

Hambledon Rectory.

April 19th, 1945.

My dear Parishioners,

must first of all refer to our great Easter Festival. Never, I think, did our Church look so beautiful, so well decorated with plentiful supply of flowers. We received many gifts of flowers, and our Easter Lily Fund purchased many more. I must now take the opportunity of thanking you for your very generous Easter Offering.

We held, as you know, our Annual Vestry and Meeting of Parochial Electors on March 21st, and although it was not attended as well as it should have been it was very satisfactory. Our Church accounts are in a healthy condition; these are in the hands of a printer and will be distributed when ready. Our two Churchwardens and our two Sidesmen were re-elected and an additional Sidesman was appointed, Mr. C. W. J. Peters. The retiring members of the Council were all re-elected, and Miss Bush was appointed to fill a vacancy.

Yours sincerely, EDWARD J. SEYMOUR.

THE BISHOP'S CHALLENGE.

Mr. Knyvett Lee has received a letter from Major Fairbanks Smith in which he says: "I do congratulate you on Hambledon's achievement to date, i.e. £1,500. The Covenantors in your Parish have certainly answered the call of the Challenge in no uncertain way. Regarding the people who do not use cheque books, I am finding that the most popular way of getting them to respond to the Challenge is by having Challenge Collecting Cards and Stamps, a sample of which I enclose. There are two Challenge Stamps which were designed by Mr. Maufe, the architect of the new Cathedral; the red one is 1/- and the mauve one 6d."

The members of our P.C.C. thought this idea a good one.

Bishop Golding-Bird is coming to preach on the evangelistic side of the Challenge in our Church on July 22nd at our Evening Service.

YOUTH CLUB.

The members of our Branch are doing most excellent work in raising funds for various deserving charities. They handed over the sum of £11 for the Y.M.C.A. (to Mrs. Hedley) the result of one of their dances.

EASTER LILY FUND.

Donations received from :-- Mrs. H. Hutchins, Mrs. Luxford and family, Mrs. Walker, Miss Tuffin, Miss Ellis, Mrs. Quinnell, Miss M. Parker, Mr. Vickery, Mr. and Mrs. Dedman, Mr. Charles Peters, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Fielder, Mrs. Goad, Miss M'Clelland, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Wren, Miss Wren, Mrs. Clarke and family, Mrs. Fitch, The Misses Allfrey, Mr. Mayfield, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Lippiter, Miss Bush, The Misses Mellersh, Miss N. Jennings, Miss Bonner, Mrs. Hornet, Mrs. Dowson, Mrs. Seymour, Miss Seymour, Mrs. Hammond and family, Mrs. Francis, The Misses Cockburn.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Women's Institute were fortunate in having Miss Sutherland, Secretary of the Surrey County Federation at their April meeting, to help them study the Agenda for the Annual Meeting, which takes place at the Albert Hall in June. Miss Sutherland gave advice on the different Resolutions that were being proposed, and was also most helpful with regard to the aims and objects of the Produce Guild which has been started in Hambledon. This is intended for members of the Women's Institute only, but Mrs. Haviland, the Secretary, announced that two gested that if the Guild flourished it would be possible to enlarge it into a Village Produce Association, in which case male members would be welcomed. Miss Bush (President) asked Miss Sutherland about forming a, link with an overseas Institute, and it was decided to try and gest affiliated to a Canadian Women's Institute. Miss Ellis read a report of the Annual County Meeting at which she had been Delegate.

It was decided to run a Fruit Preservation Centre again this season and Mrs. Dowson offered to lend her kitchen for this purpose. Mrs. McKinnon Wood proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Miss Sutherland. During tea Mrs. Smith asked members who wanted fresh milk with their tea to bring their own, as it was impossible to supply it at present. A competition of guessing tunes was won by Mrs. Chesson, Mrs. Haviland kindly supplying the music.

HAMBLEDON C. of E. SCHOOLS. The Lent collections for the Waifs and Strays amounted to the satisfactory total of $\pounds4.0-6$.

OFFERTORIES DURING MARCH.

Sick and Needy Fund		£ s. d.
MISSIONS to Seamon	 	16 4
MI.U. Funds	 	10 1 6
Church Expenses		.18 9
Church Expenses (Box)	 	2 5 9
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HOLY BAPTISM. March 25th.—Diane Carol Whyburn.



