came down to cheer us, and although on the last occasion they had to swim to the tent, and even when inside were pursued by the unkindly rain dipping through the roof, we are sure they were well rewarded by the delighted roars of ‘Archibald,’ and by the wrapt attention and loud applause with which each singer was greeted.

“And what about Sunday” do you ask? Well Sunday has its own particular Hopping programme. The morning is given up to toilets and cookings; for this is the day of shaving and hair-cutting, of tubbing and hot dinners. And how good those hot dinners taste! when all the week the mid-day meal has consisted of odds and ends and scraps and makeshifts ‘put up’ in bits of newspaper. The afternoon sees the children collected for Sunday School, held by the “Coffee Ladies” and the ‘Marquee Helpers,’ and the grown ups enjoy the simple Open-air Service which the City Missioners know just how to make most attractive. But the event of the day is the Lantern Service at the Church Gate, after Evensong. The hymns and prayers

are all thrown on the huge sheet, so no one need stay away for lack of a book; and, having gained the attention of his very large and varied audience, the Vicar tells us in stirring words how to “turn the dark clouds inside out” that the silver lining may appear. And so, having seen our Hopping Friends come and go, we get up, shake ourselves, and finally settle down for a winter of hard and strenuous work.

MOTHERS’ MEETINGS.

These meetings will commence on Tuesday, 16th November, at the Court Lodge Room, and Tuesday, 9th November, at the Mission Room, Coxheath.

HYMNS FOR NOVEMBER.

MORNING.			EVENING.			
NOVEMBER 7th (23rd Sunday after Trinity).						
428	499	436	427	An.	235	222
NOVEMBER 14th (24th Sunday after Trinity).						
540	232	367	164	247	528	477
NOVEMBER 21st (Sunday before Advent).						
160	161	165	268	202	280	166
NOVEMBER 28th (Advent Sunday).						
47	48	203	50	49	51	288

BAPTISMS.

“Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising.”—*S. Matt. xxviii., 19.*

- Oct. 31—Ella Whitaker, daughter of George Walter and Mary Judge.
 „ 31—Daphne Maud, daughter of Thomas and Martha Phyll.

MARRIAGE.

- “Let Marriage be had in honour among all.”—*Heb. xiii., 4.*
 Oct. 30—Harry Waters and Lucretia Katherine Day.

BURIAL.

- “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.”—*Rev. xii., 13.*
 Oct. 28—Harriet Johns, of East Farleigh, aged 48 years.

The Vicarage,

November 22nd, 1915.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I am very pleased to find that so many people want the Wednesday Evening Intercession Service. It is splendid to find so many also believe in the power of prayer, and want to help our brave sailors and soldiers and airmen. The Service will begin at 7 p.m., and will last for about half-an-hour. I do hope that many who have never attended will begin the New Year well by making up their minds to help their Country by coming to the Service.

There will be a Special Service for Intercession for our Troops on the First Sunday in the New Year. It is hoped that a detachment of the Kent Volunteer Fencibles will attend, and also representatives for the V.A.D. Nurses. If any one thinks of going away from home on this day, will they stay and help to make our Service the best possible service that Farleigh can produce? If we only could realize the good we can do! Still we can try.

Believe me,

Ever my dear friends,
 Your faithful friend and Vicar,
 A. BERNARD LITTLEWOOD.

SERMONS IN ADVENT.

A Course of Sermons by Special Preacher is being arranged for the Sunday Evenings in Advent. The list is not complete at present, but will be announced shortly.

On Sunday Evenings in Advent the Rev. G. Chatterton hopes to preach a short Course of Sermons on what are known as “The Four Last Things”: Death, Judgment, Hell, Heaven.

Advent is the time when we think of the awful truths connected with these subjects, and of our Heavenly Father’s great love for us in sending His only Son into the World to redeem us and save us from our fears, Whose coming in our very nature we celebrate on Christmas Day.

SERVICES IN ADVENT.

Daily.

Intercession Service for War ... 12.30 p.m.

Wednesdays.

Intercession Service 7 p.m.

Thursdays.

Celebration of the Holy Communion 8 a.m.
 Prayer Meeting, Mission Room 7 p.m.

Christmas Day.

Holy Communion (choral) 8 a.m.
 Holy Communion, Workhouse Chapel 9.45 a.m.
 Mattins, Sermon and Holy Communion 11 a.m.
 Evensong and Carols 4 p.m.

S. Stephen, Dec. 26th.

Holy Communion 8 a.m.
 Holy Communion at Coxheath Mission 9 a.m.
 Mattins and Sermon 11 a.m.
 Evensong and Carols 6.30 p.m.

S. John.

Mattins and Intercessions 12.30 p.m.

Holy Innocents.

Mattins and Intercessions 12.30 p.m.

New Year’s Eve, Dec. 31st.

Watch Night Service 8 p.m.

New Year’s Day, Jan. 1st, 1916.

Holy Communion 8 a.m.
 Mattins and Intercessions 12.30 p.m.

NOTICES.

A Prayer Meeting will be held on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., at the Coxheath Mission Room. All will be welcomed.

G.F.S. Girls’ Class will commence on Friday, December 3rd, at 2.30 p.m., at the Court Lodge Room. New members will be heartily welcomed.

Mothers’ Meetings are held every Tuesday at the Court Lodge Room and Mission Room, Coxheath.

Band of Hope meets every Monday at the Court Lodge Room.

JUMBLE SALE.

Owing to the war there was no Rummage or Jumble Sale last year. This year however, one will be held on Wednesday, December 8th, at 2 p.m., in the Court Lodge Oast. We have already received many things from friends outside the Parish, but should be very grateful for anything that can be sent in from the Parish itself. Any created thing will do, nothing is too old, nothing is too useless—everything will be found useful to someone. A donkey will call on receipt of a post card to the Vicarage.

A FARLEIGH VOICE FROM THE TRENCHES.

B.E.F., FRANCE,
8-11-15.

"We came out of the trenches to-day, and we were not very sorry either! We went in after two days drenching rain, which resulted in the trenches being knee-deep in mud and water in some places, while other parts were completely blocked by the sides falling in owing to the extra weight; we are only waiting for a severe frost, when I expect the whole lot will collapse! My gum boots were most useful, and kept the wet out all the time. I am glad to say they are issuing gum boots to the men very similar to mine only without leather soles, which, of course, make all the difference in slippery mud. The Germans seem thoroughly 'fed up'; the regiment opposite us (of whom 30 per cent. were Poles) were especially discontented; at that portion of the line where our trenches are only 10 yards apart, a party of 15 or 20 stood up on their parapet with their hands up and exclaimed in good waiter English that they wanted to surrender, whereupon several of our fellows stood up and told them they would have to come over singly as we did not trust them in parties; this they refused to do, as they said as

each one came over we would murder him!!! After throwing us a few cigars which tasted filthy, they disappeared and amused themselves by singing 'God save the King' and by hurling imprecations at the Kaiser. While they were standing up in full view I was able to scrutinise them closely through my glasses. They wore the long leather laced boots with the corduroy breeches and light blue great coat, with the little round cap on their heads; they were smothered in mud from head to foot, and declared that their food was good but clothing inadequate; they also said several of their 30-ft. dug-outs were little more than wells!!

We will probably be out for 4 or 5 days, then back to the trenches again."

HYMNS FOR DECEMBER.

MORNING.	EVENING.
DECEMBER 5th (2nd Sunday in Advent).	
243 50 202	48 222 168 226
DECEMBER 12th (3rd Sunday in Advent).	
53 268 511	352 51 52 355
DECEMBER 19th (4th Sunday in Advent).	
193 353 559	47 49 202 203
DECEMBER 25th (Xmas Day).	
62 59 60	Carols.
DECEMBER 26th (1st Sunday after Xmas).	
50 60 61	60 An. 56 Carols.

BAPTISMS.

"Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising."—
S. Matt. xxviii., 19.

[NONE.]

MARRIAGES.

"Let Marriage be had in honour among all."—Heb. xiii., 4.

[NONE.]

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Rev. xii., 13.

Nov. 13—Sarah Perryman, of East Farleigh, aged 93 years.

,, 17—John Overy Seager, H.M.S. Wolverine, aged 34 years.

MOTTO FOR 1916.

"Have faith in God."

S. Mark xi., 22.

Sunday, January 2nd, 1916.

The Great Day of Prayer, all over the Empire, for our Sailors and Soldiers. Services—8 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 3.30 p.m., and 6.30 p.m. Are **you** going to help the brave lads at the Front? Remember what they are doing for you. God has promised to hear our prayers, and God has promised to answer our prayers if we pray faithfully, perseveringly, and according to His Will.

Some men in the Parish were very angry with me last January for writing in the Parish Magazine that "the man who stayed at home from Church on Sunday (the Great Prayer Day) might just as well have been fighting for the Germans, for he was hurting his country, injuring his brothers, and staining his own soul." But surely it is quite true! If any man comes to Church and prays, he is helping England, and therefore it is only logical to say if any man stays away and does not pray, he is hurting England, that is, he is helping England's enemies. But **you** are going to help!

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

BISHOP'S COURT,
SEVENOAKS,
December, 1915.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

What is the message which God intends to convey to you and to me for the New Year into which we shall enter in a day or two? Surely it is a call to perseverance, not only as a nation, but as individuals, perseverance in self-sacrifice and perseverance in well-doing. The strain

grows, as month after month passes and this war shews no sign of abatement. But the splendid sacrifices made in the past—the heroic lives laid down for King and country, the bereaved homes, all the response to the Nation's call for which we thank God—form a sacred trust, compelling us to see to it that the cause for which our truest and our best have laid themselves upon the altar of patriotism and duty, shall not suffer through faint-heartedness or faithlessness in us who remain. This is not a time for us to ask "How long?" It is the moment for each and all to face the situation and to say gladly and willingly "Here am I, send me."

