

### RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

We hope that you will make a special effort to attend the services on Sunday, October 6th, our Harvest Festival. We who live in the country are perhaps more conscious than townspeople of our dependence upon God for the supplying of our material needs, for we are surrounded by things which remind us of Nature's way of providing for our sustenance. Harvest Thanksgiving Services offer us an opportunity to return thanks to God for His goodness in giving the fruits of the earth for our use. There is, however, a danger in setting aside one special day when we acknowledge God's goodness to us, for this acknowledgment should be a daily act and not just an annual event.

The farmer, perhaps more than anyone else, knows how much he depends upon the weather for the fruits of his labours. He lives a day at a time, and each day of Autumn and Winter is just as important to him as each day of the Spring and Summer. Our *Lord taught us to pray each day for our "daily bread,"* but how many there are who only turn to God when faced with some calamity, or who only give Him thanks when they have been delivered from some great danger! We are so apt to forget the Hand which protects and provides for us when everything in life is normal. We hope that we will see you at the Harvest Services, and we trust that you will be so helped by those services that you will feel the urge to make a regular habit of attending the services in your church. We have been encouraged recently by an increase in the congregations at both the Sunday morning and evening services and we are sure that you will find help for your daily life if you will join us regularly at God's House. The Church is yours and a warm welcome awaits you there.

The visit of Miss N. Coggan, of the Church Pastoral-Aid Society on Tuesday, October 1st, is of special interest to the ladies in our parish, and we look forward to a good attendance at the meeting which will be held at 3 p.m. at Tigbourne Court. Fuller details about Miss Coggan's visit are given elsewhere in this magazine.

Confirmation Classes will be held in church at 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoons, commencing on October 20th. I hope that all those who desire to be prepared for Confirmation will attend the first class.

Many visitors to our church remark upon how beautifully the flowers are arranged, and we would like to acknowledge our debt of gratitude to the ladies who make themselves responsible for the provision of flowers Sunday by Sunday.

Yours sincerely,

C. EDWARD ELTON.



## NOTES AND NEWS

### Children's Church

A Children's Service will be held in church at 10.0 a.m. on the first Sunday in the month, and parents are warmly invited to attend.

A special form of service is being used. The compiler of this form of service, the late Canon Guy H. King, used the service for many years in his own church in Beckenham. Canon King's "Children's Church" was packed with children and their parents every Sunday morning, and this part of his ministry was richly blessed and much appreciated by those who were privileged to enjoy it.



### Acknowledgment

In the August issue of the magazine we made an appeal for a piano for the church. We wish to express our grateful thanks to Mr. Titheridge, senr., the father of our organist, who so kindly answered the appeal. The piano now stands in the Choir Vestry and is proving most useful for choir practices.



### The Visit of Miss N. Coggan

We are privileged to have a visit from Miss Coggan, the Secretary of the Ladies' Home Mission Union of the Church Pastoral Aid Society, this month. She will address a meeting to be held at Tigbourne Court at 3.0 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1st (by the kind invitation of Mrs. C. A. Chapman). Miss Coggan is the sister of the Bishop of Bradford. She has had considerable experience of work in the large industrial and slum parishes which are assisted by her Society. All ladies are invited to attend the meeting. Miss Coggan's visit is one which should not be missed. Our own parish has a special interest in the Church Pastoral-Aid



Society, for the Church of England and Martyrs' Memorial Trust, which has the patronage of this living, is now one of the responsibilities of the Secretary of that Society.



#### **The Choir Outing—September 2nd**

We were once again fortunate in having a fine day for a trip to the coast, and this time it was the choir which, together with some of the members of the congregation, left Hambledon by coach. The outward journey to Hastings and St. Leonard's was via the inland route. About five hours were spent at Hastings, where some of the party stayed by the sea, whilst others were more actively engaged in looking round Hastings and St. Leonards. There seemed to be no lack of food on this outing, for Mr. Titheridge kept the choir members well supplied with eatables. One small chorister found that Candy Floss and toffee apple made an ideal combination, but some difficulty was experienced in coping with the fluffy candy and the sticky apple at the same time!

The return journey, via the Coastal route, was very delightful. Everyone seemed to enjoy the outing and a special word of thanks is due to the coach driver for everything that he did to make our day's outing such a pleasant one.



#### **Visit of a Former Rector's Granddaughter**

Miss Rowsell, of Sydney, Australia, whose grandfather (the Rev. E. R. Rowsell) was Rector of Hambledon from 1859 to 1875, attended morning service on Sunday, September 1st. Miss Rowsell was born in Australia and has, this year, fulfilled a life-long wish by paying her first visit to England and also by attending a service in St. Peter's Church. Her father emigrated to Australia from Hambledon, and trained for the ministry at a Theological College in Melbourne.