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**Foreign Missions.**—Our Annual Meeting in support of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts was held in the Schoolroom on Thursday evening, December 7th. The Rev. Arthur Haig, formerly of the Delhi Mission, gave us a lecture on that city and his missionary experiences there, which was the more interesting for the coincidence of the King's arrival there for the Coronation. It is satisfactory

to record that a considerable number of our school boys were present and were thoroughly attentive to the lecturer. Our contributions to the Society are as follows:—Collections in Church, Nov. 26, £2 0s. 6d.; at Meeting, 14s. 10½d.; four boxes (Miss Ruck-Keene, the late Mrs. Cobb, Miss Hilda Field, Mr. W. Archer), £5 14s. 11½d. Total, £8 10s. 4d., less expenses 1s. 5d., £8 8s. 11d. Will not some more parishioners undertake collecting boxes either for this Society or for this and others jointly?

**Children's Entertainment.**—The promised festivity provided for our school children by Miss Ruck Keene and Captain and Mrs. Oakes as an additional commemoration of the King's Coronation took place on Saturday, December 9th, circumstances having made it impossible to defer the treat till Christmastide. Two hundred and eleven children, including those from Berrick, enjoyed an excellent tea in the cookery and handicraft rooms, from which they adjourned to the large Schoolroom, where was a Christmas tree, lit up with electric light and fruitful with abundant presents. Father Christmas, white-bearded and bedecked with splendour, dispensed a gift to every child; and after a few words from the Vicar and a reminder of the Coronation and hearty cheers for the donors of the treat an orange apiece sped the children homeward.

**Temperance Society.**—On Sunday, Dec. 10th, when the Archdeacon of Oxford very kindly came to preach for the Diocesan Temperance Society, the weather was most unfavourable, the congregations were very small, and the collections amounted to only 15/-.

**Concert.**—We hope to arrange a Musical Entertainment to be held in the School at an early date, the proceeds of which will go to a fund for providing new cassocks and surplices for the Choir.

**In Memoriam.**—Mrs. Cobb, a most patient sufferer through many years of distressing infirmity, —confined to her bed for nearly sixteen years with illness which increased at the close to severe suffering, yet always keeping a bright and happy spirit and never known to murmur or complain,—passed peacefully away on Tuesday, November 28th. She was devoted to her Church, and loved to deny herself that she might add something to her Missionary-box. She afforded a striking example of what the Christian hope and the love of God is able to accomplish in human life. May she rest in peace.

**Ordination.**—The Rev. Cuthbert Thomas Finch Field, B.A., of S. Edmund Hall, Oxford, Assistant Curate of Fenny Stratford, was ordained to the Priesthood on Thursday, December 21st, the Festival of S. Thomas, by the Lord Bishop of Oxford, at the Parish Church of Cuddesdon.

**Baptism.**

December 3rd, Jessie Sybilla, daughter of Albert Charles and Ada Letitia Lane (Benson).

**Burials.**

November 30th, Sarah Cobb (Benson), aged 60.  
December 21st, Leah Mundy (Roke), aged 88.

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**Charities.**—The late Mr. R. A. Newton's Charity was distributed in 116½ gallons of Bread to 150 households on Saturday, November 4th, and Smith's Charity in 95¼ gallons to 130 households on Saturday, January 13th. Blacknall's Bequest was given in sums of 1s. 8d. each, as usual, to ten poor widows; the Vicar's share of 3s. 4d. being given (after the purchase of a new book for the record of the Charity) to the Coal and Clothing Clubs. Merryweather's gift provided coats for James Austin, John Dixon, William Gurney, George Hawting, Thomas Howard, Charles Luker, George Spyer, and Walter Young; cloaks for Mrs. John Belcher, Mrs. Sandall, and Mrs. Alfred Townsend, and a shawl for Mrs. Griffin; which were distributed on Saturday evening, December 23rd. The Powell's Gift was given in portions of three yards of flannel to 35 persons.

