

ALL SAINTS', HARTLEY, Parish Magazine.

(Published Quarterly.)

EDITED BY J. WELLS THATCHER.



South Aspect.

Editor's Notes.

I am glad to report that our Rector, the Rev. G. W. Bancks, M.A., is getting better. It is the first time that he has been really out of sorts during all the years of his life in Hartley. The doctor assures him that his vital organs are sound, but he has a distressing throat cough. It has been a great grief to him to have to stay away from duty, and he desires his congregation to exercise for a little longer the admirable patience they have displayed already.

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I am deeply impressed by the teaching, the charm, and the far reaching effects of

the village, country town, and school concerts. They will go far to brighten village life.

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I note, with deep regret, that the very reverend Dean of Rochester, Dr. Storrs, has passed away. I knew him many years ago when he was curate of St. Peter's, Eaton Square, of which church he afterwards became Vicar.

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It delighted me one Sunday morning to see our Girl Guides in our ancient church. I hope to see the Boy Scouts there again one Sunday.

The Magazine Committee has lost no time in getting to work. They are going to form a strong band of workers who will call upon every resident in the parish and deliver this excellent Magazine, collect the largest subscription they can get for it, and then say "Good-bye" with an engaging smile. I will tell you, in confidence, that I do not know what an engaging smile is, but I wrote it down because it sounded rather nice. The new plan may not come into operation for this number, but they will try to get it going for this month.

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We must not forget how well the school children have done their work of Magazine delivery under the skilful guidance of Miss Fiddis. And I do not forget what a great help Miss Fiddis was to me in the early days of this colossal literary undertaking.

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It has been a great comfort to the Rector during his indisposition to have the valued help of his neighbour, the Revd. J. Trevor Matchett, M.A., Rector of Fawkham, who has taken the Holy Communion service and other important duties as well.

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My friend, Mr. Taylor, kindly made some alterations on our Church Notice Boards. He said it was a labour of love to do it. His kindly outlook gave me much pleasure.

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I attended the presentation to Captain J. W. Webster at the School House in December. It was a pleasant function and the guest of the evening well deserved all that was said about him. A report will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The Rector of Longfield, Revd. Edward Smith, M.A., preached at our church on Sunday morning, March 4th, and administered Holy Communion.

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The school children came to church on Ash Wednesday. Mrs. Clark played the organ. The Lay Reader conducted the service. The children's voices were very sweet when they sang the hymns and the same voices were clear and reverent in the prayers and responses. Miss Fiddis and Mrs. Nichalls are to be congratulated in having pupils who answer so readily to all their skilful and devoted labours.

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Church Information.

Rector—Rev. CHARLES GERARD WINSTANLEY BANCKS, M.A., appointed 1902.

Churchwardens—Mr. A. L. Farrow and Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Matins, 11 a.m. Evensong, 6.30 p.m.

Holy Communion, 9 a.m., on the 2nd Sunday in each month; at 12 noon on other Sundays which will be duly announced.

Parochial Church Council (elected under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921).—Council for 1927-8: The Rector (who is Chairman by virtue of his office), Miss Bancks, Mrs. Oldrey, Mrs. F. W. Tate, Miss Fiddis, Miss Sale, Mrs. Wells Thatcher, Miss Green, Hon. Secretary; Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. A. Cox, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mr. W. Nash, Mr. F. W. Tate, Mr. W. H. Chisholm, Miss Newcomb, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Eric Green (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. Alexander, with the Churchwardens by virtue of their offices.

Committees—Standing Committee: The Chairman and the Churchwardens. Finance Committee: The Churchwardens, the Treasurer and Miss Green.

Sidesmen—Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. A. Cox, Mr. W. Nash, Mr. J. Green and Mr. Alexander.

Organists—Mr. W. H. Chisholm and Mrs. Oldrey.

Choirmaster—Mr. W. H. Chisholm.

Choirwarden—Mr. D. T. R. Gray.

Members of the Choir.—Mrs. Balchin, Miss L. Bancks, Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. T. J. Clark, Mr. C. E. Cuff, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Gray, Miss E. Green, Mrs. Keen, Miss M. Marrington, Miss Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Oldrey, Miss Parkin, Mrs. Symons, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mr. Frank Tate, junr., Mr. G. G. Marrington, Miss Phyllis Tubb.

