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My Dear Parishioners,

By the time this reaches you the Lenten Season will be more than half over, and during the month of April we have the glorious season of Easter. Let us all strive to keep our Easter as true followers of Christ. On Easter Day there will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and after Morning Prayer. For some years now we have had an Easter Lily Fund, asking you to contribute the sum of 1/- towards our Altar Flowers, in memory of those friends and relatives of ours who have passed away. Mrs. Seymour will be ready to receive like tokens this year, and she would like, if possible, to receive them before April 14th (Palm Sunday). On the same date please note that our Sunday Evening Service will be timed at 6.30 p.m. instead of 3.30 p.m., and so till further notice.

Yours sincerely,

EDWARD J. SEYMOUR.

PARISH VESTRY AND CHURCH MEETING

This Annual Meeting was held in the Schools on Thursday, February 21st. There was a fairly good attendance. The Rector thanked all the officials of the Church for their hearty co-operation during the past year. He was glad to be able to nominate Mr. Eric Parker as the Rector's Warden once again.

Mr. Colin Dowson was unanimously re-elected as People's Warden. Five retiring members of the Parish Church Council were re-elected. The Rector announced that Mr. Laker felt he could no longer act as a Sidesman. Mr. Laker was first nominated as a Sidesman at an Easter Vestry in 1915 and it is with great regret that he feels unable to carry on his duties as such. We shall all miss his presence. Messrs. S. Ayling, C. Peters and S. Frogley were appointed Sidesmen.

Mr. Philip Smith presented the Church Accounts which he had audited. He remarked that his task was extremely easy as Mr. Dowson had the accounts in such perfect order. There was a slightly reduced balance in hand from the previous year. There was a marked falling off in the Overseas Freewill Offerings, however, which is a pity. The members then discussed the question of a memorial in Church to those who had made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. Finally Mr. Milligan proposed that a similar tablet be placed in the Church and alongside the one placed there after the last War. This met with unanimous approval.

Miss Seymour said that the Hambledon Branch of the Red Cross Society wished to place a small plaque or tablet in the Church in memory of those who lost their lives in the Parish through enemy action on October 23rd, 1940. This also met with approval.

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MEMORIAL TABLET

Messrs. James Powell and Sons write that the cost of a memorial tablet similar to the one made by us after the last War would be as follows: If carried out in Roman stone (polished) with Irish green marble frame, and the inscription incised and painted brown, surrounded by a gold mosaic line and a carved and gilded cross at top, would approximately cost £80.

Subscriptions towards this tablet may be made either to the Rector or Mr. Colin Dowson and as soon as possible.

HAMBLEDON CRICKET CLUB

The General Meeting was held on March 4th. There was a good attendance. The following officers were elected: President, Canon E. J. Seymour; Hon. Treasurer, Major T. G. Hill; Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. Hammond; Captain, Mr. S. Marsh; Vice-Captain, Mr. W. B. Dean; Committee, Messrs. H. E. Wood, J. Probert, A. Jeffery, V. Jeffery, G. Denyer.

The Hon. Secretary announces that a good fixture list has been arranged.

OFFERTORIES DURING FEBRUARY

	£	s.	d.
Sick and Needy Fund	...	...	...
S.P.C.K.	...	...	...
Zenana Missions (M.U.)	...	...	...
Church Expenses	...	...	...
Church Expenses Box	...	...	...
	6	1	3
		8	0
		1	2
	1	17	7

BURIAL

March 12th.—Alfred Hammond, aged 86 years.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Presiding at a meeting of the Hambledon Women's Institute on Wednesday, March 13th, Mrs. Knyvett Lee made an appeal for support of the cancer campaign. Mrs. Chisham reported on the recent group meeting at Hambledon. It was reported that at a committee meeting the previous week it was decided to drop the Produce Guild in favour of the recently established Garden Club, membership of which was open to both men and women. A talk on poultry was given by Miss Ware, of Weybridge. After tea there was a competition in naming British birds.