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DEDDINGTON with CLIFTON and HEMPTON.

A Happy New Year to you all. The past year has seen Electric Light and an Electric Organ Blower put into Deddington Church at a cost of £141 12s., new oak posts and curtains for the High Altar at a cost of £39 11s., and a few new hassocks costing 25s. Clifton has raised £15 1s. for Electric Light. The Heating Apparatus in Deddington has been leaking, and Mr. Hancox has it in hand (not yet paid for), and this year we must do some extensive work on the roof. Mr. Weir is coming down to report. The stoke hole at Clifton is continually flooding. Mr. Hopcraft has done considerable work down there (not yet paid for), and now we are trying to get the Local Authorities to attend to the street drain which seems to cause most of the trouble. Hempton Church needs to have its windows releaded and garden wall rebuilt. So much for some of the extra expenditure inevitable this year. So you see the urgency of the P.C.C.'s appeal for fresh members of the Free Will Offering Scheme.

Mrs. Vane-Turner is giving, as a thank offering, a new white Altar Frontal for Deddington. The design is by Mr. Tolhurst, who provided the working drawings for the posts. We hope it will be ready by February 2nd.

I am sending round a parish calendar with this Magazine. They cost 2½d. each, so I hope all who can will pay for them. You will find the hours of the Sunday Services printed on them.

MAURICE FROST, Vicar.

Miss Deacon very kindly gave Clifton a treat before Christmas. Tea was followed by a Magic Lantern, and grateful thanks are due to Mr. Huntley for allowing us to tap his light, and to Mr. Goundrey for fixing the wires.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT.—Congratulations are due to Mrs. Smithin and her many helpers on the excellent entertainment which they gave on Boxing Day and the following Saturday. Miss Vera Weaver arranged a most effective Ballet, and there was a Play and various songs and choruses. Mr. Goundrey not only most kindly did the lighting, but assisted Miss Weaver with the music. A real live Golliwog dancing on the stage was something new to most of us! Mrs. West generously provided a Doll as a prize for a competition, and the money for this together with the admissions produced a gross amount of £12 10s. 4d.

MRS. VANE-TURNER.—Every one sympathised with Mrs. Vane-Turner at her unfortunate accident just before Christmas, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

The annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society (Deddington with Clifton and Hempton Auxiliary) was held in Deddington Town Hall on December 2nd. A most interesting address on West Africa was given by the Rev. Alan Knowles, district secretary. Really beautiful lantern slides illustrated the lecture, the expressions of the natives depicted, in their charge from the Heathen reign of fear to the happy confidence of the Christian, being eloquent beyond words. Mr. Knowles expatised the intensive study of the Bible which formed such an important part in the education of a highly efficient Native Ministry, vital to the establishment of the Church in Africa. The Rev. J. F. Bradley presided, and the lantern was shown by the Rev. M. Frost, Vicar. Mrs. Dodwell, hon. treasurer, sends the following statement of receipts for 1935:—Deddington (collection Miss G. Smith) £2 16s. (collection Mrs. Dodwell) 18s.; Hempton (collection Mrs. Rogers) 10s. (Mrs. Casebrook's box) 9s. 6d.; Clifton (collector K. Garrett), 5s. 3d.; collected at meeting, 12s. 7½d.; total, £5 11s. 4½d.

BAPTISM.—December 29th, Nancy, daughter of Kibblewhite Boyce and Olive Annie Pagenton.

BURIAL.—November 25th, Mary Jakeman, aged 80 years.

Not only the other occupants of the Almshouses but her many friends will miss Miss Jakeman and her cheery smile. We offer our sincere sympathy to her relatives.

A.C.S.—The Christmas Alms at the Holy Communion for the Additional Curates Society amounted to £1 3s. 4d.

WIGGINTON.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all parishioners. A Church Almanack is being offered to every house in the parish, and the best use to which we can put it in the months ahead is as a time-table of worship. Let us show by our outward public action that we put God first. Those who repudiate or neglect His claim are bound to suffer loss.

CHRISTMAS.—The weather, at least just beforehand, was truly old-fashioned, but it did not deter the decorators from making the Church look cheerful with holly and evergreens. The slippery going underfoot rather depleted the number of communicants at the early Christmas Communion, but the number of worshippers all told was very fair.

CONFIRMATION.—The Rector will be glad to discuss this subject with any who have had any thought of seeking the gift of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands, and still more pleased to prepare actual candidates. But names should be given in early, and those who give them be alive to the fact that if they are later presented to the Bishop they are committing themselves to the rules of the Church. And here parents and godparents have a responsibility which they cannot avoid, not of putting pressure on the younger people, but of showing them by their own example that the full and regular practice of the Christian religion is worth while, something which they really could not afford to be without.

A LANTERN LECTURE.—The Rev. G. T. Chappell, the Oxford Organising Secretary of the C.M.S., has promised to come and give us a Lantern Lecture in the Schoolroom at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 16th, similar to the one which was much appreciated last year. So please come and support the event again. A collection will be taken on behalf of the society.

THANKS.—At this time of the year we grow sensible of all the various help which is given with the administration of Church life or towards the conduct of the Church services. We are indebted to Miss Coles for so regularly distributing the Magazine, and to all the ladies who have seen to the Altar flowers. Then, a special word of thanks is due to our honorary organists, Mrs. Hart and Mr. W. F. Wyatt. There must be few Churches which, like ours, have not to find one penny for organists' salaries—not that either of our organists wishes to have this fact referred to, but we ought to back them up and encourage them in every other way. And there are other members of the Church who are giving us valuable and often unrecognised help, though there is no space to specify their names just now.

SOME PAST EVENTS.—Mr. Hugh Chesterman's lecture on "Oxfordshire Highways" proved very popular and interesting, the collection virtually defraying the expenses. The home whist drive held at the Rectory in aid of the Ladies Sewing Party fund was a great success, too. It realised £2 17s. 6d., inclusive of a donation. The social in aid of the Children's Christmas Entertainment brought in £3 0s. 10d., inclusive of a donation. It had its happy sequel in a tea, with presents, on December 18th. Sixty-five were provided for.

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