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DECEMBER, 1944

HAMBLEDON RECTORY

My Dear Parishioners,
Our Service on Remembrance Sunday was well attended and, the
Poppy Fund collections in Church amounted to over £13. Members of the
Home Guard, the British Legion, Red Cross, Girl Guides, Brownies and
Cubs were among those who attended in the afternoon, Major S. Hooper,
commanding "C" Coy, 5th Surrey Battalion, Home Guard read the Lesson.

On Sunday, November 12th, Canon Southam preached and explained to us the Bishop's Challenge. It was a most inspiring and lucid address. This was followed on November 15th by a Parochial Meeting at the Institute under the Chairmanship of Mr. Eric Parker. An afternoon meeting is not very convenient, but notwithstanding this it was well attended and was quite representative.

On Sunday, December 3rd (Advent Sunday) our offertories as usual

will be given to the work of the Church Overseas.

Christmas Day falls this year on a Monday. Our Church Services will be held as usual at 8 a.m. and 11.0. This is a great Christian Festival and we should mark it, it is Christ's Birthday.

Our Offerings on Christmas Day will be given to our local nursing

association which I am sure will appeal to all of you.

unanimously.

Yours sincerely, EDWARD J. SEYMOUR.

BISHOP'S CHALLENGE

The challenge is primarily a great effort to evangelise the diocese in preparation for the new age, this is how Canon Eric Southam explained the Challenge to a meeting of Parishioners held in our Institute. He stressed that the Church today was living on a legacy left by our forefathers. It was our responsibility to provide for the future in the same kind of way that our parents and great grandparents had bequeathed to us—the Church in which they worshipped and the codes and virtues of England built upon the teaching of the Church. The Bishop had carefully considered what were the needs of the Diocese in the next ten years if the diocese was to be equipped to do the work of the Church.

Major Fairbanks Smith then dwelt at length on the different objects of the appeal in a most interesting and convincing manner. The Chairman invited questions and several were asked and answered. Finally Mr. Colin Dowson proposed and Miss Bush seconded a resolution that the Parish of Hambledon accepts the Bishop's Challenge. This was carried

HAMBLEDON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We held our annual general meeting on November 8th, when a report of the year's activities was read. We were glad to hear that Miss Bush and Mrs. Gillham were willing to carry on as President and Secretary. A Round Table Conference was held after the business, to discuss the

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programme for next year. After tea we were entertained by a charade, arranged by Mrs. and Miss McKinnon Wood.

POPPY DAY RESULTS.

The complete result of the Poppy Day effort in Godalming and District is not yet known. The total so far is £1,253 1s. 3d. (

Hambledon's contributions towards this fund are (Mr. S. F. Marsh) £46 5s. 9d., Church Collection £13 12s. 7d. Wreaths £3 1s. Proceeds of Dance (Mr. Gale junior) £1 9s. Total £64 8s. 4d.

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THE PRISONER WAR FUND

The Proceeds of the stall of Christmas gifts sold at the November W.1 amounted to £5 12s. 4d. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Jefferey for the gift of £1 in Bun Pennies—and 7s. 6d. in Ship Halfpennies—and also Miss Pratt for her 1s. 9d. in Ship Halfpennies The Total amount is £7 1s. 7d. It is hoped to Raffle a large Toy Dog, at the December W.1., the proceeds will be given to the above Fund.

M. SEYMOUR.

HOLY BAPTISM

October 29.—Ann Gandra Bartlett. November 9.—John Fatham. "9.—April Rosemary Fatham.

BURIAL

November 18.—James Goodchild, aged 78 years.

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