

## HAMBLEDON LETTER

Dear Friends,

Our prayers and our sympathy go out to Mrs. Mortimer and her sister in the passing on of their sister Miss May Read. We shall always remember her bright cheerful personality, and Hambledon is the poorer for her passing. Heaven is the richer; and it is good to know that she looked upon the transition with great peace of mind and heart. The words of the Burial Service ring with hope and certainty "the souls of the righteous are in joy and felicity." Our prayer must be one of thanksgiving to God for her example, and that "when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Him."

On Thursday, June 29th, there will be a meeting at the Rectory for the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society. Miss Shearburn will be the speaker, and we hope that as many women in the parish as possible will come and hear further progress of the work of this great Society. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. and tea will be served afterwards.

At a recent meeting of the School Managers, I was asked if I would give a brief outline in the magazine of the situation facing our Church School. Very soon the Managers will have to decide whether the control of the school shall pass from their hands, or whether they will undertake heavy financial responsibilities to maintain the present position, known as Aided Status. To retain this position the Managers will have to raise at least £5,000, this being their contribution towards the new school planned by the Ministry of Education. The present school will be scrapped, and a new one costing over £10,000 will be built.

The question which must be brought before all is this—is the present position (Aided Status) worth making a sacrifice to maintain and, if it is, how much as individuals are we prepared to give to see that our school is maintained as a Church School? Upon the answer to that question, as given by parishioners within the next few weeks, the Managers will base their future policy. It is regrettable that we have other large and important financial matters looming up, but the need of our Church School may come first to some in the parish, and as Chairman of the Managers I would welcome definitive offers of financial aid.

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I have received a verbal report on the condition of the organ, and at least £100 should be spent at once. The vital things that are wearing away are leather straps, springs rusting out, and moth eating away felt pallets. This matter, and the Bell Tower will be on the agenda of the next Church Council meeting.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all those who contributed to the Easter offering.

Yours sincerely,

A. E. BORTHWICK.

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DEATH

Apr. 27th.—May Read, aged 71 years.

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**Church of England Zenana Missionary Society**

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**GARDEN MEETING**

at the

**RECTORY, JUNE 29th, 3 P.M.**

Speaker:

**MISS C. SHEARBURN**

Tea Provided.

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