**The School.**—In the year ending at last summer's holidays 49 children made perfect attendance, for which 25 received medals, 20 received bars additional to medals previously gained, and 4 chose book prizes. Books were also awarded to 36 children who had made punctual attendance 99 times in every hundred, and to 15 children who had made it 98 times. Twenty-two prizes for general proficiency were also awarded. These were distributed by Mrs. Field at the close of the first week after the re-opening of the School in January.

On Saturday, January 20th, a treat was provided for the children of the Sunday School, at which upwards of eighty were present. After an early tea at 3 o'clock in the Cookery Room they were entertained with a magic lantern in the principal School-room, first with some instructive pictures of the history of Joseph and his Brothers, then the amusing story of Peter Pan and the Never-never-never-Land, and some humorous pictures at the end. The Vicar presided, and there was a hearty response to his appeal for cheers of thanks to those who had provided and assisted in the entertainment.

**Concert.**—The Musical Entertainment which was proposed in aid of the Church Funds, as announced in last month's Magazine, is unavoidably postponed. But a Concert is arranged for Saturday, February 10th, the proceeds of which will be for the funds of the Boy Scouts, who now number twenty in Benson.

**Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.**—An appeal has lately been issued by our two Archbishops for increased support for this Society, which carries on a most valuable work in making grants of Bibles and Prayer-books, in supplying a variety of religious and useful literature, in the care of emigrants, in helping to build Churches in our Colonies, to endow bishoprics abroad, to support native schools and medical missions, to train native Clergy and lay-workers, and to provide foreign translations. As the Archbishop of Canterbury writes: "The work is world-wide, and is as varied as it is effective: scores, perhaps hundreds, of fruitful endeavours have at their birth owed almost everything to the timely aid of S.P.C.K." We have only sent help from Benson to this Society at rare intervals. It is proposed that we should respond to the appeal by collections on Sexagesima Sunday, February 11th.

**Bible Society.**—The Annual Meeting for this Society is arranged for Monday evening, February 19th, at 7 p.m., in the Schoolroom, when an address will be given by the Rev. A. H. Gaskell, B.D., District Secretary for the Diocese.

### Baptisms.

January 14th, Annie Tutty (Roke).

„ „ Alfred Thomas Gurney (Benson).

### Burial.

December 27th, 1911, George Hall, aged 67.

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**Lent Services.**—Wednesdays and Fridays, Matins and Litany at 11; Fridays, Evensong at 7; other days, 10 and 5.

On Wednesday evenings there will be a short special service at 7 o'clock, with sermon. The list of Preachers is as follows:—

February 28th, Rev. Argent Simmons, Rector of

St. Leonards, Wallingford.

March 6th, Rev. A. H. Caldicott, Vicar of Warborough.

„ 13th, Rev. C. B. Longland, Vicar of Radley.

„ 20th, Rev. J. C. F. Wimberley, Vicar of Lewknor.

„ 27th, Rev. C. de Labat, Rector of Wytham, Berks.

In Holy Week we hope to have the usual services; morning at 11, evening (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. There will be collections as usual on Good Friday for the Mission of the English Bishop in Jerusalem.

**Boy Scouts.**—The Benson Company of Boy Scouts has made a promising start, with Mr. R. C. Hatt as its President. There was a good muster, accompanied by the Roke Band, at the first Church Parade on Sunday, February 5th, when the Vicar gave them a short address on Strength (*Ephes. vi. 10.*) On Saturday evening, February 10th, a concert was given in the Schoolroom on behalf of their funds. It was opened with a piano-forte solo by Mr. Morris Boorne, and there were excellent songs by Mrs. Thompson, Miss Deacon, Mr. H. Morris, Mr. Rix and Dr. Walter. Mr. Pawson very kindly came to present the badges which had been gained by the Scouts; and they also sang a good chorus, and gave two displays which proved how well they had been trained by Scout-master Manoaah Young and Assistant Scout-master Oscar Frewen.

