

S. Bartholomew's Church, Quorn.

Vicar. Rev. H. H. RUMSEY.

My dear Friends,—

Our friends in the neighbouring parishes have often asked us why we don't join in with them in the Deanery Magazine. We always knew that it would be a thoroughly sociable thing to do, that it would check any disposition on our part to parochialism, and encourage in us the growth of the corporate spirit. But we valued our independence. We would publish when we liked and what we liked. We would not be mixed up with and jostled and delayed by the irregularities and eccentricities of our neighbours. Perhaps we were obstinate, stand-offish, certainly we were self-sufficient. But now we are thoroughly penitent. We are not going to play by ourselves any longer. We are going to join hands. Why?—Never mind! Surely we can be sociable if we like. Anyhow, we are going to try.

A memory that will perhaps never fade will be the service that was held at 3-0 on Sunday afternoon, December 14th, for the unveiling of the War Memorial. The crowded church, indeed it was packed to overflowing and many had to go away disappointed, the solemn and yet hopeful and thankful tone of the service throughout, the presence of many mourners and of demobilised men who paraded in very fair strength, the brief soldierly and appropriate words of Major-General Sir A. R. Hoskins after the act of unveiling, the inspiring music of our late organist to the hymn "O valiant hearts, who to your glory came," coming like a message from beyond, and emphasising as it did that fellowship with the departed which when understood is so satisfying—these and many other features of the service were wonderfully impressive; they formed, we hope, a worthy tribute to the dead and helped to bring the consolation of our faith to many whose hearts were sad.

When Christmas is over we have to turn our thoughts to preparing for Confirmation. We have just heard that the Bishop of Leicester will administer Confirmation in our own Church on March 18, at 3 p.m., and on the same evening at Emmanuel Church, Loughborough, at 8-0 p.m. I shall be glad if those who are thinking the matter over will speak to me about it, and it would be well for parents, godparents, guardians, and others who have the care of the young to bring to their notice the desirability of being confirmed. I suppose the normal time for Confirmation is the early period of adolescence. If, with God's help, I can be of any service in preparing those who are passing through this period to make such a use of the Gift of the Holy Spirit as shall support them in its difficulties and open out its peculiar opportunities to them, I shall be more than grateful.

Your faithful Friend and Servant,
H. H. RUMSEY.

P.S.—If this letter should reach you in time please remember collections on Sunday, Jan. 4th, for the "Save the Children Fund."

An excellent photograph of the War Memorial has been taken. There is a copy on the table in Church, with a statement as to prices and a column for orders. Will those who wish to order one please write their names down?

With regard to wreaths we would like to suggest that all those that have been in the Church for some time past should be removed, and that in future only wreaths made of some kind of evergreen should be brought, and that they should be taken away within a reasonable time.

A war memorial financial statement will be made in the next magazine. There is at present some money in hand, and we must shortly decide how to use it in a manner most appropriate to the cause for which it was given.

The C.E.M.S. have arranged an S.P.G. open Lantern Lecture for Jan. 27, to be held in the Schools at 7-0 p.m. The Rev. F. C. P. Clarke will speak to us about Burmah. Christian work among the heathen asks of us a keener support and interest than ever before. The Missionary Society are faced by overwhelming difficulties. There will be a collection, but no charge for admission.

Other dates to be noted:—

Jan. 8 Social Gathering in the Village Hall, 7-0 p.m.

„ 15 Church Committee, Schools, 7-0.

„ 18 Sunday School Prizegiving, 2-45.

Daily Morning Prayer in future will be at 10-0.

Baptisms.

Dec. 7 Annie Stevenson.

„ 7 Betsy Stevenson.

„ 21 Eunice Kathleen Harper.

„ 26 Christopher Basil Footitt.

Weddings.

Dec. 24 John Walter Hallam and Bessie Collins.

„ 24 Ernest Kitching and Ann Thompson.

„ 27 Ernest Gilbert and Elizabeth Chapman.

Funeral.

Nov. 29 Edwin John Gartshore, age 60.

Free-Will Offerings.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	33	13	3½
November 30		5	0
December 7		19	2
December 14		4	8
December 21		9	6
December 28		8	0

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