

St. Bartholomew's, Quorn.

JANUARY, 1912.

Services in the Parish Church.

SUNDAYS—8 a.m. Holy Communion, and after Mattins on the first Sunday in the month.
11 a.m. Mattins and Sermon.
2.45 p.m. Children's Service.
3.30 p.m. Holy Baptism.
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

SAINTS DAYS—
8 a.m. Holy Communion.

OTHER WEEK DAYS—
7.30. Mattins (11.0 on Fridays)
6.30. Evening Prayer (7.30 on Wednesdays).

THE SEATS IN THE PARISH CHURCH ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS.

PARISH NOTES.

The number of Communicants on Christmas Day shows a steady increase year by year. Statistics, when they are satisfactory, should not elate us, but we need not deny ourselves the encouragement which they afford. The Church was decorated with great care, and the result is very pleasing. The sum of £7 15s. 6d, was collected for the Waifs and Strays' Society.

There was some very unseemly singing in the streets on Christmas Eve. By sheer rowdyism some folk seem to think they can best pass a night that is associated with so many sacred thoughts. They are probably few in number, and perhaps they are more thoughtless than intentionally irreverent, but we hope that in the future the public opinion of the village will refuse to countenance such Christmas manners.

It is unfortunate that we shall be unable to sing the Cantata entitled "The Holy Child" on the Sunday after Christmas. The Choir has suffered some reverses recently. The ranks of the boys have been considerably thinned by the departure of the Branson Brothers—Alec, Walter, and John—who were promising singers. Some of our leading boys, too, are fast losing their voices. We hope, however, that with new voices coming on we shall soon recover our strength.

The Children's Christmas Party was a tremendous success. The tables were laid round a huge Christmas Tree in the centre of the Hall, and 200

children sat down to tea at 4 o. From that time onward the scene was one of delightful animation. There were the usual old games round the tree, and a set programme, including some very pretty Morris Dances. There was quite a good present for each child from the tree, as well as a cracker, a bag of sweets, and an orange, per head. The occasion of this annual party is such a delightful one that we wish we could invite all the parents to come and see it, but that is impossible. The labour involved—for some weeks beforehand, as well as on the day itself—is great, and Mr. and Mrs. Adams once again undertook it with cheerfulness. Miss Emily Thornton managed the catering, and with her helpers provided an excellent tea. The children paid 3d. a head. The idea is that this should cover the cost of the tea, and that donations which Mr. George White kindly gathers in should meet the rest of the expenses. The balance sheet, which we will publish next month, will shew whether this has worked out successfully.

The Sunday School Annual Prize-giving will take place in the Church on Sunday, January 7th, at 2.45. The Rev. W. J. Lewis will be the preacher. It is hoped that the character of this Annual Service will be well maintained, and that parents and others will be present in good numbers.

At a meeting of the Church Committee, held on Wednesday, December 13th, the following resolution was passed—twelve voting for the resolution, and one not voting—"That Mr. Weatherly, the Architect, be asked to proceed with his plans and specifications "and estimate of cost for the new vestry, and submit them to the Church Committee; and that after the approval of the Church Committee a Public Meeting "of the Parish be called to consider the scheme."

Bishop Mitchinson will hold a Confirmation at Sibleby, on Saturday, March 23rd, at 3 o.

Confirmation Classes will very shortly commence and the Vicar will be glad to hear of those who wish to be confirmed, or are considering the matter over. Parents and Guardians and Mistresses are asked to mention the matter to those under their care. None are too old.

The Guild of St. Augustine for Foreign Missions has chosen the diocese of Mashonaland as its special mission-sphere of study and prayer. A small meeting was held during the month, at the Vicarage, for the purpose of introducing ourselves to the diocese. A map of South Africa was found most useful and much time was spent in locating places of interest.