### Coal & Clothing Clubs,—Accounts for 1911.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand from 1910	...	1	5	0
Coal Club Deposits	...	45	0	0
Clothing Club Deposits	...	19	5	0
Subscriptions—42s., 35s., 30s., 4 of 20s., 9 of 10s., 6 of 5s., 1 of 3s., 5 of 2s. 6d.	...	16	2	6
Savings Bank Interest	...	19	9	
Allowed by Coal Merchants (2½ per cent.)	...	1	6	8
		<b>£83</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>
Payments.		£	s.	d.
Coal	...	59	14	0
Clothing	...	22	19	3
Printing Cards	...	7	6	
Deposits paid out	...	2	0	
Balance carried on	...	16	2	
		<b>83</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>

**Bishop of Oxford's Fund.**—There will be collections for this Fund on the fifth Sunday in

Lent, March 24th, when the sermon in the morning will be preached by the Rev. E. P. Baverstock. Secretary of the Fund.

### Burial.

February 13th, Jane Jennings, aged 42 years.

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**Holy Week.**—We hope to have the usual services daily: morning at 11, evening (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.

There will be collections as usual on Good Friday for the Mission of the English Bishop in Jerusalem.

**Easter Day.**—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and also (choral) at mid-day. Collections for the Sick and Poor.

**Bible Society.**—Our Annual Meeting for the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in the Schoolroom on Monday, February 19th, at 7 p.m. The Vicar presided and opened the meeting with prayer, after which at his request a passage of scripture was read by Mr. Rix. A very interesting and instructive address on the work of the Society was given by the Rev. A. H. Gaskell, B.D., Secretary for this Diocese, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Rix and seconded by Mr. Pettit. The attendance was less than usual: several persons who would have been present were prevented by illness and other causes. The sum collected for the Society, including a collection of 9s. 2d. at the meeting and the contents of two boxes (Miss Maynard's and Miss Clinch's) 4s. 5d., amounted to £4 14s. 7d.

**Confirmation.**—Eleven male and eight female candidates from Benson were confirmed by the Bishop of Oxford at St. Mary's, Wallingford, on Tuesday, March 12th. The Bishop's earnest addresses, both on the gift received in Confirmation and on the duties that follow from it, were singularly impressive. We can but pray that those who were confirmed may be enabled to persevere in the Christian life, seeking the needful help in the Holy Communion.

### Baptism.

March 7th (privately), Beatrice Rose and Lilian Louise, twin daughters of Albert William and Annie Field.

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**The School.**—The closing of the school for diphtheria for three weeks from April 29th has been a matter of great regret. It was re-opened on Monday, May 20th, after being thoroughly disinfected, and we trust the trouble is over.

We are all sorry to lose Miss Ellis from the staff, on her appointment to a post in St. Giles' Schools at Reading. Her place in Benson is filled by Miss Grose, who lately was Infants' Mistress in the Poor Law Schools at Cowley, Oxon.

**In Memoriam.—Canon Collyns.**—Only our older inhabitants recollect the Rev. John Martyn Collyns, who, after holding the Incumbency of Drayton St. Leonard for three years, was Vicar of Benson from 1858 to 1867. Those who knew him recollect his zeal and earnestness as a parish priest, in Church, in the School, and in general parochial ministrations, and also how a somewhat cold manner covered a depth of sympathy and kindness which any case of sorrow or need called forth abundantly. Mr. Collyns was the last of the long

series of Vicars of Benson who held this Incumbency together with a studentship at Christ Church. In 1867 he passed on to a larger sphere of work as Rector of Daventry in Northamptonshire, where he was appointed Rural Dean of Weedon in 1875 and Honorary Canon of Peterborough in 1885. He preached at our Harvest Thanksgiving at Benson in 1888. Failing eyesight and increasing weakness led to his resignation of the charge of his parish seven years ago, and he lived those years in retirement at Guildford, where he passed away on Thursday, April 25th, in his 85th year.