And hand in hand with perseverance in self-sacrifice goes perseverance in well-doing. Thank God, our ideals are animated by the teaching and the example of Christ. This war has been forced upon us as a stern necessity; it is our pride that we know how to fight as Christians and as gentlemen, without cruelty and without vindictiveness. We can safely leave our national honour in the hands of our sailors and our soldiers. As for us who remain in the shelter of our homes, the service we can render is a resolute determination to do nothing unworthy of the men by whose heroism our English hearths and homes continue to-day to be as sheltered as in times of peace. Are we one and all maintaining this high standard? We hear of wastefulness through drink, of increased wages spent as soon as received without contribution to the war loan or provision for the days of poverty and distress which may lie before us as a Nation. I appeal to you to set this right, as far as you yourselves are concerned. Start the New Year with thrift. And once more I put forward the War Pledge as a simple and practical form of marking our appreciation of the King's example by following the lead which he has given to all his faithful subjects. Is it really beyond our power to apply to each family this test of discipline and loyalty?

And above all things we need at this juncture perseverance in prayer. The touching incident recorded in ii. Kings, xiii., 14-19, presents a

picture which has its moral for us to-day. The dying prophet places his feeble hands upon the young king's hands, who bends the bow to shoot the arrow of the Lord's deliverance. Yes, human might avails little without the benediction of the Most High. The sense of a divine mission consciously accepted requires the consecration of each and all of us by humble confession of sins and by continual appeals to the Throne of Grace for our dear ones and for our country's cause. Use then to the full the special services appointed by authority to mark the beginning of this New Year, with its successive stages of penitence on New Year's Eve, of preparation for Holy Communion on New Year's Day, and then of prayer intense and therefore effectual. *Spend the first Sunday of the New Year, as far as possible, in the House of God.* So shall we be able to face in trustful confidence whatever God has in store for us in 1916.

Your faithful Bishop and Friend,

J. R. ROFFEN.

KENT VOLUNTEER FENCIBLES.

MY DEAR VICAR,

May I, through the medium of our Parish Magazine, remind the people of Farleigh that recruits are still required for the East and West Farleigh Unit of the above corps. Fresh members are being enrolled, but not in the numbers it is expected from a Parish of this size, and I cannot help feeling that it only requires to be brought to the knowledge of those men not eligible to join the Regular Forces, that such a Corps really does exist, for them to at once see that it is their duty to join, to say nothing of the healthful pleasure they will derive after having done so. The weekly drills take place during the winter in the Court Lodge Oast on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 7 to 8 p.m., and the Rifle Range, in the same building, is open for practice from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. on Thursdays.

All men who have enlisted and passed into the reserve under Lord Derby's scheme will be welcomed to our drills, and it is anticipated that every advantage will be taken of this, as the knowledge and training to be thus acquired must of necessity be of very considerable value to these men, who afterwards may be called up to join the regular army.

I am, yours very truly,

Court Lodge Cottage,
East Farleigh.

F. H. STEVENS,
Hon. Secretary.

OXFORD MISSION TO CALCUTTA.

Feast of the Epiphany, Thursday, January 6th, 1916. At the Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., special intercessions will be made for the above Mission, and the alms will be given to the same object.

East and West Farleigh and District GARDENERS' SOCIETY.

A Meeting was held at the Bull Inn on Tuesday, December 7th, Messrs. T. B. Brook and F. Oliver presiding. A competition was held for Three Heads of Celery, the prize-winners being: W. Laurence, 1st; G. Weeks, 2nd; C. Excell, 3rd; and S. Hadler, 4th.

The next meeting will be at the Victory Inn, on Tuesday, January 4th, when there are four Competitions. See Notices.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Bull Inn, on Wednesday, January 19th, at 7 o'clock.

HYMNS FOR JANUARY.

MORNING.			EVENING.		
JANUARY 2nd.—INTERCESSION SERVICE.					
540	Nat.	391	634	274	637 and 595
	Ants.				
JANUARY 9th. (1st Sunday after Epiphany).					
76	79	81	80	219	81
JANUARY 16th (2nd Sunday after Epiphany).					
78	306	307	303	302	511 21
JANUARY 23rd (3rd Sunday after Epiphany).					
266	255	210	292	233	20 31
JANUARY 30th (4th Sunday after Epiphany).					
281	285	291	167	271	282 550

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Rev. xii., 13.

Dec. 4—Richard Tucker, of East Farleigh, aged 88 years.

„ 22—Ann Farmer, of East Farleigh, aged 81 years.

THE BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER.

For the second time, at the request of the Diocesan Board of Finance, I bring before you in this Pastoral Letter the duty of supporting those seven departments of Church work which every diocese in England and Wales has now by formal resolution and by subsequent action declared to be vital to the effective maintenance of the Church's life. The unanimous acceptance of the Report of the Archbishops' Committee on Church Finance is a striking testimony at once to the urgency of the need to reform our methods, and to the wisdom of the proposals embodied in the Report itself. Entering as a diocese somewhat late into this scheme, we ourselves were able to benefit by the experience of others, and to frame our organisation upon certain guiding principles tried elsewhere and found in the main satisfactory. Further, our Diocesan Board of Finance, elected for the most part directly by the rural deaneries, represents your own local choice of those whom you can trust to administer your gifts; while behind it stands the Diocesan Conference, without whose sanction the Board itself is powerless to act—a Diocesan Conference by its constitution more representative of all classes, lay and clerical, than is to be found elsewhere in the Provinces of Canterbury and York.

Under these favourable circumstances, it is no cause for surprise that our scheme of Church Finance has received a favourable welcome and a ready response. Inaugurated amid the exceptional difficulties of this devastating war, it has justified itself already by the large increase in funds made available for Church purposes, by the substitution of systematic for haphazard methods of giving, by the spread of its operations over a far larger number of contributors than ever before, and not least by its helpful educational results. Churchpeople as a whole are learning to take a personal and an intelligent interest in Church affairs.

For all these results thankfulness is the note I desire to strike—thankfulness to Almighty God, the Giver of all good gifts; and thankfulness to our leaders in this movement, the members of the Board, the Ruridecanal Treasurers, the Clergy, as well as to those who have responded loyally to a new call in a year of exceptional strain, involving intense anxiety, distraction, and financial pressure.

There are, I am aware, a few parishes which have not as yet fallen into line. But I feel that

every consideration is due to those who hesitate, from one cause or another, to throw in their lot with a movement representing a completely new departure from time-honoured customs. The essence of this scheme is that it is entirely voluntary. No pains or penalties are attached to non-compliance. But I am sanguine that gradually it will win its way to general acceptance; and that the brotherhood of the Diocese, which has been so happily fostered since the re-construction of the boundaries of Rochester, will be intensified by the willing co-operation of each and every parish in an organisation which has for its sole object the extension of Christ's Kingdom in this important area, so diverse in the circumstances of its people, and so close to the heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Lover of Souls. To Him we offer our gifts, that He may bless them, before we presume to distribute them to the multitude in His name.

When our Lord and Master lived His incarnate life on earth He set an example in principles of giving which it is well to ponder. Challenged to express an opinion upon the lawfulness of paying tribute to the secular power, though that power at the moment held His beloved country closely captive, His answer was clear: "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's." When the question was one of contributing to a religious due, the service of the Temple, that Temple which was His by right as Son of God, though it had disowned Him and become a den of thieves, He acquiesced in the claim. He will cause no stumbling block to any man. When again, with the Cross and Passion in front of Him, in prophetic vision He sees the crisis imminent of the spiritual war, He commands His followers to prepare for the future at any sacrifice: "He that hath no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one."

Surely, here is guidance enough for us. There are times, dear people, such as those in which we find ourselves to-day, which call for obedience, for loyalty, for self-sacrifice, for effective preparation to meet exceptional opportunities of service in His name. We have duties as citizens; we have duties as Church people. Let us discharge them all with equal intensity of purpose. "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

I am,

Your faithful Bishop and fellow labourer
in His Service,

J. R. ROFFEN.

THE SLATE CLUB.

The Slate Club has been most useful during the past year. There has been much sickness, and the Club has paid out £9 15s. 10d. for sick pay. There are 33 members, of whom 8 have joined the colours. The Secretary is Mr. Diprose, and the Chairman Mr. Tom Webb, Senr. Meetings at the Court Lodge Room on Tuesday nights.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our interest in Foreign Mission Work remains about the same. We have not gone back, but unfortunately we have not increased. £2 10s. has been received for the S.P.G., and boxes have been sent in by Mrs. Brook, Mrs. Burridge, Miss Coppen, Miss E. Cox, Mrs. Excell, Miss B. Hayzelden, Mrs. W. Kennard, Miss Margaret Ley, Mrs. Oliver, Mr. F. Oliver, Mrs. Stevens, Miss Tapsfield, Mrs. Tucker, Miss L. Tucker, Miss Towers-Smith, A Friend, Sunday School Girls, Sunday School Infants, and The Vicar.

The Collection on the Feast of the Epiphany was for the Oxford Mission to Calcutta, and amounted to 6/10.

There will be a sermon in connection with the work of the S.P.C.K. in the Parish Church on Sunday, March 5th. I am most anxious that all who possibly can will make a point of being present, and hope that those who come will go away keener than ever before to help forward the greatest work the Church has to do—the spreading of the gospel throughout the world.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE.

There are still some houses in the Parish in which the Parish Magazine cannot be seen. I am still hoping for the day when *everyone* will take a copy. To those who undertake the work of distribution our heartiest thanks are due. I believe there are one or two who have not paid for last year, could they do it now?

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING.

The Annual Prize-giving took place on December 29th. There was a Service in Church at 3 p.m., when carols were sung. After the adjournment to the Schools, buns and oranges were distributed much to the alimentary delight of the happy recipients. After the Prize-giving, a Lantern Entertainment was given, the local views and views of the hop-picking giving special pleasure.

GIRLS.

- CLASS 1.—Ivy Arnold, Fanny Hadlow.
CLASS 2.—Jessie Taylor, Gerty Hawkins, B. Woodhams.
CLASS 3.—B. Hayzelden, Gracie Funnell, Gertie Button.
CLASS 4.—Hilda Hayzelden, Daisy Weeks, Irene Dodge.

BOYS.

- CLASS 1.—Tom Burridge, Arthur Webb.
CLASS 2.—George Smith, S. Hayzelden, Lewis Taylor
CLASS 3.—George Reid.
CLASS 4.—James Woodhams, Fred Smith.