Choir Boys.—Frederick Crouch, David H. Gray, John Rose, Ronald Maggs.

Licensed Lay Reader.—Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

Sunday School.—Miss Sale, Superintendent. Teachers: 1st Class, Miss Sale; 2nd Class, Mrs. Gray; 3rd Class, Miss Parkin. Time: 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m..

Church Parochial School.—Miss Fiddis, Headmistress; Mrs. Nickalls, Infant School Mistress.

School Managers.—The Rector, Mr. J. Green, Capt. Copus, Mr. J. Stuart, Miss Rodwell and Miss Harry.

Bell Ringer and Organ Blower.—Mr. A. Rogers.

Churchyard Keeper.—Mr. A. Rogers.

Church Cleaner.—Mrs. Hoadley.

Sexton & Grave Digger.—Mr. J. Crouch.

WORK OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

"It shall be the primary duty of the Council of every parish to co-operate with the Incumbent in the initiation, conduct and development of Church work both within the parish and outside."—(Section 2 of the Measure.)

Altar Flowers.

January—Mrs. Walker.

February—Miss Bancks.

March—Mrs. Boulger.

April—Mrs. Isaacs.

May—Mrs. T. J. Clark.

June—Miss Green.

July—Mrs. Elliott.

August—Mrs. Andrus.

September—Mrs. Chisholm.

October—Miss Robertson.

November—Mrs. Ralph Day.

December—Miss Harry.

Baptisms.

Dec. 11.—[REDACTED] of Oliver Frederick and Frances Christine Delf, at Ridley Church.

Marriages.

Feb. 2.—Frederick Reginald Dunk and Elizabeth Elliott.

„ 4.—Thomas Merry and Eva Mary Jennings.

Burials.

Dec. 22.—Mary Bonsall.

Jan. 14.—Alfred Jeffrey M'Danell, aged 74.

„ 28.—Ruby Laura Robinson, aged 1.

April.	May.	June.
1st—6th Sunday in Lent.	1st—S. Philip & S. James, A. & M. M.	3rd—Trinity Sunday.
2nd—Monday before Easter.	6th—4th Sunday after Easter.	10th—1st Sunday after Trinity.
3rd—Tuesday before Easter.	13th—5th Sunday after Easter.	11th—S. Barnabas, A. & M.
4th—Wednesday before Easter.	17th—Ascension Day.	17th—2nd Sunday after Trinity.
5th—Thursday before Easter.	20th—Sunday after Ascension.	24th—S. John Baptist, 3rd Sunday after Trinity.
6th—Good Friday.	27th—Whitsunday.	29th—S. Peter, A. & M.
7th—Easter Even.	28th—Monday in Whitsun Week.	
8th—Easter Day.	29th—Tuesday in Whitsun Week.	
9th—Monday in Easter Week.		
10th—Tuesday in Easter Week.		
15th—1st Sunday after Easter.		
22nd—2nd Sunday after Easter.		
25th—S. Mark, E & M.		
29th—3rd Sunday after Easter.		

ROCHESTER DIOCESAN SOCIETY AND BOARD OF FINANCE.

In the absence of the Rector, through illness, the Lay Reader read the Bishop's pastoral letter to the congregation on Sunday morning. One phrase in this letter was arresting: "Talk divides but work unites." Referring to the work of the Board of Finance, his lordship goes on to say: "Many an understaffed parish, many an underpaid clergyman, many a candidate for Holy Orders, many a widow or orphan daughter facing straightened means where husband or father has worked and died as an ordained minister within its area, many such, I say, have found through the agency of

the Board of Finance, relief, encouragement and the blessed sense of sympathy from others."

The majority of the members of the Board are laymen and it is their desire that each parish in the diocese shall subscribe an annual sum called a quota. Our Hartley Parochial Church Council will consider the matter, and will make as large a gift as their means will allow.

The Rev. W. B. Lord, the Secretary of the Board, desired the Hartley Lay Reader to explain in detail the work being done. The following facts were stated to the congregation:—the receipts for 1927 were £12,207. The joint quotas of all the parishes produced £8,247 of this sum. Some of the chief items of expenditure were stated and these items

indicate the object and work of the Board of Finance. These are they: training candidates for the Ministry, diocesan deaconesses who work amongst women and girls, grants to incumbents, pensions to clergymen, grants to Dilapidations Board.