**Mr. John Stevenson.**—Our Parish has to lament the loss of a valued friend in the death of Mr. Stevenson. Since he came to Crowmarsh Battle six years ago he has been conspicuous for the generosity with which he spent his wealth for the benefit of those around him, and for his continual acts of kindness and charity to those who were in difficulty or need. If many of such acts were generally known, there were also many that were unknown; for he loved to conceal them. He had won a very high reputation in London as a solicitor and worked very hard at his profession, coming down to Crowmarsh usually at the end of the week to find recreation in the country life and country pursuits which he greatly enjoyed. But he made it his rule to take his place as a worshipper in the house of God on Sunday. His health for some time past had caused anxiety, and of late there seemed little hope of his recovery. He passed away at his house in London on Thursday, May 9th, at the age of only 49, and was buried on the following Tuesday at Middlesbrough which had been the home of his youth. A muffled peal was rung in

the evening on the bells of Benson Church. Great sympathy is felt for Mrs. Stevenson in her bereavement.

**Miss Clara Burgis.**—Very sincere regret was felt throughout the village at the death of Miss Clara Burgis, at the age of 48, only five months after her mother. She was active in good works, as a sincere Nonconformist, and was respected by all. Her health had failed for some months, and after much suffering she passed away on the morning of Sunday, April 28th.

**Jubilee of the Chancel.**—When Mr. Collyns became Vicar of Benson in 1858 he found the Chancel of the Church bare and desolate, with its old pews cleared away and nothing substituted. He at once set about obtaining a complete renovation of it, and the Architect on examining the walls considered it necessary to have them entirely rebuilt. The old Norman doorway and side-windows were retained in the new work, and it was re-dedicated by Bishop Samuel Wilberforce in the Autumn of 1862. We hope to celebrate the Jubilee

of this event in the coming Autumn, and if we can make this an occasion of clearing off the remainder of the debt upon the organ, which we believe is now less than £50, the event will be worthily commemorated.

**Baptisms.**

April 25th (privately), Rosalie, daughter of George Henry and Emily Witney, of Benson.

April 26th (privately), Daisy Florence, daughter of Walter John and Eliza Ellen Brown, of Roke Marsh.

**Burial.**

April 30th, Prudence Hutchings, aged 71.

much-needed new surplices and cassocks for the Choir.

**Benson and District Social Club.**—At the annual meeting of the Benson Club, held at the Club House on Wednesday evening, June 12th, the Treasurer's accounts for the year showed a balance in hand of £19 and the financial condition of the Club was pronounced to be satisfactory. It was decided to hold a Regatta in August as in the last two years.

**Church Collections.**—The amount collected for the "Titanic" Relief Fund on Sunday, April 26th, was £3 18s. 3d.; for the Archbishops' Western Canada Fund on Sunday, May 23rd, £2 7s. 9d.

The annual Collection for the Queen Victoria Clergy Sustentation Fund will be on Sunday, July 14th.

**In Memoriam.**—It is fitting that a tribute should be paid to the memory of Mrs. William Mundy of Roke, who, as an earnest Nonconformist, took for many years a leading part in good works in connection with the Baptist Chapel there. After a considerable period of great suffering she passed away on June 6th, aged 53 years:

**Baptisms.**

May 26th, Iris Clarice, daughter of Bert and Mary Ann Passey, of Benson.

June 9th, Marjorie Muriel, daughter of William Frederick and Mercy May Main, of Roke Marsh.

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**Rummage Sale.**—The results of the sale held in the School on Tuesday in Whitsun-week were very satisfactory. Donations were received, varying from 2s. 6d. to £1, to the amount of £4 17s. 6d.; the receipts from the general sales were £11 10s. 7d.; from the refreshment stall, £2 4s. 5d.; and the door-money (102 admissions) was 8s. 6d.; making a total of £19 1s. 0d. The expenses (printing handbills, parcels and postages, School-room, etc.) amounted to £1 0s. 2d.; leaving a balance of £18 0s. 10d., for the fund for the

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**The School.**—Mr. J. F. Leaf, H.M.I., reports very favourably upon the work of the Handicraft Class: "The work is carried out on sound principles. Every effort is made to enlist the interest of the pupils and to make the work real."