INFANTS.

Katie Acott, May Acott, Willy Taylor, John Acott, Edie Arnold, Stanley Hayzelden, Doris Alder, Alice Coppen, Phyllis Webb.

CERTIFICATES.

Isabel Webb, Gladys Arnold, Phyllis Latter, Edie Webb, Dolly Weeks.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CENTRAL CLOTHING AND RED CROSS FUND.

A house-to-house collection was made by the ladies, who so kindly distribute the Magazines, for the above fund. £9 0s. 11d. was collected and forwarded to Maidstone. Many are making garments and working for the Fund, and supplies are sent in monthly to the Depôt, from which 14,850 garments were despatched since last May, and 32,423 since the starting of the Fund.

HYMNS FOR FEBRUARY.

	MORNING.		EVENING.	
FEBRUARY 6th (5th Sunday after Epiphany).				
	240	214	553	239 274 346 476
FEBRUARY 13th (6th Sunday after Epiphany).				
	191	82	197	549 190 18 298
FEBRUARY 20th (Septuagesima).				
	83	172	313	167 228 297 225
FEBRUARY 27th (Sexagesima).				
	186	187	266	36 523 290 27

BURIALS.

- "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Rev. xii., 13.
Dec. 4—Michael Tucker, of East Farleigh, aged 88 years.
Jan. 1—Joseph Francis Davis, of East Farleigh, aged 60 years.
" 5—John Bryant, of East Farleigh, aged 28 years.
" 20—John Sears, of East Farleigh, aged 53 years.
" 26—Mary Loder, of East Farleigh, aged 75 years.

The Vicarage,

March 7th, 1916.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Another Lent during War-time. It is hard to know how to use it for the best. The War must come first. We must all work, as I know we are all doing, for the good of the country—there can be no slackers if we wish to win. We must work and pray. One of the best ways to deepen and strengthen our own spiritual life is to forget ourselves and work entirely for the good of others. So that if in this War-time we are doing our best for our King and Country, for our brave sailors, soldiers and airmen, if we are working for them and really praying for them, we shall find at the end of Lent that our own lives have become better and nobler. I am very anxious that everyone should know about the Bishop's visit on Sunday, March 29th. Will everybody tell everybody else?

Let us all try to do our best.

Believe me

Ever my dear friends,

Your faithful friend and Vicar,

A. BERNARD LITTLEWOOD.

VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

It was a great disappointment to us that the weather prevented the visit of our Bishop on February 27th, the snowstorm had made the roads impossible and impassable. No motor or horse could keep its legs or wheels. The Bishop therefore very kindly postponed his visit, and has now promised to come on the 2nd Sunday in Lent, March 29th.

I hope that everyone will try and be present at Evensong on that day, 6:30 p.m., and give our Bishop a real Farleigh welcome.

The Bishop has also very kindly promised to visit the Workhouse and preach at the 3 p.m. Service in the Workhouse Church. Any of our parishioners will be gladly welcomed at that Service.

MISSION ROOM, COXHEATH.

In spite of the fact that so many women are taking men's work, owing to the War, the congregations at the Mission Room are very satisfactory in their attendance. It has been decided

to hold two Celebrations of the Holy Communion each month, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month at 9 a.m.

In spite of the inclement weather and the darkness of the nights the attendance at the Prayer Meetings on Thursday evenings is extremely good; a Confirmation Class for Women is held at the close of the Meeting. If there are any in the Parish who were unable for any reason to be Confirmed when they were young, here is a wonderful opportunity to learn about God's Strength and Love which are given to us in His own appointed way by the Laying on of Hands.

SERVICES DURING LENT.

Daily.

12:30 p.m., Mattins & Intercession Service.

Wednesdays.

4 p.m., Children's Service.
7:30 p.m., Evensong & Intercession Service.

Thursdays.

8 a.m., Holy Communion.
7:30 p.m., Prayer Meeting (Coxheath).

SERMONS.

On Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. a course of sermons will be given by the Rev. A. Gaisford, of Hunton.

On Sunday evenings at 6:30 the Rev. G. Chatterton will preach the following course—

1. The Sin of Judas, "Hypocrisy."
2. The Sin of the Chief Priest, "Hatred."
3. The Sin of S. Peter, "Cowardice."
4. The Sin of Pilate, "Fear of Men."
5. The Sin of Herod, "Idle Curiosity."
6. The Sin of the Crowd, "Fickleness."

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AGAINST AIR-RAIDS.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, who dwellest not in temples made by hands, be Thou the Guardian, we beseech Thee, of our Churches and our homes; keep this Thy House in peace and safety, and grant that those who worship here may find refuge under the shadow of Thy wings and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES.

These classes have now commenced. Lads and Boys on Wednesday at 7 p.m., Girls on Friday at 4.15 p.m. in the Church Vestry, Women on Thursday 7.30, Coxheath Mission Room. If these times are not convenient to any intending candidate, others will gladly be arranged on application to the Clergy.

NATIONAL MISSION IN OCTOBER.

COLLECT AUTHORIZED BY THE BISHOP FOR USE IN PARISH CHURCHES AND ELSEWHERE.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, the great Shepherd of the sheep, Who seekest those who are gone astray, bindest up those who are broken and healest those who are sick: bless, we beseech Thee, the forthcoming Mission of Repentance and Hope. Guide with Thy Holy Spirit all those to whom is entrusted the direction of this enterprise; loosen the tongues of those who shall speak in Thy Name; open the deaf ears of the wanderers that they may hear the words which belong unto salvation; and grant that those whom Thou dost raise to newness of life may through Thy grace persevere unto the end. Of Thy mercy O Our God, Who are blessed and livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

REPORT OF INSPECTION OF THE DAY SCHOOL.

The Vicar and the Rev. G. Chatterton visited the School on Thursday, January 27th. They were very pleased with the way the children answered their questions, which showed they had received careful religious instruction during the past year.

THE SENIOR DIVISION.—Standards 3, 4, 5, 6 knew well the Bible history in the 1st and 2nd Books of Samuel, answered intelligently questions on the first twelve chapters of the Acts of the Apostles, and seemed to know very well their set period of English Church history, which showed that their teachers had taken great trouble to teach them the subject. They showed satisfactory knowledge on the whole in the Church Catechism, though there is still room for improvement in their knowledge of the Sacraments.

THE JUNIOR DIVISION seemed to know well their Old Testament history. Joshua and Judges to the death of Samson, though they did not

answer so well as expected. They knew very well the set Gospel, S. Matthew, and showed by their intelligent answers that their teacher had taken great pains with this subject. They knew their Catechism and the Explanation down to the end of the Commandments very well, and repeated very nicely set portions of Holy Scripture.

THE INFANTS were wonderful in their knowledge, their behaviour and their intense enjoyment in answering the questions.

HYMNS FOR MARCH.

	MORNING.				EVENING.			
MARCH 5th (Quinquagesima).	210	255	266		267	260	194	192
MARCH 12th (1st Sunday in Lent).	84	91	92		92	91	277	252
MARCH 19th (2nd Sunday in Lent).	94	184	528		182	277	86	493
MARCH 26th (3rd Sunday in Lent).	89	263	257		255	266	267	260

BAPTISMS.

"Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising."—*S. Matt. xxviii., 19.*

- Feb. 6—Stanley Arthur, son of Arthur and Minnie Bowles.
 „ 6—Marion Nellie, daughter of Charles and Ellen Martin.
 „ 6—Marjorie Alice, daughter of Charles and Ellen Martin.
 „ 6—Winifred Amy, daughter of William and Emily Cant.
 Mar. 6—Elsie Nellie, daughter of Edward and Elsie Sears.

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—*Rev. xii., 13.*

- Feb. 2—Harry Large, of East Farleigh, aged 40 years.
 „ 12—George Hatcher, of East Farleigh, aged 94 years.
 „ 12—Sally Tucker, of East Farleigh, aged 81 years.
 Mar. 1—Phoebe Frances Seager, of East Farleigh, aged 76 years.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES.

Women.

Tuesday (Vestry) 7.30 p.m.
 Thursday (Mission Room) ... 7.30 p.m.

Girls.

Friday (Vestry) 4.15 p.m.

Boys.

Monday 6.15 p.m.
 Wednesday 6.30 p.m.

SERVICES DURING LENT.

Daily.

12.30 p.m., Mattins & Intercession Service.

Wednesdays.

9.15 a.m., Children's Service.
 12.30 p.m., Mattins.
 7.30 p.m., Evensong & Intercession Service.

Thursdays.

8 a.m., Holy Communion.
 7.30 p.m., Prayer Meeting (Coxheath).

SERVICES—HOLY WEEK & EASTER.

Wednesday before Easter (April 19).

Confirmation, 3.30 p.m.

Good Friday.

8 a.m., Litany and Meditation.
 9.45 a.m., Mattins & Sermon at Workhouse.
 11 a.m., Mattins, Ante-Communion and Sermon.
 3.30 a.m., Mission Service (Coxheath).
 7 p.m., Evensong, Sermon, and Story of the Cross.

Easter Day.

Celebrations of the Holy Communion:—
 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and mid-day.
 9.15 a.m., Coxheath Mission Room.
 9.45 a.m., Workhouse Chapel.

Monday in Easter Week.
 10.30 a.m., Mattins.

Tuesday in Easter Week.
 10 a.m., Holy Communion.
 10.30 a.m., Mattins.

¶ And note that every Parishioner shall communicate (receive the Holy Communion) at least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one.

Parishioners unable to receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day should receive on Easter Tuesday, at 10 a.m., or the first Sunday after Easter.

THE BISHOP'S VISIT.

Sunday, March 19th, will long be remembered in the Farleighs. The Bishop of Rochester preached at West Farleigh in the morning and in the afternoon motored to the Workhouse, piloted by Mr. Hayzelden. Every man, woman and child who could attend the Service did so, it was a wonderful congregation. A good many of our parishioners who live near also came, so that the Church was quite full; several ladies too came to help in the singing, which was wonderfully hearty and congregational. The Bishop spoke most feelingly about those who had grown old in the world and had no one to look after them, he told them of the love of the Good Shepherd, and how He would care for them and protect them. After the Service the Master and Matron (Mr. and Mrs. Buttle) conducted the Bishop round the Hospital Wards, and the Bishop had a cheering and hopeful word for each.

