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During the last few weeks of the closing year our parish has been saddened by an unusually large number of deaths, two of them occurring with a distressing suddenness which has called forth the sympathies of all towards those who have been bereaved. Both Mr. Hutchings, who died of heart-failure in the prime of life and in the midst of active employment, and Mrs. Jones who had been but lately enfeebled and who passed away with no warning, were thoroughly respected in their different spheres, and we may well trust that each was ready for the sudden call. Mrs. Dix's life closed after years of blindness and feebleness patiently borne. The malignant form of fever which carried off two of our school-girls after very short illnesses caused great alarm; but we can thank God that by His good Providence it

has spread no further; and in this thought of thankfulness we can look forward to the continuance of His goodness and mercy to make the new year a happy one.

Foreign Missions.—The annual collections for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts will be on Sunday, January 8th, and we hope to have about the same time our annual meeting for the society, which has been unavoidably postponed. The Vicar will be glad to receive the Collecting Boxes from those who hold them.

Charities.—The persons chosen to receive the Blacknall Bequest on St. Thomas' Day were the widows Willis, Skinner, Sargood, Abraham Mundy, John Munday, Fox, Jonas Green, Taylor, Champion, and Chislett; the Vicar's share of 3/4 being given to the Coal and Clothing Clubs.

The persons chosen for the Merryweather Gift on Christmas Eve were Richard Archer, George Atkins, James Brown, Edward John Jones, Ernest Polley, John Vaughan, Mrs. Stephen Hawting, Mrs. Herridge, Mrs. Marks, Mrs. George Polley, Mrs. Alfred Richens and Mrs. Snuggs.

The Powell Gift was distributed in portions of three yards of flannel to twenty-two widows and fourteen other persons in bad health or otherwise in special need.

For the Newton Charity 106 gallons of bread were distributed on Saturday, November 5th, among 146 households.

The bread of the Smith Charity will be given on Saturday, January 12th.

Marriage.

Dec. 1st, Robert Jeffrey, of Yarwell, Northants, and Helen Parks, of Roke.

Burials.

Nov, 26th, Ralph Hutchings (Roke Marsh), aged 45 years.

Nov. 26th, Ellen Maud Billing (Benson), aged 5 years.

Nov. 28th, Gertrude Hawkes (Roke), aged 12 years.

Nov. 29th, Thirza Dix (Benson), aged 83 years.

Dec. 8th, Patience Jones (Roke Marsh), aged 70 years.

The Rev. George Croke Robinson, formerly Vicar of Benson, who has of late been assistant curate of Atherstone, has been appointed by the Bishop of Worcester to the Vicarage of Radway, near Kineton, in Warwickshire.

Mr. Cuthbert Thomas Finch Field, B.A., of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, second son of the Vicar of Benson, after being engaged in scholastic work for several years and having now completed a year's course at Cuddesdon Theological College, was ordained Deacon at the Bishop of Oxford's Advent Ordination at Christ Church and was licensed to the curacy of Fenny Stratford, Bucks. He began his clerical duty by singing Evensong in Benson Church the same evening.

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The School.—At the closing of the school for the Christmas holidays the rewards which had been gained for the year ending June 30th were distributed to the children by Mrs. Field. The first was the silver watch awarded to Edith Louisa Green for perfect attendance (never absent and never late) during six years. Medals for one year's perfect attendance were given to Edith Rosamond Bonner, Wilfrid Edmund Bonner, May Butcher, Ellen Violet Cook, George Holloway, William Sandall, and May Skinner. Ribbons and bars in addition to medals won in previous years were given to Christian Edward Billing, Joseph Chapman, Edith May Chapman, Eva Ruby Cooper, William Edmonds, Thomas Gardener, Arthur Green, Henry John Phillips, Victor Roche, Lily Skinner, Alice Spicer, Evelyn Whichello, Harold Whichello. Twenty-three children received books for ninety-nine per cent. attendances and twelve children for 98 per cent. Books as prizes for general proficiency were awarded to Millicent Austin, Winnie Biggs, Thomas Biggs, Arthur Butcher, Joseph Chapman, Harold Cook, Walter Gable, Annie Gardner, George Holloway, Nellie Hutchings, Samuel Lane, Frank Macqueen, Phyllis Macqueen, George Robertson, Leslie Talbot, William Vine, and Margaret Wells. Six boys and six girls also received books given by an anonymous donor as rewards for general good character and conduct.