Mr. William G. Palmer, who has been a Student Teacher at the Oldfield County School near Bath, has been appointed as Assistant in our School and will commence his duties after the harvest holidays.

**Church Collections.**—The amount contributed last month to the Queen Victoria Clergy Fund was £2 8s. 7d. (collections in Church, July 14th, £1 18s. 7d.; Mr. Cozens, subscription, 10s)

The Central Committee for Church Defence, having its head-quarters at the Church House in Westminster, issues a special appeal for contributions to meet the cost of its extensive effort throughout the country in defence of the Church in Wales against the proposal for disestablishment and disendowment. We have not hitherto had a collection for the funds of this organisation, of which the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are Presidents, but we propose to do so on Sunday, August 18th.

### Baptisms.

June 23rd, Hubert Charles, son of Walter John and Eliza Ellen Brown, of Roke Marsh.

June 24th (privately), Albert Walter, son of Albert and Ada Mundy, of Roke.

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**THE SCHOOL.**—The Diocesan Inspector, the Rev. Owen Clarendon, Vicar of Iffley, who examined the school in religious knowledge on Monday, July 23rd, reports that he considers the school to be in a very good condition, notwithstanding the fact of so much illness and the consequent closing; the singing is done very nicely, with expression; the lower division of Infants sing sweetly and answer brightly and intelligently and their repetition is excellent; in the upper division there is very good answering and the repetition is good, and both divisions are very well taught; standard II. is very good throughout and its written work excellent: the middle group is good throughout and the written work very good, though the repetition is weak; in the upper group the answering is very keen and intelligent, the repetition good, the written work extremely good. But he calls attention again to the great need of more religious pictures throughout the school. The Bishop's Prize is awarded to Emily Barry, and certificates to Frank Macqueen, Annie Gardner, Bertie Hewitt, Bessie Jones, Fred Weedon and Leslie Cullom. The following are commended: Evelyn Whichello, Dorothy Hutchings, May Butcher, William Corderoy, Albert Small, Agnes Lane, Dorothy Green, Walter Green, Elsie Pratt, Fred Hutchings, Thomas Biggs, Nellie Winfield, Millicent Austin, George Pointer, Frank Polley, Ellen Lane, Beatrice Roberts, William Gurney, Cuthbert Sandall, Kate Cherrill, Ernest Atkins, Reginald Cullom, William Vaughan, Gladys Webb, Albert Field, Ethel Tutty, Priscilla Archer, Edith Woodley, John Moffat, Frank West,

Will any kind friends supply the school with some sacred pictures in accordance with the Inspector's suggestion?

The school will be re-opened on Monday, September 16th.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.**—We had our Children's Treat on Wednesday, August 7th, beginning with a short service in Church. The weather prevented the usual out-of-doors tea, and we had it in the School-room; but it did not prevent the games afterwards. Mr. Hatt kindly lent his meadow at Crowmarsh, where we had races and other amusements. Mrs. Weatherby generously supplied a number of prizes for the girls' sports, and other friends for the boys'. So all passed off well, in spite of the lack of sunshine.

Miss Gertrude Baker, who has been a regular and diligent teacher in our Sunday School ever since her own school-days, was presented on the occasion of her marriage with an oak bureau book-case by the teachers, children, and other friends of the school.

### Baptisms.

August 11th, Basil Ernest, son of Harry and Beatrice Emily Loader, of Benson.

August 18th, Harold George, son of George and Ellen Butcher, of Ilford, Essex.

### Marriages.

August 14th, William West and Gertrude Emma Baker, both of Benson.

August 14th, Ernest William Fonge, of Benson, and Nellie Parker, of Oxford.