At Evensong, 6.30 p.m., the Church was quite filled with a reverent and expectant congregation. The Boy Scouts provided a Guard of Honour lined up in the Church Yard, under the direction of the Acting Scout Mistress, Miss Dorothy Warde. The Rev. C. A. Fawns of West Farleigh acted as the Bishop's Chaplain, and carried his Pastoral Staff. The Anthem was Gounod's "Send out Thy Light," and was most beautifully sung by the Choir, helped by some of the friends of the Organist, Mr. Weedon, who came from Maidstone for the purpose. The Bishop preached on "The Fellowship of the Gospel," and exhorted us all to remember that we are members of a Great Body pledged to carry out Our Lord's commands, and that therefore everybody must be a Church Worker. He spoke most beautifully and helpfully about those who had laid

down their lives for their King and Country in the War, and reminded us how close they were to us, and how they were still living in the Paradise of God—still working and praying, and waiting for us to join them if we prove ourselves worthy.

It was a wonderful day, full of incidents that will long live in our memory. We are now looking forward to April 19th, when the Bishop will come again for the Confirmation. It is a little disappointing that so few have offered themselves this year. Last year we had a record number, the highest known. This year I am afraid it will also be a record number—but it will be the lowest. There are at least half a dozen girls and lads who ought to make up their minds this year. It is still not too late, and if they will send in their names to the Clergy special arrangements will be made for their preparation.

KENT VOLUNTEER FENCIBLES.

The following is a list of members of the Company:—

Capt. E. B. Purefoy.	Mr. D. Neale.
Rev. A. B. Littlewood.	„ L. Hursell.
Rev. C. A. Fawns.	„ F. Oliver.
Mr. F. H. Stevens.	„ E. Hertz.
„ H. G. Hastings.	„ E. H. Hinton.
„ H. C. Lane.	„ A. Perrin.
„ A. Fuller.	„ W. Mann.
„ W. Goble.	„ H. Simmonds.
„ W. F. Smith.	„ E. W. Philpot.
„ T. Ranger.	„ W. Thompsett.
„ T. Miller.	„ H. Bassett, sen.
„ J. Day.	„ H. Bassett, jun.
„ S. Hayzelden.	„ F. Binskin.
„ H. Sharp.	„ J. Hogbin.
„ E. Tiller.	„ F. Trowell.
„ W. Price.	„ S. Smith.
„ J. Hadlow.	„ V. King.
„ W. Fenton.	„ A. King.
„ T. B. Brook.	

The following have resigned or enlisted:—

Mr. B. Johns.	Mr. E. Philpot.
„ J. Dawson.	„ E. Sears.
„ R. Robins.	„ F. Hayward.
	Rev. H. M. Hadrill.

The following have obtained the Proficiency Badge:—

*Mr. F. H. Stevens.	*Mr. S. Hayzelden.
* „ H. Lane.	† „ H. Sharp.
* „ W. Smith.	* „ J. Hadlow.
† „ T. Ranger.	† „ F. Oliver.
	† Rev. A. B. Littlewood.

* Marksman. † 1st Class Shot. ‡ 2nd Class Shot.

East and West Farleigh and District GARDENERS' SOCIETY.

[BY THE SECRETARY—S. HAYZELDEN, SEN.]

The Annual Summer Flower Show will again be held at the Priory (through the kindness of Mrs. B. M. Maconochie) on Bank Holiday, Aug. 7th, when again, as last year, the Society will give half of gate money to the Local Hospitals or to a War fund. The amount given last year was £10. The Secretary wishes it to be known that through giving some to the West Kent Hospital he has letters for out-patients to Parishioners or persons in the district, who can receive one by applying to him or through any member of the Society.

HYMNS FOR APRIL.

MORNING.	EVENING.
APRIL 2nd (4th Sunday in Lent).	
257 259 553	251 514 107 523
APRIL 9th (5th Sunday in Lent).	
112 96 106	105 96 97 259
APRIL 16th (Palm Sunday).	
98 99 322	98 106 107 493
APRIL 21st (Good Friday).	
114 119 105	Mission Hymns.
APRIL 23rd (Easter Day).	
134 127 133 316	134 Ant. 138 499 30
APRIL 30th (1st Sunday after Easter).	
125 499 132	133 Ant. 135 138

BAPTISMS.

“Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising.”—
S. Matt. xxviii., 19.

[NONE.]

BURIALS.

“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.”—Rev. xii., 13.

[NONE.]

THE EASTER SERVICES.

In spite of the large number of men away at the front and several families away for the Easter holidays, the Services on Easter Day were very well attended, the number of communicants being 37 more than last year; the Church as usual looked glorious in its spring flower decoration, and the choir sang joyfully and admirably, Miss Kitty Eve taking the solo in the anthem at Evensong.

The Mission Room had 28 communicants at 9.15 a.m. and a good congregation at 3.30 p.m. The Church at the Workhouse eclipsed all other years in the beauty of its decoration. Mrs. Maconochie and Miss D. Searle decorated the pulpit and the chancel making it brilliant with daffodils, Miss O'Brien was most successful with the font, Miss Margaret Ley, Mrs. Egerton and Miss I. Cornwallis arranging the windows. To all these our hearty thanks are due. On Low Sunday the Choir sang Evensong at 3 p.m. and afterwards held Services in three of the Hospital Wards; the Master and Matron kindly entertained us to tea afterwards and we much enjoyed all the good things provided for us.

THE EASTER VESTRY MEETING.

The account of the Vestry Meeting is exactly the same as the Vestry Meeting for 1915. Any one interested in the proceedings can read it in the Magazine for May, 1915.

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.

The Communicants' Guild is now meeting again, after Evensong on the first Sunday in the month. All Communicants not already members of the Guild are asked to join so that an organized body may be ready to carry out the work of the forthcoming Mission of Repentance and Hope.

NAVY CONCERT.

May 17th, Court Lodge Room, 7.30 p.m.

The objects of the Guild are:—

1. Diligent use of the means of grace.
2. Promotion of Personal Holiness.
3. Practice of Intercession.
4. Works of Piety and Charity.
5. Union of Communicants.

CONFIRMATION.

On April 19th the following were confirmed by the Bishop of Rochester:—

Nellie Adams, Ivy Mabb, Jessie Taylor, Amy Fleet, Emily Fleet, Rose Towner, Jessie Lovell, Gertrude Hawkins, Kathleen Alder, May Dunmill, Hilda Colebrook, Clara Colebrook, Pamela Colebrook, Beattie Woodhams, Nelly Seager, May Tree, Nelly Worsfold, Mrs. Woodhams, Mrs. Hadler, Mrs. Hadlow, Mrs. A. Oliver, Mrs. A. Seager, Arthur Webb, George Mitchell, George Reed, Alfred Miller, Jack Hobbs, George Pettitt.

BAND OF HOPE ENTERTAINMENT.

The Band of Hope has had a most successful year. Edie Arnold and Katie Acott have received medals for being never absent, never late, and Gertie Button and Dollie Colson have won recruiting medals.

On April 26th a brilliant entertainment was given in aid of the V.A.D. Hospitals. The audience was crowded and enthusiastic. The sum obtained was £2 5s. 9d. Piano Selections were given by Dolly Weeks and Hilda Coppen, and Plays with extraordinary but explanatory titles—“Doleful Dorothy,” “Jealous Jane,” “Nosey Parker Ann,” were admirably rendered by Nellie Webb, Minnie Burrbridge, Alice King, Nellie Wakeman, Edie Woodhams, and Ivy Arnold.

“The Pied Piper” had an enormous caste, and reflected great credit on those who arranged the dresses and taught the actors. To Miss Ley, Miss Ethel Ley, and Miss Margaret Ley the greatest praise is due.

KENT VOLUNTEER FENCIBLES.

Omitted in error in last month—

Mr. Ernest Brook (Musketry Instructor).
Mr. Arthur Brook.

Drill, Tuesday and Friday at 7.30, in Capt. Purefoy's garden.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES.

June 1st, 1916.

6. 0 a.m. - Holy Communion.
8. 0 a.m. - Holy Communion.
12.30 p.m. - Mattins and
Intercession Service.
7.30 p.m. - Evensong & Sermon.

HYMNS FOR MAY.

MORNING.		EVENING.	
MAY 7th (2nd Sunday after Easter).		140	258 275 498
197 334 333			
MAY 14th (3rd Sunday after Easter).		273	222 235 274
125 498 232			
MAY 21st (4th Sunday after Easter).		550	537 530 477
207 524 170			
MAY 28th (Rogation Sunday).		196	142 298 302
143 176 235			
JUNE 1st (Ascension Day).		147	148 149 150

BAPTISMS.

"Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising."—
S. Matt. xxviii., 19.

- April 2—Ernest Arthur, son of Frederick and
Annie Tompsett.
" 2—Herbert Lorraine, son of William and
Emily Parsons.
" 16—Phyllis Joan, daughter of Stuart and
Winifred Small.
" 23—Albert George, son of Aibert and
Elizabeth Morgan.
" 23—Frederick Herbert, son of Edgar and
Edith Arnold.
" 30—Ronald Aubrey, son of Russell and
Lily Honeysett.

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Rev. xii., 13.

Mar. 29—Charles Chambers, of Barming, aged
73 years.

April 8—Elizabeth Bryant, of East Farleigh,
aged 67 years.

" 29—Ruby Gladys Dodge, of East Farleigh,
aged 3 months.