Foreign Missions.—Our annual meeting for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel took place at the School on Thursday, January 12, when the Rev. J. F. Teakle, from New Zealand, was expected as a Deputation from the Society, but by some unfortunate mistake he failed to appear. In the hope that he would come by the next train the Vicar spoke to the meeting for a short time about the original missions from which our own Church sprang and its rapid growth through the missions of our own time. A sum of £1 7s. 2d. was collected for the Society; the collections in Church on the previous Sunday amounted to £22 19s. 7½d.; and the contents of five collecting boxes (Mr. Archer, Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Eason, Miss Hilda Field, and Miss Ruck Keene) were together £5 9s. 4½d.; the total being £29 16s. 2d.

Organ Fund.—The last statement, in the Magazine of May last, showed a balance of £5 5s. 3d. in hand, in addition to the sum of £268 which has been refunded to the Charity Commissioners. The following amounts have since been received:—Proceeds of Organ Recital, April 25th, £1 13s. 2d.; Anon., 10/6; Anon. by Mr. Archer, 5/-; subscription, Mr. Cozens, £1; proceeds of "Buried Cities," £1 1s.; alms box in

Church, nine months, 18/7; Savings Bank interest, 11/6. Total now in Savings Bank, £11 5s. Will friends kindly put aside what they can spare for a Rummage Sale to be held shortly?

Baptisms.

December 25th, Winifred Dorothy Emily Buttle (Chelmsford).

December 27th, Molly Louisa Luker (Benson).

Burial.

January 9th, Elizabeth Cooper, aged 71 years.

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Concert.—In aid of the funds of the Social Club Captain and Mrs. Oakes arranged a concert on Thursday evening, February 23rd. The music, both vocal and instrumental, of their invited friends, gave great pleasure, and they concluded the programme with a cleverly rendered duologue between themselves. The proceeds contributed to the Club funds were £4 8s. 8d.

Lecture.—On Monday, March 6th, Mr. R. Middleton Hill, organising secretary in Oxfordshire for the National Service League, of which Lord Roberts is President, gave an interesting Lecture on National Defence, in support of the aims of the League. Mr. Morris presided and introduced the speaker and his subject with his usual vigour. The proceedings were varied by a patriotic song by Mrs. Oakes and concluded with a series of Lantern pictures in illustration of the subject.

Bible Society.—Our annual meeting for the British and Foreign Bible Society was held on Wednesday evening, March 8th, the Vicar presiding. The Rev. H. G. Wheeler, Chaplain of the Boys' Homes at Kingham Hill, and formerly a missionary in Central America, gave an address in which all were thoroughly interested, and for which a vote of very hearty thanks was proposed by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Pettit. The amount contributed to the Society included subscriptions £4 1s.; collection at the meeting, 8s. 10d.; two boxes, 5s. 5d.; Total. £4 15s. 3d.

The Coronation.—The Committee of the Benson and District Horticultural Society have decided to forego the usual Flower Show this year in view of the approaching Coronation festivities.

For the "Georges' Coronation Gift" to King George, to which contributions varying from 1d. to £5 are being given throughout the Kingdom by those who bear the name of George, Mr. John George Wood and Mr. George Green have consented to receive any sums which bearers of the name in our parish may desire to contribute.

Holy Week and Easter.—We hope to have our usual services in Holy Week: Daily, Morning Prayers at 11, Evensong with Address at 7; also on Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; and on Good Friday, Litany at 8 a.m. and Hymns and Addresses on the Seven Words from the Cross from 2 to 4 p.m., in addition to the services at 11 and 7.

Easter Day, Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and (Choral) at mid-day. Low Sunday, 8 a.m. and 12 (without music).

Church Collections.—

- April 2, Sick and Poor.
- April 14 (Good Friday), Mission of the English Bishop in Jerusalem.
- April 16 (Easter Day), Choir Fund.
- April 23, Home Missions (Additional Curates' Society). The Sermon at Evensong will be preached by the Rev. J. A. Thompson, Vicar of St. Thomas', Coventry, on behalf of the Society.
- April 30, Churchwardens' Fund.

Coal and Clothing Clubs.—Accounts for 1910.

		Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand from 1909	1	4	2
Coal Club Deposits	43	13	0
Clothing Club Deposits	16	12	0
Subscriptions	13	17	10
Savings' Bank Interest		19	2
Allowed by Coal Merchants (2½ per cent)			1	4	10

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		Payments.	£	s.	d.
Coal	55	11	6
Clothing	19	13	6
Printing Cards		8	0
Deposits paid out		13	0
Balance in hand	1	5	0

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Baptism.