August 14th, Frank Hudson, of East Chiltonington, Sussex, and Alice Sarah Hall, of Benson.



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The aeroplane camp at Crowmarsh Battle was an object of great interest among us, giving to several of us our first opportunity of seeing an aeroplane. But the terrible calamity with which it closed on Friday, September 6th, with the deaths of Capt. Hamilton and Lieut. Wyness-Stuart, followed four days later by a similar disaster at Oxford, leaves with us a very painful memory which will not quickly pass away.

**The School.**—Summary of accounts of the Foundation Managers for the year ending June 30, 1912 (audited by Mr. A. G. Gray):—

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance from previous year ... ..	13	10	5
Subscriptions—2 at £5 ; 1 at 42/- ; 2 21/- 5 at 10/- 1 at 5/- 18 at 2/6	19	4	0
Rent of House ... ..	9	5	0
Use of Schoolroom ... ..		2	6
Roke Garden Rents .. ..	1	17	0
County Council for wear and tear and for cleaning ... ..	19	7	6
	£63	6	5
Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Fencing new ground ... ..	8	2	6
Repairs and cleaning ... ..	32	11	8
Repairs of House ... ..	6	0	0
Rates, Taxes and Insurance .. ..	4	3	7
Diocesan Inspection Fund ... ..		5	0
Auditor and Sundry Expenses ... ..		16	3
Balance carried on ... ..	11	7	5
	£63	6	5

**Accounts of Sunday School.**—Receipts : Roke Gardens, £1 4s. 8d. ; Church Alms (for fuel), 10s. 6d. ; Donations, 4s. 3d. Total, £1 19s. 5d. Expenditure: Stamp Albums and Star Registers, 16s. 5d. ; County Committee (for fuel) 10s. 6d. ; Insurance, 2s. 6d. ; Caretaker, 10s. Total, £1 19s. 5d.

**Roke Gardens.**—Rents received, £3 18s. 9d. Expenditure: Rates, Taxes, Post, &c., 17s. 1d. ; Day School (as above), £1 17s. ; Sunday School (as above), £1 4s. 8d. Total, £3 18s. 9d.

**Harvest Thanksgiving.**—We hope to have our usual Services in Thanksgiving for the Harvest on Wednesday, October 16th. Holy Communion at 8 a.m. ; Evensong at 7.30 p.m. with Sermon by the Rev. Francis C. Finch, M.A., Vicar of St. Alban's, Nottingham.

**Jubilee of the Chancel.**—No record can be found of the day on which the rebuilt Chancel of Benson Church was reopened by Bishop Wilberforce, but it is well remembered by some of us as having taken place 50 years ago, in October or November, 1862. We hope to have special Thanksgiving Services for this event on Sunday, November 3rd, being the Sunday in the Festival of All Saints. The collections will be for the Organ Fund, the monthly collection for the Sick and Poor being deferred until the next Sunday.

**In Memoriam.**—Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Ball and his family in the passing away of Mrs. Ball. After a protracted period of weakness and illness she died on her 72nd birthday, Sept. 11th.

**Baptisms.**

September 1st, Ivy Gladys, daughter of John Edward and Rosa Dixon, of Benson.  
September 1st, Thomas Ernest, son of Frank and Edith Craxton, of Benson.

**Marriage.**

September 7th, John Richens of Heacham, Norfolk, and Florence Albina Harris, of Benson.

**Burial.**

August 27th, Mary Ann Dix, of Benson, aged 68 years.

diseased and suffering but as a religious duty which the Christian Faith has taught us and which the world did not recognise before Christ came. The collections amounted to £2 18s. 9d.

**Jubilee of the Chancel.**—On the Sunday following All Saints' Day, November 3rd, as was announced last month, we are to commemorate the dedication of our rebuilt Chancel which took place at this time in 1862. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. as well as at midday, and there will be collections for the Organ Fund. The monthly collection for sick and poor will be deferred till the next Sunday.