CHURCH EXPENSES, EASTER, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance, 1915 ...	1	13	2
By Collections ...	58	18	4
" Donations ...	9	17	6
Deficit ...	19	1	
	£71	8	1

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Visitation Fee (Day & Arnold) ...	10	0	0
" Verger ...	12	0	0
" Attending Clock ...	2	0	0
" Chiming Bells ...	1	0	0
" Blowing Organ ...	2	0	0
" Church Cleaning ...	13	0	0
" Candles, Oil, etc. (J. B. Leaver) ...	7	19	10
" Insurances ...	6	9	0
" Water Rate ...	1	0	0
" Vino-Sacro (Hicks & Co.) ...	3	0	0
" Coke (C. Willsmore) ...	6	1	0
" Washing Surplices (C. Cox) ...	2	17	7
" Repairs (T. H. Miller) ...	1	7	9
" Sundry Repairs (S. Hayzelden) ...	1	3	0
" Turkehead (Sergeant & Parks) ...	10	0	
" To Repairing Frontal and Postage (T. Whippell & Co., Ltd.) ...	1	1	10
" To Lamp Shades, etc. (Haynes Bros., Ltd.) ...	4	4	0
" Linen Blind with fittings (S. P. Sanders) ...	15	0	
" Cloth for Windows (Blake & Son) ...	11	9	
" Sundry Repairs (Chapman) ...	1	6	3
" Memorial Trough ...	2	9	3
" Stamps for Notices (Post Office) ...	1	10	
	£71	8	1

COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH TO
EASTER, 1916.

	£	s.	d.
Choir and Organ Fund ...	4	0	3
A. C. S. ...	2	16	4
Mission to Seamen ...	1	15	0
R. A. B. I. and Hospital ...	5	2	0
Red Cross Fund ...	12	1	0
O. M. C. ...	6	10	7
Hop-pickers' Mission ...	3	1	0
S. P. C. K. ...	1	1	4
E. L. C. F. Jews ...	1	0	1
Poor Fund ...	33	0	1
Church Expenses ...	71	8	1
	£135	12	10

THE NATIONAL MISSION.

In preparation for the National Mission the Bishop of Rochester has invited all the Clergy of the Diocese to a Retreat in Rochester, from Monday, June 5th, to Thursday, June 8th, and he desires that all parochial services and engagements shall be cancelled for those four days. Therefore there will be no Services in the Church, no visiting, no Baptisms, Marriages, or Burials during those four days.

Whilst writing on the subject of visiting, may I beg very earnestly that all cases of illness should be reported to the Vicarage at once. It is impossible for the Clergy to visit every house in the parish every day, and unless the illness is made known it is impossible to visit or to help; however earnest or clever the Clergy may be it is not possible to see through bricks and mortar, and to tell from the outside of a cottage that someone is ill inside. A halfpenny postcard, a neighbour's child, anyone passing by, would easily convey the intelligence. On the same subject, notices of Banns must be sent in seven clear days before publication, notices of Burial at least two clear days, and the time must be dependent on the other arrangements made for the same day. In all cases of course the Clergy will do their utmost to carry out the wishes of the applicants, but they must remember that there are others who may have made their good leaving a note at the Vicarage saying that someone has arranged for a funeral at 3 o'clock the next day when the Vicar has already promised to hold a Marriage Service at the same time.

KENT VOLUNTEER FENCIBLES.

The East and West Farleigh Company of the Kent Volunteer Fencibles has tried to do its best. At one time it was quite up to strength,

but alas! now the numbers are becoming smaller. The reasons are many—first, many have joined the Colours and are grateful now for the drill and the knowledge they have acquired, then many are disheartened because of the want of Government recognition, it has been promised over and over again, and we are still waiting and wishing to see. Then there is so much to do on the land. The season is very late, and two months' work has to be done in one and at a time when only half the men are available. Still there are a good number on the Roll, and it is hoped that they will all do their very best to attend the drill. This has now been altered to one day in the week—namely, Friday, 7.30 p.m., on Captain Purefoy's lawn. Are there any men in Farleigh who do not belong? If you don't I wish you would. I can't write in the appealing tone of the Government posters before the Service Bill was passed, but I do put it you that your brothers in the trenches are doing all for you, and is it asking too much to ask you to give up *one hour in the week* for your Country's sake? Every man who joins is a help to England. Every man who drills is doing something for his country's good. Will you think of it? I think it is such a relief to one's feelings and one's conscience to feel that we are allowed the privilege of doing something when others are doing so much. Will you think of it? Don't let shyness or reserve or fear of ridicule keep you away; we can afford to be laughed at if we know we are doing our duty.

CONCERT FOR NAVY COMFORTS.

On Wednesday, May 24th, a most successful Concert was given in aid of the Navy League Fund for providing comforts for the men of the Navy and the Mine Sweepers. Miss Cruttenden's Concert Party provided the programme, which was most enthusiastically received. Mrs. Maconochie kindly lent the Court Lodge Room, Messrs. Hayzelden and Hadlow erected the platform, Mr. Robinson decorated the stage, and an indefatigable and enthusiastic lady provided the audience. Owing to the new tax on entertainment tickets the entrance was free, a collection was made for the Fund, and £4 was collected. There is something in the Navy and something in the sea that touches the heart of every Englishman. Many thanks to all who helped in any way.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.

It is doubtful whether the Church of England has ever been called to a task so great as that to which we are now summoned by the Archbishops. There have been great movements within the Church; but this is a movement of the whole Church, a call to discharge that mission to the nation, as a nation, with which it is entrusted. The times require such an effort; the horizon of men's thoughts has been suddenly and immensely expanded; we are conscious, as most of us were not two years ago, of our membership in the nation, and of the responsibility of our nation in the world. Our sons and brothers at the Front are serving their nation and helping it to meet its responsibility, at the risk of their lives; many of them in doing so are finding a new realization of God. We at home must seek from God the power to rise to new heights so that we may be worthy of their sacrifice and provide for them on their return a home that will sustain their spirit of devotion to duty and service to God.

But to this end we must first take stock of ourselves. Very much has come to light which shows the need for amendment and renewal of life. It is sad to find how little the manhood of the nation, as represented by the men in training camps and the like, is really touched by the Church. We have not brought home the message with which we are entrusted as it needs to be brought home. We must seek in prayer and meditation and conference to find the cause of our ineffectiveness where it exists, so that we may repent of it and remove it where it lies in ourselves as individuals or as members of the Church in our neighbourhood.

If we will do that, there is before us a great hope—the hope of an England leavened and guided in regard to its whole life, domestic, social, industrial, political, international, by a Church whose members have sought the will of

God in humility and prayer, and are ready to witness together to the Majesty of God and to His redeeming love in Christ. It is a time for prayer, for teaching, for witness; may God give us all faith that we may pray, knowledge that we may teach, and courage that we may witness—all these according to His will and to the praise of His glory.

Literature connected with the National Mission is issued by the S.P.C.K. Any one who sends to S.P.C.K., Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C., the sum of 2s. 6d. will receive all papers and pamphlets that are issued until that sum is exhausted. Information can be obtained from the Secretary of the Diocesan Council of the National Mission in each Diocese.

HYMNS FOR JUNE.

MORNING.	EVENING.
JUNE 4th (Sunday after Ascension).	
149 299 553	147 150 300 142
JUNE 11th (Whit-Sunday).	
211 156 207	156 Ant. 157 152 30
JUNE 18th (Trinity Sunday).	
160 Ant. 36	163 160 162 588
JUNE 25th (1st Sunday after Trinity).	
186 106 192	511 294 574 391

BAPTISMS.

"Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising."—
S. Matt. xxviii., 19.

- May 7.—Frank Frederick, son of Frederick and Daisy Steel.
May 21.—Vera Constance, daughter of Ernest and Minnie Brooker.
May 28.—Lavender Nancy, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Mitchell.

MARRIAGE.

"Let Marriage be had in honour among all."—Heb. xiii., 4.
May 13.—Arthur Edward Tucker and May Marie Goldup.

BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Rev. xii., 13.
May 26.—Elizabeth Verossa Cox, of East Farleigh, aged 63 years.

THE MOTHERS' UNION.

Mrs. Harmer as President of the Mothers' Union (the great Prayer Society of the women of England) has asked that 10 minutes every week should be given to prayer for the National Mission of Repentance and Hope. From 11.40 to 11.50 a.m. every Monday is the time allotted to East Farleigh. It is hoped that those who can, will spend that time in Church, but those who by reason of their work are prevented from doing this, are earnestly asked to lift up their hearts to God during these 10 minutes. Will those willing to join in this chain of prayer send in their names to Mrs. Littlewood.

The following prayer is recommended:—

OUR Father, we want to do more for Thee. We have done too little in the past. Show us what more we can do. May our lives draw nearer to Thee. Bless the Mission to the Nation. We are in sore trouble. Help us to turn to Thee; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

KINDNESS TO ANIMALS.

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity, July 16th, is the Sunday chosen by the R.S.P.C.A. to bring before the people of England our duty to the Animal Creation.

Much cruelty is done to horses, dogs, cats, and chicken through the thoughtlessness and ignorance of their owners. On July 16th special sermons will be preached in the Parish Church on this subject, and all animal lovers are asked to attend; the collections during the day will be given to the Churchwardens' Fund, which is responsible for the upkeep of the Water Trough, which is one of the most useful things in the Parish.

CHOIR AND ORGAN FUND.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance 1915	2	13	3
Mrs. Coveney	15	0	
J. C. Ley, Esq.	2	2	0
C. Hastings, Esq.	2	0	0
Mrs. Maconochie	51	0	0
Capt. S. Walter... ..	1	1	0
Col. H. M. Warde	2	2	0
A. Kennard, Esq.	15	0	
W. Kennard, Esq.	15	0	
W. F. Hartridge, Esq....	15	0	
Collections at Easter	4	0	4
	£67	18	7

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Organ Tuning	4	17	0
Organist	50	0	0
Choir Boys	7	17	3
Monitors	5	0	
Balance	4	19	4
	£67	18	7

MISSION ROOM, COXHEATH.

As usual during the months of July and August the afternoon Service at the Coxheath Mission Room will not be held. The Celebrations of the Holy Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month will continue, and the communicants are very earnestly asked to attend these Services and to pray especially for the National Mission of Repentance and Hope, which will be held in our Diocese after the Hop Picking.

The Rev. G. Chatterton starts for his summer holiday on July 3rd. During the eight months that he has been here he has worked very hard and made many friends; we wish him a pleasant holiday, and hope he will come back with renewed strength and vigour to carry on his good work.