March 17th, privately, Violet, daughter of Henry Thomas and Rosina Skinner.

Burials.

March 11th, Edward Thomas Mundy (Roke), aged 2 months.

March 18th, Violet Skinner (Benson), aged 3 days.

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Summary of Churchwardens' accounts from Easter, 1910, to Easter, 1911.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance from previous year ...	12	17	3
Rents of land and cottages (3 half-years)	92	11	6
Invested fund	19	8	
Rent-charge on Allotments	3	19	11
Church collections	20	10	11½
Balance due	2	8	0
	£133	7	3½
Tithe	19	8	1
Rates	1	16	4
Cottages, repairs and insurance	7	9	6
Church, repairs	2	14	6
Insurances	2	12	6
Churchyard and Church walk	3	19	10
Fuel and candles	15	17	4
Salaries—Clerk, organist, and blower (2 years)	72	15	8
Organ tuning	4	4	0
Visitation fees, Altar wine, stamps and minor expenses	2	9	6½
	£133	7	3½

In the accounts as shown above there is a sum of £41s. 7s. 9d. in the receipts and a sum of £60 8s. 7d. in the expenditure which belong to the previous year. The account of Alms for the year is held over until the next Magazine.

Mr. William Brackley Smith and Captain Oakes were appointed as Churchwardens at the Easter Vestry, and Mr. A. G. Gray and Mr. Percy Lewis were chosen as Sidesmen.

At a Confirmation held at S. Mary's, Wallingford, on Thursday evening, March 23rd, by Bishop Corfe, formerly of Corea, acting for the Bishop of Oxford, three candidates from Benson were confirmed.

The rummage sale on Easter Wednesday was very successful. A sum of £12 was realised by the sale, and donations amounting to £7 were contributed in connection with it. A more exact account is reserved for next month. But the occasion was sadly marred by the fire which happened at the same time close to the school, and much sympathy is felt for Mr. Paling Smith in the loss of his stable and pony cart.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York

have renewed their urgent appeal of last year to the Church in England on behalf of the Church in Western Canada. We hope to have collections for the fund on the Sunday after the Ascension, May 28th.

Burial.

March 28th, Benjamin Beisley, aged 78 years.

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On the morning of the Coronation Day there will be Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, and the other service authorised for the day will be at 10.30.

It is proposed to give a mid-day meal to all parishioners who have contributed to the funds, and to old and infirm people who are unable to contribute and whom the Committee may think it well to invite. Mr. Franklin has very kindly offered the use of his large barn at College Farm for this purpose. There will be afterwards a tea for the children of the parish under fourteen years of age, when a short address will be given to them with a view to impressing upon them the meaning and importance of the occasion; and races and other sports will be arranged for them in the evening. A large Committee has been formed to carry out these plans, and also a Committee of ladies to make arrangements for the children's tea; but this notice must go to the press before the complete programme of the day's proceedings can be arranged.

Notes of other matters in our parish which should have appeared this month must be deferred until the July Magazine.

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Coronation Day.—Our festivities in connection with the Coronation passed off with enthusiasm and success. The Holy Communion was at 8 o'clock, and the service specially provided for the day was at 10.30, when the Church was filled and the choir did their part well.

A large committee with the Vicar as chairman had been formed to carry out the proceedings, and the children's part in them was arranged by a ladies' committee over which Mrs. Field presided. Mr. Franklin very kindly lent his large barn, which the ladies' committee tastefully decorated, and a bountiful cold dinner was served at 12 o'clock, considerably more than 400 partaking of it, in two detachments. The Vicar called upon the company to wish King George health and happiness and a long and prosperous reign, reminding them that the King's forefathers had reigned in England a thousand years and in Wessex four hundred years

more, so that we have reason to rejoice that such a stock still provides our kings. Sports and races, in a large field which Mr. John Henry West kindly allowed us to use, gave an excellent afternoon's amusement. The children assembled in front of the School and were taken to the barn for tea at 4 o'clock, led by the Roke Brass Band which was engaged for the day and added much to the festivity. Upwards of 200 sat down, and each received a coronation mug, the gift of Mr. Stevenson. After a few words from the Vicar, urging the children to remember the lessons of duty and loyalty that the coronation should teach them, the rest of the evening was spent in sports for the children. At 7.30 the prizes awarded for the afternoon's sports and also those of the children were distributed by Mrs. Field; each child on leaving the ground received a packet of sweets kindly sent by Miss Ruck-Keene and distributed for her by Mrs. Oakes; and finally each received a share of the provisions that remained over from the tea. It was a day to be remembered happily, and the sincere thanks of the parish are due to those members of the committee, both men and ladies, who spared no effort to bring about this result, as well as to the generous contributors to the funds.