CHURCH PAROCHIAL COUNCIL.

MEETING HELD ON 11TH JANUARY, 1928.

PRESENT.—Miss Green, Miss Bancks, Mrs. Oldrey, Mrs. F. Tate, Messrs. Gray, Chisholm, F. Tate, E. Green and A. L. Farrow.

In the absence of the Rector, owing to illness, Mr. Farrow was requested to act as Chairman of the Meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chairman.

Minutes of Meeting held on October 3rd, 1927, were read by the Hon. Secretary and approved.

PARISH MAGAZINE.—A letter from Mr. J. Wells Thatcher was read by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Eric Green, expressing his regret in being unable, on account of indisposition, to attend the meeting and stating that an amount of £15 was required to clear the deficit on the Parish Magazine to 31st December, 1927.

The Parish Magazine was discussed at some length and the question arose as to whether the Council had agreed to undertake entire responsibility for such. The Minute of the previous meeting was referred to which only deals with the question of the price to be charged for the magazine and it was unanimously agreed that although the Council had not actually resolved to undertake the responsibility, the inference was clear and the meeting agreed that (1) the deficit of £15 to 31st December, 1927, should be paid out of the Council's funds, and (2) the Council take over the Magazine as from 1st January, 1928.

It was proposed by Miss Bancks and seconded by Mrs. Tate that a Committee be formed to deal with all matters appertaining to the Magazine, and the following were unanimously elected to serve:—Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Gray, Mrs. F. Tate and Miss Bancks. The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer to be members ex-officio.

Further discussion took place regarding the price of the Magazine and the matter was referred to the Magazine Committee whose attention was drawn to the Minute of the previous meeting.

Mrs. Oldrey desired to be relieved of her office of joint organist. The Council begged her to continue and Mr. Chisholm promised to lend a hand whenever Mrs. Oldrey so desired.

The Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st December, 1927, was read by the Hon. Treasurer. It was proposed by Mr. Gray and seconded by Miss Green that same be accepted. Unanimously agreed.

The Hon. Treasurer submitted a Budget for the current year showing an excess of expenditure over income, but it is hoped by economy and an increase in F.W.O. this would be remedied.

The matter of repairs to roof of Church was discussed, and the meeting adjourned.



SPECIAL NOTE.—The distributors and collectors for this Magazine duly met at the Women's Institute. Mr. Gray had worked hard in dividing the parish into sections. When the distributors call upon you help them all you can and if you can give them an advertisement do so. You will find their names on the back of the notice pasted in this number.

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A letter of thanks has been received from Mrs. Lennon, C.M.S. Ikare, Nigeria, West Africa, for parcel of scrap books sent last year.

A. SALE.

MAGAZINE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of this Committee was held at "Brickend" on March 1st last. Present: Mrs. F. Tate, Miss Bancks, Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Gray, Mr. Wells Thatcher and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Eric Green, and Miss Green, Hon. Secretary.

Mr. Thatcher was asked to preside and stated the financial position to date.

The following decisions were made. Mr. Chisholm to be Treasurer and Mr. Adams to be Hon. Secretary.

A number of ladies were to be asked to be collectors for and distributors of the Magazine. Mr. Gray promised that Albert Cox should deliver the parcels of the Magazine to each collector. Efforts were to be made to secure more advertisements.

A meeting of the Committee and the Magazine distributors was to held at the Womens' Institute on Monday, March 12th, at 7.30 p.m.

The price of the Magazine and its cost per copy were further considered and Mr. Chisholm promised to draw up a statement to be printed in the next issue.

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The cost of producing this Magazine is by no means covered by its marked price, 3d. per copy. Many readers have voluntarily paid more than this, but, nevertheless, a loss of £15 was sustained in 1927, which has been met by the Parochial Church Council.

This is a matter which concerns the whole Parish, and a committee has been formed to organize a more complete and methodical distribution in order to increase the circulation and revenue of Hartley Parish Magazine. The Committee is appointing a number of distributors and collectors, whose names are on the back of this notice.

The Committee hopes that all readers who can do so will make their subscription at least 2s. for the present year.

