RECTOR'S LETTER

St. Peter's Church, Hambledon.

My dear Friends,

The services were well attended, and the Church was beautifully decorated for our Harvest Festival, and we would record here our grateful thanks to all who sent gifts of fruit, flowers, etc., and to all who gave so much of their time in the decoration of the Church. A year ago we commenced our Children's Church Services (at 10 a.m. on the first Sunday in the month) and it was very encouraging to see so many families present at the Children's Church on Harvest Festival Sunday. The children's gifts were brought by them to this service, and on the following day the Harvest Gifts were taken to sick people in the parish, and to "Twizzeltwig", the Church of England Children's Society Home at Hindhead. Flowers were also taken to Hambledon Homes where a member of our congregation pays regular visits to provide and arrange flowers in the Homes. The residents greatly appreciate her visits. Several members of our congregation very kindly transported the produce from the Church to Twizzeltwig, and we would thank them for so kindly using their cars for this purpose. The Matron of the Home has sent a letter of thanks, and a copy of this will be included in this magazine.

The Church Fellowship will re-open on the second Thursday in November (13th) at 8 p.m., in the Village Hall. Should the Village Hall not be ready for use by November 13th, the meeting will be held in the Day School. The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity for members of our congregations to meet each other in a more informal way than is possible at Church Services. We meet on the second Thursday in the month during the winter season, and endeavour to arrange a varied programme which will be of interest to everyone. Refreshments are served during the evening, and we close with a short Epilogue. As announced in the October Magazine, the first Fellowship this season will include items of local interest as a film, taken at the Church Fete and at other events in the village, will be shown, together with colour photographs and films which have been taken by "Hambeldonians" during recent visits to the Continent and also to various places in our own country. At the February Fellowship we hope to show the official film of the Lambeth Conference.

Last winter some colour transparencies of Missionary work in Mondoro, in the Philippine Islands, were shown at a Sunday evening service, and many friends expressed the wish that we may repeat this type of illustrated address in Church. A new series of coloured filmstrips on the Life of our Lord has recently been published and these will be shown at some of the Sunday evening services in November and December. The addresses are intended to give us a fuller understanding of the life of Christ, and to make the Gospel Story live to us. Children, as well as grown-ups, will find that this series will help them to see Jesus Christ as a real person, whose life and teaching is not only a historical fact, but also is of vital importance to them to-day. If you have "got out of the habit" of coming to Church, why not start again by coming to these Sunday evening services?

Yours sincerely,

C. EDWARD ELTON.

LAMBETH CONFERENCE—POPULAR SHORT REPORT

Have you had YOUR copy of "Lambeth and You"? There are still a few copies at Church of this excellent illustrated report on the Conference, price 1s. 6d.

Remembrance Sunday. H.M. The Queen has appointed that Sunday, November 9th, shall be observed as Remembrance Sunday. Please note that the morning service will commence five minutes earlier than is usual—at 10.55 a.m. This will enable us to observe the Two Minutes' Silence during the service, at 11 a.m. A special form of service for Remembrance Sunday will be used at both the morning and the evening services.

Choir Notes. We have been very sorry to lose one of the most faithful members of our choir, Miss Pat Gaymer, whose family has now left Hambledon. We are grateful to Pat for all the help she has given in the choir, and also in the Sunday School. We hope that she and her family will be very happy in their new home.

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Choir Club. Owing to the inclement weather on the Club evenings in September it was not possible for us to meet in the Rectory garden very often. We hope to re-open the Club when the Village Hall is ready for use, and plan to meet there during the winter. An announcement about this will be made shortly. All young people will be invited to join.

Free Will Offering Fund. The Secretary of the F.W.O. will not send receipts for subscriptions paid by cheque in future. If requested to send a receipt she will, of course, gladly do this. We welcome several new members who have recently joined this Scheme, and we thank all those who make regular contributions to the funds of the Church through their Free Will Offerings.

"ACCORDING TO THE GOSPELS"

(A Colour Filmstrip Life of Christ)

Sunday Evenings at 6.30 p.m.

November 2nd. "The Childhood of Jesus"

November 16th. "The Ministry in Galilee"

November 23rd. "Up to Jerusalem"

November 30th. "The Passion"

December 14th. "The Risen Lord"

On Bible Sunday, December 7th, there will be an illustrated Address—"The Story of our Bible".

The above Filmstrip Addresses will be given during the Sunday evening services.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, November 9th. Remembrance Sunday. Remembrance Services at 10.55 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Please see separate note for details of Filmstrip Addresses on Sunday evenings during November and December.

Wednesday, November 5th. Coffee Morning and "Bring and Buy" at 11 a.m., at Hydon Ridge, by kind invitation of Miss E. F. Denny. Coffee, 1s. 6d. Proceeds for Sewing Meeting Funds.

Mondays, November 10th and 24th. Sewing Meeting at 2.30 p.m.

Thursday, November 13th. Church Fellowship at Village Hall at 8 p.m.

Thursday, November 27th. Young Wives' Fellowship at 3 p.m., at Beech Hill.

VILLAGE NOTES

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On November 12th, Miss McKinnon Wood, who has recently visited Nigeria, will give a talk entitled "Black Man—White Man". The Competition at this meeting is for the best list under the heading "Competitions for next year".

Owing to the fact that several energetic members have left the village, new ones are wanted more than ever. Prospective members should get in touch with any member of the committee and may come as visitors to the next meeting.

Nominations for the new committee should be given in as soon as possible as the Annual Meeting is on December 10th. The President and Secretary are not standing for election.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall on the second Wednesday in the month; subscription 3s. 6d. a year.

Please support the Sale in the Hall on November 29th.