Organ Fund.—In response to the Editor's suggestion that only coronation matter should appear in the June Magazine, the notice of our Organ Recital on Wednesday, April 26th, was postponed. Mr. Seymour's playing was much appreciated, as were Mrs. Oakes' two solos, "I know that my Redeemer liveth" and Bach's "My heart ever faithful." The hymns, "Christ is risen" (138) and "Hail gladdening Light" (18), were well sung by the choir.

The fund now stands as follows (in addition to the £168 repaid to the Charity Commissioners): Balance stated in February Magazine, £11 5s.; nett proceeds of Sale (April 19), £12 18s. 2d.; donations in connection with sale, £9 12s. 6d.; Organ Recital, £1 10s. 9d.; Mr. Cozens, subscription, £1; proceeds of "Buried Cities," 2s. 5d.; Alms Box in Church, 3 months, 2s. 9d.; Total in Savings Bank, £36 11s. 7d.

In Memoriam.—The announcement of the death of Miss Effie Badcock after a very short illness at Brighton was received among us with real and heartfelt sorrow. She was devoted to the duties of her life; she had won the sincere regard of all who knew her; and she was an earnest and devout churchwoman and communicant. Her passing away has called forth from all of us the fullest sympathy with her aged father and her brothers and sisters. The funeral service was taken by her cousin, the Rev. R. E. E. Frampton, the Vicar reading the Lesson.

The Bishop of Oxford's Fund, instituted last year for the maintenance of the various forms of Church work in the Diocese, including those for which previously the Bishop had made a special triennial appeal in turn, necessarily demands the support of every parish. Our Collections will be given to it on Sunday, July 23rd, when the Archdeacon of Oxford, Dr. Archer-Houblon, has kindly promised to preach in our Church in the morning.

Baptisms.

- April 30, Albert Charles, son of Albert Charles and Emily Hester (Turners Court).
 May 14, Olive May, daughter of William John and Sarah Ann Vaughan.
 June 4, Annie, daughter of Ernest Alfred and Mary Jane Polley.
 June 11, William Ernest, son of Charles and Mary Ann Sherwood.
 June 18, Lucy May, daughter of Henry and Gertrude Mary Webb.

Burial.

- April 23, Lawrence Butcher, aged 9 months.
 May 2, Effie Frampton Badcock, aged 37 years.
 May 3, Emma Holwell, aged 80 years.
 May 23, Elizabeth Harris (Roke Marsh), aged 73 years.
 June 9, Elizabeth Mary Jones, aged 32 years.

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Account of Alms, Easter 1910 to Easter, 1911

[deferred until now for want of space].

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from previous year ...	4	2	½
Sick and Poor Fund (13 Sundays) ...	18	5	10¼
Private Communion ...	2	2	0
Choir Fund (13 Sundays) ...	12	10	2
General Fund, at Early Communion (27)	3	4	8
Churchwardens' Fund (21 Sundays) ...	20	10	11½
Home Missions (A.C.S.), May 8 ...	6	5	0
Archbishops' West Canada Fund, June 26 ...	3	4	5
Queen Victoria Clergy Fund, July 24	2	13	2
Radcliffe Infirmary, September 29 ...	3	10	2
Wallingford Cottage Hospital, Oct. 5	3	1	0
Church Temperance Society, Nov. 20	1	0	0
Waifs and Strays Society, Xmas Day	1	18	2
Do. Children's Services ...	5	4	0
Foreign Missions (S.P.G.), Jan. 8 ...	2	19	7½
National Society, Feb. 26 ...	1	6	5
Jerusalem Mission, Good Friday ...	1	3	2
Dioc. Mission Candidates' Association, 8 a.m., Oct. to Advent ...	8	0	0
Church Penitentiary Association, 8 a.m., Lent ...	11	7	0
King's Messengers, Children's Services	6	1	0
Organ Fund (Alms Box) ...	1	1	4
	£86	11	3¼

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Sick and Poor ...	20	8	11¼
Organist, Assistant, and Choir Boys ..	12	11	4
Washing, repairs, books and miscel- laneous expenses ...	2	10	10½
Harvest Thanksgiving, posters ...	4	0	0
Churchwardens' Fund and special collections, as above ...	50	4	5
Balance carried on ...	11	8	½
	£86	11	3¼

Easter Offerings amounting to £31 10s. 6d. have been given through the Churchwarden to the Vicar, who desires to offer his grateful thanks to the contributors.