“Many hands make light work” and a concerted effort by readers and distributors will ensure the continued production of this Magazine—by general consent, unique among Parish Magazines.

Modesty forbids the Editor himself to append his name to this statement, which is, therefore, signed by the newly-appointed

Hon. Treas., W. H. CHISHOLM.

Hon. Sec., R. ADAMS,

“Conroy,” Church Road,

Hartley.

Miss Bancks	...	...	The Rectory to Church Road.
Miss Newcomb	...	...	Part Hartley Green.
Miss Rodwell	...	...	Woodland Avenue and part Church Road.
Miss Sale	...	...	Part Hartley Green and Stack Road.
Miss N. Gray	...	...	Part Ash Road.
Mrs. Roy Adams	...	...	Part Church Road.
Mrs. F. Tate	...	...	Part Ash Road.
Miss Harry	...	...	Fairby Lane and part Church Road.
Miss Elphick	...	...	Manor Drive.
Miss Green	...	...	Hartley Corner and part Church Road.
Mr. Wells Thatcher	...	...	Part Church Road.
Mrs. Ralph Day	...	...	Part Church Road.

The upper portion of Ash Road is vacant, but it is hoped a distributor will be obtained within a few days.

Miss P. Tubb will distribute the Magazines in Ash.

Mr. D. T. R. Gray will distribute the Magazines to the outlying houses in the village.

NOTE.—Each distributor will be supplied with the list of names. This list must be preserved for use each quarter.—*Editor.*

THE PASSING OF A GRACIOUS LADY.

The City of Rochester, that ancient city, is the poorer by the death of Mrs. Tait, wife of the respected and esteemed Archdeacon of Rochester. To all women she was a pattern to be followed; to all men a personality to be devoutly esteemed.

Gentle she was, sincere, unassuming and retiring. Everyone who knew her loved her. But she was great in all work for Christ, especially in work amongst women and girls. She was steadfast of purpose and possessed a serenity of manner which sat upon her as a mantle of white samite.

In her home life she was a perfect wife, a loving mother, and a hostess of singular charm.

We all tender our deep sympathy to the Venerable Archdeacon who has been called upon to bear many domestic griefs; this, the last and the greatest.

I may be permitted to address him in language with which he is familiar:—

“Te licet orantem fuscae deus audiat aulæ:
Nempe tuas lacrymas litora surda bibent.
Vota movent superos.”

Propertius Lib. IV. Carmen XI.

THE EDITOR.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT BY THE SCHOOL CHILDREN.

There was a wonderful gathering of parents and friends to witness the performance of the children of Hartley Church Parochial School in December last. The work which Miss Fiddis and Mrs. Nichalls undertook was tremendous.

The costumes for the various scenes were designed and made in school so, as Miss Fiddis wrote to me, “the children had lessons in dressmaking as well as elocution.”

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I must say the costumes and the elocution call for the highest praise, both to the teachers and the taught.

Some of the mothers lent things and that saved much expense. The net profit made was £8 10s. od. Miss Fiddis wants to spend most of this in school sports and a loud speaker. Excellent wants. I trust the school-managers will be "real nice" as the Americans say and do what Miss Fiddis desires. But, I expect, they have done so long before this note appears.

The programme which follows tells its own delightful story:—

"GRANNY LOOKS BACK."

SPIRIT OF TIME—Irene Sims.

PRESENT DAY—Mother, Anne Robson; Girls, Mary Sale and Beatie Bromley.

VICTORIAN SCENE—Two school-girls, Evelyn Day and Nora Foster; Mother, Olive Hockley; Governess, Margery Harris.

QUEEN ANNE SCENE—Mr. Beaumont (Beatie Bromley) in love with Kitty (Mary Sale); Her mother, Lady Sarah (Anne Robson); Sir Rupert (Jim Stewart), Lady Clarissa, Mr. Beaumont's friend (Irene Sims) and her escort, Sir Jasper (George Glidewell). Minuet danced.

PURITAN SCENE—Two Puritan maidens, Prudence and Patience (Kathie Day and Kathie Jackson), and Royalist lady, Madame Verney (Margery Harris); her son Roger (Ernest Maggs); the Cook (Magery Lynds) and the Puritan Father (George Glidewell).