KENT VOLUNTEER FENCIBLES.

The Review by General French of 10,000 Volunteers in Hyde Park on Saturday, June 17th, is a great encouragement to the Volunteers throughout the country. Lord French spoke in the highest terms of their training and capabilities, and said how useful they will be to the country. The War Office is now enrolling members, who in the event of an Invasion will serve with the regular troops. The War Office is now very anxious to encourage the Volunteer movement, and our local Tribunals will only grant exemptions on the condition that the applicants join the local Volunteer Corps.

Colonel Borton came over on Friday, June 23rd, and several members of the East and West Farleigh Company were sworn in before him. The remainder are asked to attend the Drill on Friday, June 30th, when the Colonel will attend again for the same purpose. Kent has always been a loyal County, so we expect great things from Farleigh.

MISSIONARY FESTIVAL.

The Diocesan Missionary Festival will be held this year at Bromley on Saturday, July 15th.

At 11.45 a.m. there will be a Service of Intercession for Missions in Bromley Parish Church. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Willesden, formerly Bishop of British Columbia.

At 3 p.m. and 8.15 p.m. public meetings in the Bromley Public Library, at which the Lord Bishop of Rochester will preside. The Lord Bishop of Northern Rhodesia will speak of the work of the Universities Mission to Central Africa, and other speakers will represent the following Societies:—S.P.G., whose work is world wide; the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society, which is doing splendid work

among the women of the East; and the South American Missionary Society, which works in a vast field, not only among white settlers, but also among some 300 aboriginal tribes, which include the lowest and fiercest types of humanity.

Most interesting Addresses may be looked for, and it is hoped that a large number of people will avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing them.

In this time of stress and anxiety all who realise that Missions are the primary duty of the Church should rally to their support. At all costs we must maintain our Missionaries in the fighting line at the front.

HYMNS FOR JULY.

	MORNING.		EVENING.	
JULY 2nd (2nd Sunday after Trinity).				
	431 416 436		12 215 196	27
JULY 9th (3rd Sunday after Trinity).				
	4 229 269		224 222 574	296
JULY 16th (4th Sunday after Trinity).				
	229 221 322		19 165 306	172
JULY 23rd (5th Sunday after Trinity).				
	267 193 218		236 290 178	21
JULY 30th (6th Sunday after Trinity).				
	260 210 275		198 178 191	32

BAPTISM.

"Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising."—
S. Matt. xxviii., 19.

June 18.—Gwendoline Barbara, daughter of Charles and Kate Marshall.

BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Rev. xii., 13.

April 26th, 1916.—At Claremont Hospital, W. Australia, Alfred Edward Button, aged 47 years; formerly of Dean Street, East Farleigh.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4th, 1916.

Second Anniversary of the War.

SERVICES.

8.0 a.m. - Holy Communion.
12.30 p.m. - Intercession Service.
7.30 p.m. - Special Service:

Church Parade of the
Kent Volunteer Fencibles.

It is hoped that **everyone** in Farleigh who has any friend or relation on active service will attend this Service.

WAR SAVING ASSOCIATION.

A War Saving Association is being formed in the Parish to enable *every one* to save, and so help the Country.

Six Reasons why YOU should save.

- 1.—Because when you save you help our soldiers and sailors to win the war.
- 2.—Because when you spend on things you do not need, you help the Germans.
- 3.—Because when you spend you make other people work for you, and the work of every one is wanted now to help our fighting men, or to produce necessities, or to make goods for export.
- 4.—Because by going without things and confining your spending to necessities, you relieve the strain on our ships and docks and railways, and make transport cheaper and quicker.

5.—Because every shilling saved helps twice; first, when you don't spend it, and again, when you lend it to the Nation.

6.—Because England expects that every man and every woman will do their duty.

A meeting will be held shortly, when a small Committee will be formed and a Secretary and Treasurer appointed.

THE SCHOOL TREAT.

The School Annual Treat will be held on August 11th in the Priory Meadows. It will be on the same lines as last year, a very simple treat—games and tea for the little ones. While so much money is wanted for the War and everyone is saving, or ought to be saving, it would be wrong to spend money on presents or luxuries. There will be a Service in the Church at 2.30 p.m., and the children will march to the Priory at 2.45 p.m. Tea for Girls and Infants, 4 p.m.; Boys, 4.30 p.m.; Teachers, 5 p.m.

Balance Sheet, School Treat, 1915.

	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance 1915	...	3	14	10
Miss Bagwell	...	5	0	
Mr. Ballard	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Coveney	...	5	0	
Mrs. Hartridge	...	5	0	
Mrs. Ley	...	10	0	
Mrs. Maconochie	...	2	0	0
Mrs. Walter	...	10	6	
Mrs. Warde	...	10	6	
		£9	0	10

EAST FARLEIGH PARISH MAGAZINE.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Cake, Bread, etc.	2	12	0
Milk	4	0	
Carting and Labour	7	6	
Balance in hand	5	17	4
	£9	0	10

East and West Farleigh and District GARDENERS' SOCIETY.

BY THE SECRETARY—S. HAYZELDEN, SEN.

The Annual Summer Show this year will be held in the Court Lodge Oast House, by kind permission of Montague Ballard, Esq., on Wednesday, August 9th; the Show will be open at 3 o'clock until 8 o'clock. The Committee are sorry they cannot hold it at the Priory, being unable to get a tent through military requirements, and Mr. Abnett not being able to come because of scarcity of labour; so come and see the Show in the Oast this year. A String Band will be in attendance, and Mr. H. Small has kindly arranged for a concert in the evening.

For further particulars see the Posters.

HYMNS FOR AUGUST.

MORNING.	EVENING.
AUGUST 6th (7th Sunday after Trinity). 460 461 187	292 265 271 28
AUGUST 13th (8th Sunday after Trinity). 527 290 209	214 235 546 32
AUGUST 20th (9th Sunday after Trinity). 181 176 313	22 184 268 266
AUGUST 27th (10th Sunday after Trinity). 427 419 428	12 242 305 210

BAPTISMS.

"Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising."—
S. Matt. xxviii., 19.

- May 28—Lavender Nancy, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Mitchell.
July 2—Doris May, daughter of Henry and Gladys Misson.
" 16—Hubert, son of William and Hetty Alder.
" 23—Ivy Vera, daughter of George and Nelly King.

MARRIAGES.

"Let Marriage be had in honour among all."—Heb. xiii., 4.

- July 22—Stephen John Waterman and May Tree.
" 23—John Cross Nichols and Phoebe Frances Hewitt.

BURIAL.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Rev. xii., 13.

- July 13—Ivo Towner, of East Farleigh, aged 50 years.

EAST FARLEIGH PARISH MAGAZINE.

THE SCHOOL TREAT.

August the 11th, 1916, will be a date long remembered by the children of our village, for on that most happy day the Annual School Treat was held. The weather was glorious, and the sun was shining at its best. Assembling at the Schools at 2 p.m., everyone in their holiday attire, flags were distributed and a march was made to the Church; here a Service was held at 2.30, the children singing their best and heartiest, and remembering in their prayers their fathers, brothers, and relations who were at the front. The Service over, columns of four were formed, and the whole School, led by delighted Infants, marched to the Priory Meadows. Here games were played, and perilous ascents and descents were made in the swings which Mr. T. Miller and his merrie men had kindly erected during the morning. A cricket match was played, but not finished, the sides having decided to injure the bats and lose the ball and invade the swings instead of playing the game. Tea for the girls and infants was served at 4 p.m., and the happiness of anticipation was transformed to the happiness of realization.

During the repast Miss Searle and Mrs. Ryan obtained some excellent photographs. At 4.30 the Boys' School and the Girls from the Training Home at Maidstone, together with the children from Coxheath, who had journeyed down in Mr. Charles Wilkins' wagon, had their tea, and they all appeared quite satisfied with the result, the only conscientious objector being "Frederick," who attempting to drink a cup of boiling tea learned his first lessons in temperance, and demanded cold water as an antidote; a quarter of an hour after tea he was observed eating a large green apple, so that his powers of assimilation were evidently not injured or put out of action. At 5 p.m. Mrs. Maconochie

entertained a party of guests, helpers and teachers, about 40 in number, to tea in the conservatory, and everyone was most grateful for the rest and refreshment. More games, more swings, more or less sports, and then the happy time came to an end. The children were marshalled by the railings of the Priory Garden, and in response to a speech from the Vicar gave wondrous and loud cheers for Mrs. Maconochie and for their helpers and teachers, and last, and certainly not the less, vociferous cheers for themselves.

So the much-to-be-remembered day came to a close. To Mrs. Maconochie for her most kind hospitality, to all who assisted to make the children happy, to all who helped in any and every way the children want to say, "Thank you very much, and please do it all again next year."

HOP-PICKING MISSION WORK.

Of course it must become more difficult every year. Last year we had the help of four men from Oxford instead of 12, and this year, at present, only one! Yet in war time we could not and we would not have it otherwise. We are very sorry to lose the services of Sister F. Miller this year, but her work at the West Kent Hospital has been most strenuous, and she must have a real holiday and therefore cannot help us as she has done for so many years past. Miss Searle has however very kindly undertaken the work, so the medical and surgical work will be in very good and efficient hands. Miss Edith Luard at one time lost all her helpers, but she has been successful to gather together another band, and with the help of Miss Hewitt Stevens and Miss Phyllis Hartridge the red coffee cart should do its usual good

work. The coffee stall will open as usual, the time depending on the Daylight Saving Bill and the Hop-pickers ideas of working. Miss Emily Ley and Miss Gladys Warde have kindly volunteered to take out the tea and coffee barrow in the afternoon. We hope Miss T. Day will look after the Reading Room, where she has presided for so many useful years; and that we shall have the help of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laurence, Mr. Weedon, and Mr. Small at the Concerts in the Marquee. It is a great disappointment that Mrs. Stanton Swire cannot come this year, she was invaluable in the marquee last year and we hoped that she would have been able to come this year for the whole of hopping. Wants—what do we want? well first of all money, it was hard to get this last year, and this year—well—I don't know what we shall do; then Helpers—if any one can—will they? then singers to help at the Lantern

Service on Sunday night; then singers to help at the marquee every night; then a pony for Miss Luard's red coffee cart; then bandages and old linen for the surgery.