The following Children's Collections are to be recorded:—For "Waifs and Strays" Society; Children's Services (as above), 5s. 4d.; School Box, 2s. 5d.; Lenten Self-denial Boxes (sixteen varying from 1d. to 1s. 3½d.), 8s. 11d.; Total, 16s. 8d. For "King's Messengers"; Children's Services (as above), 6s. 1d.; School Box, 8d.; Sale of Magazines, 9d.; Total, 7s. 6d., less cost of Magazines, 1s. 6d. For the Children's Cot at the Radcliffe Infirmary the contributions from our school were 8s.

The School.—Report of Diocesan Inspector (Rev. O. S. E. Clarendon) on his inspection of the School, July 4th:—

"I am very pleased with the result of my Inspection of the School. I find that good work is being conscientiously carried out in all the departments, with most happy results. The conduct is very good, and the children appear keen and interested in their work. The written work is excellent and in Division IV. is very much above the average, especially in the case of the scholar to whom I have awarded the Bishop's Prize. The singing has been well taught. It would be well if religious pictures were more in evidence, especially in the Infant Department. Some new ones might be added with advantage. I consider that the Head Teacher and his staff are to be congratulated on the condition of the School."

Bishop's Prize.—Joseph Chapman.

Certificates.—I. Evelyn Whichello, Frank Macqueen. II. Evelyn Sandall, Edwin Selwood. III. Frederick Witney, Minnie Hutchings.

Commended.—I. Emily Barry, Annie Gardner, Sam Lane. II. Margaret Webb, Fred Hutchings, Edgar Jordon, George Dix, Albert Small. III. Bertie Hewett, Millicent Austin, Edwin Spicer, George Pointer, Elsie Pratt, Beatrice Roberts. *Infants.*—Horace Smith, William Gurney, Cuthbert Sandall, Ada Gardener, Mabel Billing, Ronald Loader, George Jones, Kathleen Lane, Dorothy Witney. Elsie Macqueen, Laura Smith.

Baptism.

July 13, Lucy Emma Mary, daughter of Frederick Walter and Mary Ann West.

Marriage.

July 19, Henry Silver Morris and Ethel Marie Huybers.

A large gathering of friends and parishioners attended at the Church to testify to their regard for Mr Morris and his family on the occasion of his son's marriage, and the bride and bridegroom carry with them to their home in Reading the hearty congratulations and sincere good wishes of our Benson folk.

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Boys' Cricket.—An event for which space has not hitherto been available ought not to be left unrecorded. On Wednesday, June 7th, several of our Benson boys, chiefly those of the Sunday

School, were invited to Dorchester for a cricket match with some boys of that village. On a similar occasion last year they were defeated; but this year they made a score of 65 in one innings against 30 in two innings for Dorchester. Some of the College students most kindly entertained them to tea and then took them round the Abbey Church and showed them its points of interest.

Sunday School.—On Wednesday, August 9th, the children of our Sunday School had their annual treat, meeting first at the school and proceeding to Church for a service of a few minutes' duration, after which there was tea in the Vicarage garden, followed by games and races for which Mr. Stevenson very kindly lent us the use of his meadow. The two students of Dorchester College who so kindly undertake the work of our Sunday School were unfortunately prevented from coming, but Mr. Palmer from the same College very obligingly took their place, and with the help of Mr. Paling Smith and several ladies all passed off pleasantly. There were some good races, and the boys had a good game of cricket.

In Memoriam.—Mrs. Pulley, the oldest inhabitant of this parish, closed her long life of ninety two and a half years on Wednesday, August 9th. She had lived for many years in Benson, where her good works of kindness and charity are well known. Her life was one of great self-denial, for she found her chief happiness in helping others and supporting charitable and missionary institutions. For many years she was daily at her place in Church, and she persevered in attendance at Holy Communion until it became quite impossible. She was a true example of a consistent and humble Christian life. On Monday, August 14th, she was laid beside her husband, Mr. Charles Horton Pulley, at Latchingdon, Essex.