TUDOR SCENE—Olive Applegate, Katharine MacDonald, Beryl Harris with Frankie Day, Frankie Jackson and Janet Rootes. They danced a Morris dance.

Infants play on mechanical toys. Three elves, Father Xmas, dolls, rattles, jumping Jacks, brownies and Jack Frost.

Infants' ribbon dance.

"MOTHER GOOSE AND SANTA CLAUS."

MOTHER GOOSE—Irene Sims.

SANTA CLAUS—Mary Sale.

THEIR CHILDREN—Jack and Jill (Frank Jackson and Kath MacDonald); Daffy-down Dilly (Beatie Bromley); Humpty Dumpty (Charles MacDonald); Little Bo-peep (Maisie Glidewell); The Jolly Miller (Jim Stewart); Little Jack Horner (Frankie Day); The Sky-sweeper (Olive Hockley); Polly Flinders (Evelyn Day); Boy Blue (George Glidewell); Miss Muffet (Margery Harris); Mistress Mary (Anne Robson); Tommy Tucker (Teddy Barlow); King Cole (Tom Crouch).

PRESENTATION TO CAPTAIN WEBSTER.

Captain Webster's work in caring for the War Memorial has long been the admiration of the village, and when Mr. Elliott put forward among his friends the happy suggestion of a testimonial to the Captain, the idea was at once taken up. A committee, which included Messrs. Elliott, Jackson, Newcombe, Hemmings and Pursell, with Capt. Bignall as chairman, set to work and the response was immediate.

The outcome was seen in the School on 17th December, when many Hartley people attended to see Capt. Webster presented with illuminated address and a wallet containing fifteen pound notes. Mr. P. Newcombe presided, on behalf of the Committee, and an interesting programme, which included such popular entertainers as Miss Lulu Bancks, Mr. Vernon and Mr. Keith Wood, had been prepared.

In making the presentation, Mr. F. W. Tate remarked that at a Parish Meeting in 1922, Capt. Webster made an offer to keep the War Memorial site in order. How well

that promise had been kept everyone knew, and the splendid success of the Testimonial Fund showed that Capt. Webster's generous and skilful work had won for him the appreciation and gratitude of the whole parish.

Enthusiastic applause greeted Capt. Webster when he replied. As an old soldier himself, he said, he felt bound to do his bit to keep green the memory of those Hartley men whose names were recorded on the Memorial. He wished to thank the many helpers who had assisted him at various times with gifts of flowers and plants. He hoped he should continue to receive such help from them. The illuminated address and wallet were especially valued by him as proof that Hartley people really did feel interested in their War Memorial, and desired it to be maintained in a worthy condition.

Mr. Elliott observed that he was glad to have been the means of giving Capt. Webster evidence that Hartley appreciated his work. Collecting for the Testimonial had been remarkably easy, for everyone was anxious to subscribe. He wished to mention that Mr. Jackson and Mr. Pursell had generously met certain incidental expenses, and concluded with an earnest appeal for careful treatment of the turf round the Memorial, as he had seen 'bus passengers trample upon it on alighting.

A further word of praise for Capt. Webster came from Mr. Wells Thatcher, who said that the beautiful condition in which the Memorial was kept had become known outside Hartley, and he warmly supported the suggestion of Mr. Elliott that a regular maintenance fund should be established, limited to some small amount from each subscriber, to meet the expenses arising in connection with the Memorial.

The gathering dispersed in particularly happy mood, due to Capt. Webster's appearance in a role hitherto unexpected. As vocalist and leader of community singing, he literally brought the house down.

VILLAGE, COUNTRY TOWN AND SCHOOL CONCERTS.

A concert, with community singing, was given at the Women's Institute, Hartley, on February 8th last. It was a delightful function. There was a full house which enjoyed the brilliant work of Miss Edith Ashby (Mrs. Gilbert Bailey), pianist, Miss Mary Temple, reciter, Mr. Gilbert Bailey, baritone, and Mr. A. Frydman, violinist. The community singing was splendid. The explanatory notes by Mr. Bailey were full of musical teaching and were closely followed by the attentive audience.

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A VOICE FROM RHODESIA.