The members of the C.E.M.S. with some visitors to the number of about three dozen had a very pleasing Sing-song and Social Evening in the Schools on the Thursday in Christmas week. The main object was that the members who meet month by month should get to know one another better. Refreshments were provided by the Committee and were looked after by Misses E. Atter, E. Burrows, and A. Moore. Part of the evening was devoted to the annual business of the Society. The Annual Report of the Society's work was read. The Secretary was re-elected after a proper appreciation of his services had been expressed. The Committee for the ensuing year will consist of Messrs. J. Atter, E. Bancroft, A. Burrows, J. Nevitt, E. Swinfield, L. Wakeling. Mr. Ben Fewkes was elected Treasurer.

On Sunday, January 14th, the C.E.M.S. will hold its quarterly corporate communion, and on the afternoon of the same day, at 3.0, there will be a Men's Service, when the Address will be given by the Rev. F. J. Rumsey, Assistant Curate at St. Mary's, Aston Brook, Birmingham. On Monday, January 15th, at the usual monthly meeting, the Vicar will introduce "The Welsh Church."

We have received good news from two sons of Mr. Benjamin Fewkes who have made their homes in Canada. Mr. Jack Fewkes has been elected treasurer to a branch of the C.E.M.S. recently formed in Calgary. This is the first time the post has been held in the Prairie Provinces. Mr. Ernest Fewkes was chosen to be one of a deputation of three to meet the Bishop of Calgary in connection with the formation of a branch of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood. It is good to hear of Churchmen who have left us taking an active part in the new Church life of the prairie country.

The Infants' Day School broke up with their usual Christmas Tree Entertainment. A real live Santa Claus handed round the presents. Miss Burrows and her Teachers made the preparations, and the usual good people were found to subscribe. The tiny ones sang some carols very sweetly.

The District Visitors' Meeting will be in Church on Wednesday, January 10th, at 11.0.

The Parish Magazine Accounts for the past year are satisfactory. Two things may be noted:—(i.) an obvious one, that the balance with which we close the year is £1 4s. 10d. more than that with which we began, and (ii.) what can only be seen by comparing this balance sheet with those of previous years, namely, that it has been unnecessary to ask the subscribers of 10/- to repeat their subscriptions. Since writing this one subscription of 10/- has arrived from Mrs. W. Farnham who refuses to have the wings of her generosity clipped.

PARISH MAGAZINE ACCOUNT.

FOR 1911.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	4	12	5
Sale of Magazines and Mothers' Union Journals	22	3	6
Clothing Club for Printing Accounts	0	10	0
Sunday Schools do. do.	0	10	0
Churchwardens, for Annual Statement of Accounts, etc.	1	0	0
Advertisements	5	10	0
Subscription—Mrs. W. Farnham	0	10	0

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PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Wills & Hepworth, for Magazines	24	10	7
Parish Almanack	2	0	0
Mothers' Union Journals	1	4	6
Postage and Carriage	1	3	7
Balance in hand	5	17	3

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PARISH REGISTERS.

Baptisms.

Dec. 3—Nellie Miriam Price.
" 10—Walter Fletcher.

Weddings.

Dec. 23—Herbert Mee and Lizzie Lowe.
(At Rothley).

Burials.

Dec. 8—Robert Allen Rawlings, aged 14 days.
" 14—William Nottingham, aged 74 years.

COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH.

Date.	Object.	Amount.
		£ s. d.
Dec. 3	C.M.S.	4 7 9
" 5	U.M.C.A.	0 14 0
" 10	Sick and Poor	0 4 8
" 10	Choir and Organ Fund	2 8 3
" 12	U.M.C.A.	0 11 0
" 17	Sick and Poor	0 8 6
" 17	Church Expenses	2 6 3
" 19	U.M.C.A.	0 7 9
" 24	Sick and Poor	0 3 2
" 24	Fabric Fund	5 4 0
" 25	Waifs and Strays	7 15 3
	Total	£24 10 7

COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY.

Jan. 7—Sunday Schools.
" 14—Choir and Organ Fund.
" 21—Hospitals.
" 28—Church Expenses.
Feb. 4—Church of England Temperance Society.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

Date.	Lesson.
Jan. 7	The Child of Grace.
" 14	The Child of Duty.
" 21	The Christian Child's First Duty.
" 28	Our State of Salvation.
Feb. 4	Review Lesson.