**Foreign Missions.**—Our Annual Meeting for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts is fixed for Wednesday, November 13th, at 7 o'clock, in the School. The Rev. Mr. Flavell, who has been engaged in missionary work for the Society, will give an address on the Holy Land, which is always a subject of great interest and especially so at the present time when the Jews are returning there in great numbers. The annual collections in Church for the same Society will be on Sunday, November 17th. The Vicar will be glad also to receive the collecting boxes which are held for the Society in the Parish.

**The Mothers' Meetings** are held at the Vicarage on Monday afternoons at half-past two o'clock.

**The King's Messengers** meet at the Vicarage at two o'clock on the first and third Saturdays (as a rule) of each month; boys on the first Saturday, commencing November 2nd, and girls on the third Saturday.

**In Memoriam.**—The news of the passing away of Mr. William Littleboy, J.P., on Wednesday morning, October 2nd, was received among us with sincere sorrow. He came to this parish sixty years ago and had reached the age of eighty-four, taking an active part in village affairs till the last few months when illness and suffering prevented. Brought up in the Society of Friends, he remained always a strict Nonconformist, but with marked kindness and liberality towards those from whom he differed: The concourse at his funeral testified to the sense of loss which is felt among us and to our sympathy with those whom he has left.

#### Baptisms.

September 22nd, James Charles, son of Lawrence and Elizabeth Walters (Crowmarsh Battle).

September 22nd, Albert Edward Frank, son of Herbert Ernest and Jane Whiteman (Farnborough, Hants).

October 6th, Kathleen Mary, daughter of Gilbert Percy and Emily Short (Chiswick).

#### Marriage.

September 29th, Arthur Charles Vaughan and Sarah Ann Maude Curryer, both of Benson.

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**Harvest Thanksgiving.**—On Wednesday, October 16th, we had our Services of Thanksgiving for the Harvest in accordance with the announcement in the last Magazine. Mr. Finch preached a valuable sermon on the text "Ye are God's Husbandry" (1 Cor. iii. 9), dwelling upon the resemblance between the growth of the corn and the growth of the Christian character; and he appealed for support for the Radcliffe Infirmary not merely as an act of natural kindness to the

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**Jubilee of the Chancel.**—Services of Thanksgiving for the dedication of the rebuilt Chancel, which took place just fifty years ago, were held on Sunday, November 3rd. The Vicar recalled the occasion when he came from Oxford to attend the service, the work having been completed through the zeal and energy of Canon Collyns, lately deceased, who was then Vicar; and the Holy Communion was celebrated for the first time at the new altar by Bishop Samuel Wilberforce. The collections at the Jubilee services, amounting to £2 8s. 0d., were for the organ fund.

**Foreign Missions.**—Our annual meeting for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel was held in the Schoolroom on Wednesday evening, November 13th. The Rev. Thomas Flavell, formerly of New Zealand, now rector of Christow in the diocese of Exeter, gave a lecture on the Holy Land, illustrated with a series of excellent lantern pictures which added greatly to the value of it. The lecturer described with sympathetic interest the sacred scenes of our Saviour's life, as he had visited them recently. Mr. Gray and his son most kindly manipulated the lantern. The collection at the meeting was 8s. 1d., and on the following Sunday £1 11s. 7d. was collected for the same object. Five collecting boxes in the parish (from Miss Ruck-Keene, Miss Hilda Field, Mrs. J. H. West, Mr. Archer and Mr. A. Cobb) contained in the aggregate £7 6s. 2d. The expenses of the meeting amounted to 5s. 10d., and the nett amount remitted to the Society was £9.

On the first Friday in Advent, December 6th, we hope to have, as in previous years, special intercession for the missionary work of the Church.

**Christmas Day.**—The services will be as usual: Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; Matins and Holy Communion (choral) at 11; Evensong at 3 p.m.

There will be collections for the "Waifs and Strays" Society.

### Baptism.

October 27th, Philip Norman, son of John and Emily Mary Currell (Hale Farm).