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Hambleton Rectory

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My Dear Parishioners,

May I remind you that the solemn season of Lent commences on March 6th, that date being Ash Wednesday. How shall we rightly keep this solemn time-honoured season? What is its true significance in Christian thought? What is its right place in Christian practice?

Now, this Lenten season, intervening in its stern solemnity between the unclouded joy of Christmas and the "triumphant holy-day" of Easter, is designed to bring home to us the true character of our Christian life here. It is a call to us. In that call there are three distinct tones. There is the call to Repentance. There is the call to self-discipline. There is the call to special devotion under the Cross of Christ, which runs through the whole season. In the harmony of these three distinct aspects of its call be it ours to keep the Lenten season and so prepare for the triumphant joy of the great Easter Festival!

The offertories on March 3rd will be for Church Expenses and on March 24th at 8 a.m. and at 11 a.m. for the Missions to Seamen. At Mattins there will be a special Preacher sent to us from the Missions.

On March 24th also the Annual Service of the Mothers' Union will be held in our Church at 3.30 p.m. Will members of our Branch please note this.

The gramophone in our Schools is on its last legs and another is badly wanted. Have any of our Readers one to dispose of either by gift or purchase? If so, would you get into communication with Miss Simmonds.

I now have a personal announcement to make. The Bishop has accepted my resignation of the Living of Hambleton and I retire at the end of September. I came here as Rector in 1915 and was inducted into the Living in September of that year. In all probability my retirement would have taken place earlier, if it had not been for the War, and I was asked not to give up. I feel I should now give place to a younger man. It will be a great wrench to myself and my wife and daughter leaving Hambleton, after spending so many happy years with you all, but I am convinced I am doing what is right, both for your sakes and mine.

Yours sincerely,

EDWARD J. SEYMOUR.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The monthly meeting of the Hambleton Women's Institute was held on Wednesday, February 13th, at the Village Institute. Mrs. Lee presided, and a new member was welcomed. A report of the recent federation meeting in Guildford was given. Members were asked to

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use their votes at the forthcoming County Council election, and nominations were invited for service on the Parish Council. Arrangements were made for the Haslemere group meeting, to be held in Hambledon on March 4th. Miss Parker gave an interesting talk on her travels in Carthage and the Holy Land. Following tea, there was a roll call on "My pet economy," which produced some very useful tips.

HAMBLEDON CRICKET CLUB

We have much pleasure to note that we may see Cricket again this season.

Mr. T. Hammond, the Hon. Secretary of the Club, has called a General Meeting to be held at the Institute on Monday, March 4th, at 8 p.m. All interested in the game should attend.

OFFERTORIES DURING JANUARY

	£	s.	d.
Sick and Needy Fund	19 0
Dr. Barnardo's Homes	6 9 7
Church Expenses	1 6 7
Church Expenses Box	3 11 0

BURIALS

- January 23.—Ernest Charles Willett, aged 65 years.
" 25.—Margaret Sarah House, aged 62 years.
" 28.—William Arthur Dollin, aged 60 years.
February 1.—Mary Ann Hunter, aged 88 years.
" 7.—Emily Rosetta Dawson Turner, aged 84 years.
" 12.—Hugh Oswyn Gabb, aged 73 years.