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Hambleton Rectory,

December 19th.

My dear Parishioners,

I regret that in my last letter, when referring to the attendances at the Parade Service on Remembrance Sunday, I omitted to mention that our Red Cross section was well represented. My attention has been drawn to this; I am sorry that I failed to mention the fact. We have a very flourishing branch which is very up to date.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. Although as far as our Empire is concerned we are in a better position than a year ago, we must be prepared for rough days from time to time in the coming year. May all your dear ones serving in the Forces be safely preserved!

Next I wish on behalf of you all to say how much thanks we owe to Mrs. Kingshott and Miss Gabb for their very kindly work in connection with our Parish Magazine. They both give time and trouble in conducting the financial side.

Since the outbreak of war no Diocesan or Ruri-decanal elections have been held, and at the last Diocesan Conference the Chancellor of the Diocese pointed out that the result was, owing to removals and other causes, some parishes had now no representatives on either body. It was unanimously decided to hold elections in every parish at Parish Church Meetings during the month of January. For some years now we have held our annual Church Meeting during the Lenten season, but it means that this year our meeting must be held towards the end of January. As our schools have no black-out, the meeting must be held elsewhere, but of course due notice will be given as to the time and place.

Yours sincerely, EDWARD J. SEYMOUR.

MOTHERS' UNION.

A meeting will be held at Mrs. Bellerby's house on Thursday, January 20th, at 2.45 p.m. Speaker will be Mrs. Crichton Melville.

HAMBLETON FORCES CIGARETTE FUND.

Letters of appreciation from members of the Forces stationed at home have been received by Nurse Hutchins and Mrs. Gillham. These are too numerous to mention in full. Just one typical letter which comes from L/Cpl. Tyler and part runs as follows:—

"Dear People of Hambleton,—Many thanks for the kind gift of cigarettes. It came as a most pleasant surprise to me, especially as I am only a war-time arrival to the Village. . . . Whether near or far, to get a reminder such as yours does much towards letting us know that the folks at home are always thinking of us."

HAMBLETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

We had a short Whist Drive at our December Meeting, games being arranged for those who did not play whist. At the preceding business meeting a plea was read from the Commander of H.M.S. Hambleton for books, games and woollen comforts for his men. Colonel Robertson, of "Stepaside," has kindly consented to receive gifts from the village, and Mrs. Kingsford will distribute wool for anyone willing to knit garments.

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SALVAGE.

During the year 1943 the amount paid for our sorted salvage was £15 13s. 6d. Out of this money we invested £8 in P.O. Savings during the Wings for Victory Week and gave £3 3s. 0d. to the Lord Lieutenant's Wool Fund. The balance we are distributing amongst the next of kin of Prisoners of War in the village to buy some little extra comfort to be put in their next Red Cross parcel.

D. M. BUSH, Chief Salvage Steward.

HAMBLEDON RED CROSS.

Munster, Tilford.

December 9th, 1943.

Dear Miss Symon,

Congratulations to you and the Section—and Mrs. Hutchins.

Rather belatedly. From Mrs. Winston Churchill, 10, Downing Street, acknowledging our "Aid to Russia" effort: "Will you please accept and express my heartfelt thanks to all who helped to raise the generous sum of £337 3s. 4d. which was collected. I am so glad to have such warm support from the villages in the Hambledon District in answer to my appeal.—Yours sincerely, Clementine S. Churchill."

Dr. Haine and Mr. Heath report that all F.A. Points have been inspected. All equipment was in excellent order, well cared for, and the records, which have not been easy to keep because of a mixture of Civil Defence, Red Cross and private equipment, clearly and methodically scheduled. This is entirely due to the excellent work of all your Red Cross Quartermasters. Dr. Haine adds: "The result has given me very great satisfaction, and I should like the Quartermasters to be complimented on their work. They have done a very difficult job extremely well."

The Division, vide local Press reports, has collected and forwarded to Red Cross Headquarters considerably more than £10,000 since September, 1939. A great feat in which every Woman's Detachment and every outlying Section has taken part.

Yours sincerely,

R. S. JAMES, Colonel,
Div. Sec., B.R.C.S., Hambledon Division.

OFFERTORIES DURING NOVEMBER.

	£	s.	d.
Sick and Needy Fund ... ..	...	5	9
Poppy Fund ... ..	...	14	12 0
Church Expenses ... ..	...	1	6 0
" " Box ... ..	...	1	1 11

HOLY BAPTISM.

Dec. 19.—Gordon Black.

BURIALS.

- Dec. 9.—Frederick John Young, aged 85 years.
" 20.—Albert Ernest Lambourn, aged 77 years.
" 20.—Emily Georgina Manfield, aged 68 years.

NOTICE.

The Lord Bishop of Guildford will preach at the Morning Service on Sunday, January 23rd.

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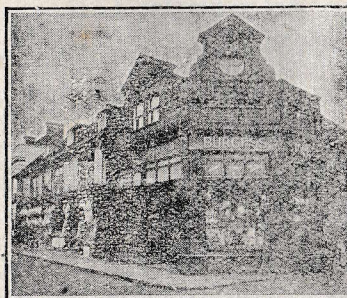
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