HYMNS FOR SEPTEMBER.

MORNING.			EVENING.		
SEPTEMBER 3rd (11th Sunday after Trinity).					
36	172	315	239	238	32
SEPTEMBER 10th (12th Sunday after Trinity).					
4	298	506	23	223	477
SEPTEMBER 17th (13th Sunday after Trinity).					
240	232	242	368	235	511
SEPTEMBER 24th (14th Sunday after Trinity).					
156	210	228	20	278	514



The Vicarage,

September 25th, 1916.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Hop-picking is over. Our Mission work is finished for the time. Quiet again reigns in the Village, and in a few weeks our Winter work will begin. Mr. S. Trelawny-Ross, of Christ Church, Oxford, is writing an account of the Hopping, so I need only say a few words about it. It was quite a family party this year, Farleigh put forth all its strength, and not one part of the work was dropped, all was carried out as foretold in the September Magazine.

Our best thanks are due to Mrs. Maconochie, Mrs. Ryan, Miss Emily Ley, Miss Margaret Ley, Miss Gladys Warde, Mr. Cyril E. Butler, Mr. Harold Youngman who helped in the Coffee Stall and with the Tea Barrows, to Miss Searle who nursed hundreds of cases at the Surgery in the Iron Room, to Herbert Millen who acted as door-keeper in the Marquee, to Miss Edith Luard, Miss Daisy Macpherson, Miss Violet Macpherson, and Miss Phyllis Hartridge who accompanied the Red Coffee Cart on its daily rounds. The aforesaid cart being propelled first by a gipsy pony, then by a demure donkey, then by petrol, and last of all by a large and untamable steed.

Our old friends, Messrs. J. Reed and Walton not only did their own work, but most kindly filled up gaps caused by the illness of other workers.

It was a beautifully quiet Hopping, greatly due to the fact that the cause of a great deal of the usual trouble could only be procured during restricted hours. When peace is declared, what will happen? Shall we benefit by our experience or return to our old ways? Let us try for the restricted hours if possible; if not possible, let us try to obtain power for the police inspector or the local magistrate to close the houses during the times that we know by experience the trouble will begin.

We shall be very grateful for gifts for the Harvest Services, both at the Church and at the Mission Room. Fruit and vegetables, flowers and foliage in small or large quantities, all will be welcome.

When the Harvest is over we must all work hard for the National Mission. Particulars will be received later on.

Believe me,

Ever my dear friends,

Your faithful friend and Vicar,

A. BERNARD LITTLEWOOD.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

The Harvest Services will be held on October 8th.

8. 0 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.

11. 0 a.m.—Mattins, Sermon and Holy Communion. Preacher: The Rev. C. P. Johnson, Vicar of Tovil.

3. 0 p.m.—Children's Service.

6.30 p.m.—Evensong, Procession & Sermon.

Collections during the day for the West Kent Hospital and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

On Sunday, October 15th, at the Mission Room, Coxheath, there will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 9 a.m., and Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 3.30 p.m.

At the Workhouse Chapel there will be a Special Service at 3 p.m. in connection with the National Mission of Repentance and Hope.

HOP-PICKING, 1916.

The task of writing an account of the yearly "hop-picking," so far as the Mission is concerned, generally falls to one of the undergraduate "helpers." The writer of this account, though he certainly is one of the two undergraduates who have been able to come here this season, feels that he cannot rightly be considered a "helper" in any true sense of the word, for, in addition to the fact that he arrived some ten days late, he was able to "help" for only 3½ days. The rest of the time he spent at the Vicarage, subject to the ravages of "flu," and the excellent nursing of Mrs. Littlewood. Consequently, he feels himself to be in somewhat of a false position in writing this account, which depends, for its substance, upon information gathered from some of those who have been real helpers.

The hop-picking season of this year was certainly far different from that of 1915. The "War" atmosphere, the condition of the weather, the doubtful quality of the hops, the lack of helpers and pickers all combined to cast an air of gloom over everything. Matters were not improved by the fact that many of the pickers left soon after their arrival. Of men there were, of course, practically none, and there were less women than one might have expected. The children, however, appeared in swarms, and their unruly character may perhaps be accounted for

by the absence of the "man" element. Still it cannot be denied that they did "keep things going," and in so doing, adequately made up for any inconvenience they may have caused. The behaviour of the pickers, as a whole, was extraordinarily good.

With regard to the helpers all that can be said is that they had a "tidy job" to do, and that they did it remarkably well. The Coffee Stall performed its services as nobly as usual, though its revenue was, if anything, depleted this year. The work of distributing tea (not coffee) and cake in the hop-gardens was effectually carried out by a "flotilla" of "Tea-carts" of various descriptions, of which the "Coffee" Stall may be regarded as the "Parent-ship." The Misses Ley, Miss Luard, the Misses Macpherson, Mr. Swinson (Christ Church), the Rev. G. C. Chatterton and Messrs. Reed and Walton, all had a share in this important and strenuous work. It is this feature of the Mission work that brings one into close touch with the pickers, and when there are plenty of helpers one has a good opportunity of studying, in some degree at least, the humour (and pathos, too) of one aspect of the "East Londoners" life. Of course, when helpers are few and far between, as they are nowadays, all one's time is taken up with the doling out of eatables and drinkables, and one seldom, if ever, gets the opportunity, which would otherwise be afforded, of an occasional chat at one or other of the various bins.

The epithets usually hurled at the Tea-cart and its satellites were, if anything, less vociferous and stimulating than usual.

Next in importance to the "garden" work is the nightly entertainment in the marquee by the Bridge. This part of the Mission work was greatly affected by the small numbers of the pickers, as is only natural. For a considerable time the concerts depended upon outside help, of which, fortunately, there was plenty this year. Towards the end the pickers began to assert themselves, however, and once started, things went quite well. Of the pickers who performed special mention must be made of Mr. Smith, who appeared towards the end of the season in military garb and delighted everybody by the rendering of his favourite song, "Ave a little bit of jim-jam." Another picker who is worthy of mention was the man who gave a remarkable performance of "bagpipes," the noise of the pipes being imitated by means of his hands and mouth.

Apart from the pictures the concerts were ably supported by Mr. Small, The Misses Willis and Austen, and other ladies who came from

Maidstone several times during the season. Miss Macpherson also assisted with several songs. Needless to say, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence devoted themselves as usual to the nightly concerts; we cannot be too thankful to them for all their kindness in this respect. Our thanks are also due to Miss Hughes who so kindly came and played to the pickers. Several old friends were missed this year at the marquee. The familiar figure of "Billy Boy" was conspicuous by its absence, and we badly missed several others of the "old stagers," notably Mr. "Dicky Pheasant."

Of the remaining features of the work little can be said owing to lack of space. The Children's Sunday Afternoon Service was well attended as a rule, and remarkably well ordered, thanks to Mr. Chatterton's effective discipline.

The Lych-gate Services had to be abandoned owing to the lighting regulations. Messrs. Reed and Walton, however, managed to conduct nightly Lantern Services for the pickers, which were a great success.

The pickers departed in two lots this year, the first of which was more lively than the second, but neither could be described as "troublesome."

The sight, on these occasions, of middle-aged women in vast plumes, some of them puffing at clay pipes, is extremely interesting.

HYMNS FOR OCTOBER.

	MORNING.		EVENING.
OCTOBER 1st (15th Sunday after Trinity).			
	550 322 313		616 335 423 223
OCTOBER 8th (16th Sunday after Trinity). Harvest.			
	381 382 384	381 Ant.	384 386
OCTOBER 15th (17th Sunday after Trinity).			
	256 257 266	270 269	520 391
OCTOBER 22nd (18th Sunday after Trinity).			
	214 217 218	167 220	161 31
OCTOBER 29th (19th Sunday after Trinity).			
	540 232 367	164 247	528 477

MARRIAGE.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Rev. xii. 13.
Aug. 30—Ernest Walter Hadler and Alice Muriel Weeks.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.

The Bishop's Messengers will arrive here on Wednesday, December 6th. The Rev. S. Hebert, of Seal, and the Rev. E. C. Linton, of Halling, have been chosen by the Bishop for this purpose. The Services will be:—

DAILY—

Eucharist, 8 a.m.

Intercession Service and Meditation, 12.30.

Mission Service, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, December 10th—

Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7, 8 and mid-day.

Service at Workhouse Church, 3 p.m.

Coxheath Mission Room, 3.30 p.m.

Mission Service in Church, 6.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, December 12th—

Special Service for Women, 3 p.m.

As the time is now drawing near, we must all do our very best for the Mission. Everyone can do something, and you know that "England expects every man to do his duty." We want the Church to come out boldly in witness for Christ. To do this we must prepare ourselves by prayer and sacramental grace. The Church that made England a kingdom, that gave her her freedom, her parliament, her poor law, her education, in fact, every blessing that she now enjoys, can surely still have some further message for the Nation. Remember we fight under a Captain who has never been beaten, and if we follow in His steps we must succeed.

On Sunday, October 15th, a beginning was made at Coxheath. Joined by the Choir from Linton, an outdoor procession left the Workhouse Church and paraded through the roads in its neighbourhood. Very striking and dignified it looked as, headed by our beautiful silver and pearl processional cross, the massed choirs and clergy, followed by a large crowd of people, sang well-known hymns. People came to their cottage doors and joined in the singing, and many who had not attended church for a very long time came to the Service afterwards. The Sermon

was preached by the Rev. E. J. Bell, Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Services were held in the various Wards of the Hospital afterwards. What good did it all do? Well, we do not know. God only knows that, but it was a certain definite act, a *doing something*, a coming out to witness. We must just do all we can and leave the results to God.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AT COXHEATH.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held at the Coxheath Mission Room on Sunday, October the 15th. The Room was beautifully decorated, and everyone who could was very kind in sending flowers, fruit and vegetables.