I had a charming letter from A. R. Farrow, B.S.A. Police, Rhodesia. I quote the portion which is of general interest:—

“Farms are springing up every day and Rhodesia is rapidly growing. Here, in the Capital, one sees new houses every day for with native labour a medium-sized house can be built in about two days, of course, there is not the work in a house here as one finds at Home because timber is replaced by iron owing to the white ant invaders who consume all the available timber, which may often result in the complete destruction of a house.

“I had rather an interesting experience once. One day I was seated inside a pole and mud house watching millions of scavenger ants parading the floor, picking up dead flies, when suddenly they began rushing around and collecting together in a body they made for the nearest exits.

“The cause of their agitation was, I discovered, that millions of soldier ants (red) were entering the room through a crack in the boards, they immediately proceeded to lay out the black ants and a stand-up fight

commenced which ended in victory for the soldier ants. Little parties of soldier ants broke away from the main column and got busy in throwing out the dead. Thus ended a real insect fight, the first I have ever watched with interest. Animal life out here is wonderful. I am very keen on the study of it.”

PARISH MEETING.

Few parishioners braved the bitter wind on December 19th, and the attendance almost touched a record in consequence. Correspondence included a letter of thanks from Mr. Wm. Crouch in acknowledgment of the parish testimonial, amounting to £18 10s. A letter from the West Kent Electric Co. was read to the effect that inquiries were in progress regarding the supply of current to Hartley.

Mr. Edward, Hartley's Councillor and Guardian, dealt with questions regarding rates, mentioned at the previous meeting. He showed that the Bank overdraft of the Guardians, which three years ago stood at £150,000, had now been reduced to £54,000. Relief in rates was consequently already being experienced, but unemployment in the

Dartford Union was still very serious and the Guardians had heavy demands to face. As regards the Rural District Council, his short period as a councillor had shown him that expenditure was carefully watched. He had no hesitation in contradicting any charge of extravagance. In fact, he thought, the Council spent a great deal of time considering schemes for improvement in the district, only, however, to turn them down on account of expense.

The Chairman, Mr. F. W. Tate, thanking Mr. Edward for his statement, regretted that more parishioners were not present. Rates were a serious matter for everyone and Mr. Edward had explained a number of points not generally understood. It was good to know that Hartley rates were levied at the lowest scale in the area.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE, HARTLEY.

The members of the Women's Institute celebrated their seventh anniversary with a birthday tea on Thursday, Feb. 2nd. A

delightful birthday cake had been contributed by a member who wished to remain anonymous, competitions had been arranged by Mrs. T. Tate and Mrs. Gable, songs were sung by Mrs. Jennings Clark, and Mrs. Frank Tate, while Mrs. Hedley Symons gave one of F. W. Thomas' humorous extracts.

For the March meeting a cookery demonstration was given by Mrs. Walkling, of Sevenoaks. This proved very interesting and useful.

It was unanimously agreed that ten per cent. of the year's profits should be devoted to charitable purposes and to this end material has been purchased which is being made into baby garments for the use of poor mothers.

Members meet for sewing on the third Thursday in each month in the Institute and for demonstrations and lectures on the first Thursday, at 3 o'clock. The officers elected this year are: Secretary, Mrs. Ball; Treasurer, Mrs. Hamilton; Vice-president, Mrs. Balchin; President, Mrs. Frank Tate.

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Ornamental Trees and Shrubs, Silver Birch, Acacia, Ash, Beech, Chestnut, Norway Spruce, Cupressus Lawsonia, Lilac, Rhododendron and Laburnum, Sycamore, Quince Laurels, Poplars, Ribes, Lavender, Rosemary, Cherry, Maple, Vinca, Snowberry, Larch, Golden Privet, &c., all above 4/- per Dozen, 30/- per 100.

Peat Moss, 2 cwt. Bales, 6/6, Digging Forks, Spades, Picks, Hammers, Saws, Hinges, Screws, Nails, Bolts, Roofing Felt, Padlocks, Rim Locks, Night Latches, Cabinet Handles, Garden Hoes, Rakes, Shears, Scythes, Barb Wire, Plain Wire, Wire Strainers, Galvanized Staples, Wire Staples, Sash Line, Sash Lifts, Cross Garnetts, Emery Cloth, Emery Paper, Pincers, Pliers, Cutting Nippers, Pipe Pliers, Vulcanized Pliers, Sheep Shears, Paper Shears, Tinman's Shears, &c., &c.

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