Harvest Thanksgiving.—We hope to have our Thanksgiving Services for the Harvest on Wednesday, September 20th. The Rev. J. H. Firminger, Vicar of Fenny Stratford, Bucks, has kindly promised to preach at Evensong at 7 o'clock. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7.45 o'clock the following morning. The Collections will be for the Wallingford Cottage Hospital, and those of Sunday, September 24th, for the Radcliffe Infirmary.

Burials.

July 28, Richard Jennings, aged 74.

August 7, Susan Archer, aged 69.

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The School.—Accounts of the Foundation Managers for the year ending June 30th, 1911 :—

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
Balance from previous year	...	23	2	10
Subscriptions for 1910 received late	...	5	0	
Subscriptions—2 at £5 ; 2 at 42/- ; 1 at 21/- ; 1 at 20/- ; 2 at 10/- ; 2 at 5/- ; 20 at 2/6	...	20	5	0
Additional Donations	...	1	10	0
Diocesan Education Society	...	10	0	0
Rent of House	...	9	5	0
Use of Schoolroom	...	1	0	0
Roke Gardens	...	1	10	0
County Committee, for wear and tear, and for cleaning	...	11	13	1
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		£78	10	11

Expenditure.		£	s.	d.
Purchase of new ground and Solicitors' charges	...	39	17	0
Rent of new ground before purchase	...	1	5	0
Repairs of School Premises	...	17	16	4
„ House	...	12	9	
Rates, Taxes and Insurance	...	4	11	7
Diocesan Inspection Fund	...	5	0	
Auditor and sundry expenses	...	12	10	
Balance carried on	...	13	10	5
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		£78	10	11

Of the balance carried on, £8 2s. 6d. has been expended on fencing the new ground and the remainder is due for repairs.

Accounts of Sunday School.—Receipts : Roke Gardens, 10/- ; Donation, 20/-. Total, £1 10s. Expenditure : County Committee, for fuel, 13/9 ; Caretaker, 10/- ; Star Registers, 6/3 ; Total, £1 10s.

Roke Gardens.—Rents received, £2 19s. Expenditure : Rates, Taxes, Postages, &c., 19/- ; Day School (as above), £1 10s. ; Sunday School (as above), 10/-. Total, £2 19s. 0d.

Foreign Missions.—We propose to have our annual Collections for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts on the Sunday before Advent, November 26th. It is hoped that the annual meeting also may be arranged about the same time. When this takes place the Vicar will be glad to receive the contents of the collecting boxes in the parish.

Mothers' Meeting.—Mrs. Field hopes to re-open the Mothers' Meeting at the Vicarage on Monday, Nov. 6th, at 2.30 p.m.

King's Messengers.—The boys' monthly meeting for the winter will begin at the Vicarage on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 2 o'clock, and that for girls Nov. 18th.

Miss Ruck-Keene and Captain and Mrs. Oakes

hope to give a Christmas Tree early in December to all the children attending Benson School, in honour of the Coronation of King George.

Baptism.

October 8, George, son of William Arthur and Fanny Priscilla Gurney.

Marriages.

September 23, Charles Ball and Deborah Annie Hawting, both of Roke Marsh.

October 15, Alfred Gurney, junr., and Emily Wells, both of Benson.

Burials.

September 30, Molly Louisa Luker (Benson), aged 14 months.

October 8, Esther Champion (Roke), aged 59.

„ 22, Moses Bonner (Benson), aged 78.

„ 24, Sarah Ann Harris (Benson), aged 52.

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PAROCHIAL NOTES.

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Advent.—There will be a short special service on the Wednesday evenings during Advent at 7 o'clock. On the first Wednesday, December 6th, it will be the annual service of Intercession for Missions which those in authority in the Church have recommended to be held in close connection with the beginning of the Advent season.

On the following day, December 7th, we hope to have our annual meeting for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, to be addressed by the Rev. Arthur Haig, Vicar of Wroxtton, formerly of the Cambridge Mission to Delhi.

On the second Sunday in Advent, December 10th, there will be collections for the Diocesan Branch of the Temperance Society, and the Archdeacon of Oxford has kindly promised to preach in the morning.

The Children's Treat announced in last month's Magazine is fixed for Saturday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m. **In Memoriam.**—The death of Mrs. Burgess, one of our oldest and most respected parishioners, removes another link with the Benson of former days. Her life of 87 years closed on Tuesday, Nov. 14th. Much sympathy is felt for her daughters who tended her through a long period of weakness and suffering.