Our hearty thanks are due to the following for the beautiful flowers and fruit—Mrs. Costin, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Glendinning, Miss M. Ley, Mr. and Mrs. Moses, Mrs. Shorter, Mrs. Warde, Miss G. Warde, Mrs. Walter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins.

There were 17 communicants at the Holy Eucharist at 9 o'clock, and there was a good congregation at the Service in the afternoon at 3.30, which was most encouraging.

Now we have begun so well, let us try and keep it up. It is hoped that everyone will make a special effort to attend the Services during the winter months, and especially the Service of the Holy Eucharist at 9 o'clock on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month; remembering our Lord's own words—"Whoso offereth Me Thanks and Praise, he honoureth Me."

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

- Nov. 1—All Saints' Day. Holy Communion, 7 and 8 a.m.
 " 7—Mothers' Meeting, Coxheath, 2 p.m.
 " 7—Mothers' Meeting, Court Lodge Room, 2 p.m.
 " 7—Children's Guild, Coxheath, 6 p.m.
 " 9—Women's Meeting, Coxheath, 7 p.m.
 " 10—G.F.S., Court Lodge Room, 3 p.m.

Office of the Director-General of
Voluntary Organizations,SCOTLAND HOUSE,
NEW SCOTLAND YARD,
S.W.,
13th October, 1916.

MY LORD BISHOP,

As Director-General of Voluntary Organizations, I am responsible for the provision of comforts to the men of the fighting forces. The approaching winter and its hardships cause me great anxiety, as it is imperative that vast quantities of woollen and other articles for which Commanding Officers of the various units are asking, and which mean so much to our men, should be provided for our soldiers in the various theatres of War, and that without delay.

I feel that an organized effort should be made to secure the help through the Clergy of our Church of all the women who are capable of knitting such articles as Mittens, Mufflers, Helmets, and Socks. The first three articles mentioned being those most urgently needed, and upon which effort should be concentrated.

I appreciate very fully and gratefully the splendid work already accomplished by the various associations and societies. I feel, however, that there are many ladies who, though they may even be busily engaged on other duties, might still be able to provide one knitted article weekly for the men at the front. If these ladies will help us in the way I suggest, the heavy demands with which we are faced at the present time, due to the increased numbers of troops in the various theatres of War, will be satisfactorily met.

I would suggest that the articles, when completed, should be forwarded weekly to the Depot of the Voluntary Organizations Association in each district, with a label attached, giving the names of the kind donors. I may add that those who have worked regularly for three months become entitled to the official Voluntary Workers' Badge, which may be retained so long as a worker continues to perform regular work for my Department. The Badges are obtainable through the recognized County, Borough, or District Association of Voluntary Workers in each locality.

The articles are sent direct from the local depôts to the various fronts, where they are immediately available for the wants of the troops.

I am therefore approaching you to ask you for your kind help and assistance in this matter in order to secure the co-operation of the Clergy in your Diocese, with a view to their influencing

the female members of their congregations to devote, when possible, a portion of their spare time to this work.

If the Clergy will assist us in our task their help and influence will be very much appreciated by our fighting men, and the difficulties with which I am faced will to a great extent be removed.

Materials for working for the " Maidstone and District Central War Work Association " can be had from Mrs. Ley, St. Helen's, whenever required, by any parishioner.

Yours sincerely,

E. W. D. WARD.

Local Depot:—Miss Potter, 28, High Street, Maidstone.

HYMNS FOR NOVEMBER.

MORNING.	EVENING.
NOVEMBER 5th (20th Sunday after Trinity).	
428 499 436	427 Ant. 235 222
NOVEMBER 12th (21st Sunday after Trinity).	
184 231 528	588 546 523 271
NOVEMBER 19th (22nd Sunday after Trinity).	
540 232 367	164 247 528 477
NOVEMBER 26th (Sunday next before Advent).	
160 161 165	268 202 280 166

BAPTISMS.

" Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising. "—
S. Matt. xxviii., 19.

- Sep. 30.—Benjamin Brian, son of Thomas Benjamin and Florence Frances Brook.
Oct. 1.—Ronald, son of Frank and Amy Oliver.
Oct. 8.—Rupert Walter, son of Rupert and Ada Stedman.

BURIALS.

- " Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. "—Rev. xii., 13.
Oct. 10.—Emma Louisa Gillingham, of East Farleigh, aged 84 years.
Oct. 19.—George Bromley, of East Farleigh, aged 39 years.

NATIONAL MISSION WEEK, Dec. 6th—12th.

FOR GOD AND ENGLAND.

To the Men and Women of Farleigh.

Are you helping?

Will you help more?

Then come to the Mission Services daily at 7 p.m.

To the Communicants of the Church of God.

YOU will not fail.

Your MASTER calls you and wants your help, and your WITNESS.Every Communicant who comes at Easter is asked to come at
7, 8, 9 or mid-day on Sunday, December 10th.

SERVICES IN DECEMBER.

Daily.

Intercessions for the War 12.30 p.m.

Thursdays.

Holy Communion..... 8 a.m.

Prayer Meeting, Coxheath 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve.

Evensong 3 p.m.

Christmas Day.

Holy Communion (choral) 8 a.m.

Holy Communion, Coxheath ... 9.15 a.m.

Holy Communion, Workhouse.. 9.45 a.m.

Mattins, Sermon and Holy

Communion 11 a.m.

Evensong and Carols 4 p.m.

S. Stephen, Dec. 26th.

Mattins and Intercession..... 12.30 p.m.

S. John, Dec. 27th.

Holy Communion..... 10 a.m.

Mattins and Intercession..... 10.30 a.m.

Innocents' Day, Dec. 28th.

Mattins and Intercession..... 12.30 p.m.

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st.

National Intercession Service
for the War; Collection for
the Red Cross Funds

Holy Communion..... 8 a.m. & mid-day.

Church Parade of Volunteers ... } 11 a.m.

Mattins and Sermon..... }

Special Prayer Service for the
War 6.30 p.m.

WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

An Association has been formed, named the East Farleigh War Savings Association. Mr. W. F. Hartridge is the Treasurer, and Mr. J. B. Leaver is the Secretary; the Committee:—Mr. George May, Mr. J. Hadlow, Mr. F. Laurence, Miss E. Ley, Miss G. Warde, Mrs. Walter. The Chairman being the Vicar.

Every family in the Parish ought to join this Association, and so help England to win the War. Surely everyone could save 3d. or 6d. a week, and in five years' time get all their money back with 5 per cent. interest. We can't all fight; some of us must stay at home, but we must all do our best for our country by saving our money, by thrift and by prayer.

BY THE SEXTON AND VERGER.

Twenty-five years after the Restoration of the Church as the opening Services were on November 24/1891 and I also Completed 25 years of Verger work in June last and Sextons 25 years next Month and during that time I have seen many changes First there has been 3 Vicars and 8 Curates also 8 Churchwardens and 5 Orginest but the Verger goes on and pleased to say that I have only missed 3 Sundays in that time during that time there has been 154 differant Clergerman have preached in Church there has been 868 Baptisms 207 Marrages and 526 Burials in that time

the Church was restored by Mr Herbert Ellis in Commemeration of his Father, also the Beautifull Lytch gate was given by Mrs Ellis in Commemeration of her husband and Sons, in 1894 Mrs Ellis gave a Reredoss in Commemeration of Mr Herbert Ellis her Son.* in 1897 the Late Mr William Hartridge gave the Church Clock this was dedicated and started at Easter evensong 1898 also the New Church yard was given in its Completed state by Mrs Maconochie in April 1898 on Allsaints day 1910 the Lady Chapel was reopened being Most Beautifully restored by Mrs Maconochie in Commemeration of Mrs Ellis her Mother there has also been 4 Memorial Services Vis Jan 20/1892 for the Duke of Clerrence Feb 2/1901 for Queen Victoria May 20/1910 for King Edward and Allsaints Nov 1/1916 to 12 of our young Men Parisheners who have fallen in this great War.

* In 1896 Capt. S. Walter gave a Bier on wheels for the use of the Parish.

COTTAGERS' SOCIETY.

BY THE SECRETARY.

A meeting was held at the Good Intent, West Farleigh, on Tuesday, November 7th, R. Honeysett presiding; there was a good attendance. The Competitions were—collection of vegetables (3 varieties): S. Boorman 1st, F. Oliver 2nd, G. Moorecroft 3rd; for 3 parnips: S. Boorman 1st, G. Moorecroft 2nd, T. Webb 3rd: and for 3 savoy: H. Webb 1st, G. Moorecroft 2nd. During the evening 5s. was given from the funds of the Society and 7s. collected from the members present, making 12s. in all, and sent to the "Kent Messenger" Soldiers' Tobacco Fund.

The next meeting will be held at the Bull Inn on Tuesday, December 5th, when the Competitions will be 3 heads of celery, 25 Brussels

sprouts, and 3 roots, to be shown as per schedule; this being the last meeting of the year, the Secretary would like to see a good attendance of members.

HYMNS FOR DECEMBER.

MORNING.			EVENING.		
DECEMBER 3rd (Advent Sunday).					
47	48	203	50	49	51 288
DECEMBER 10th (National Mission).					
DECEMBER 17th (3rd Sunday in Advent).					
53	268	511	352	51	52 355
DECEMBER 24th (4th Sunday in Advent).					
193	353	588			
DECEMBER 25th (Christmas Day).					
62	59	60	Carols.		
DECEMBER 31st (Sunday after Christmas).					
50	60	61	60 Ant. 56 Carols.		

BAPTISMS.

"Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptising."—
S. Matt. xxviii., 19.

Nov. 5—Joyce, daughter of George and Annie Pettet.

„ 12—Elizabeth Charlotte, daughter of Stephen and May Waterman.

MARRIAGE.

"Let Marriage be had in honour among all."—Heb. xiii., 4.

Nov 18—Alfred Baldock and Kate Acott.

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Rev. xii., 13.

Nov. 2—Mary Ann Latham, of East Farleigh, aged 79 years.

„ 11—William Elfield, of East Farleigh, aged 66 years.

„ 22—Thomas Dark, aged 69 years.