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THE REV. T. PEARMAN-STEVENS'
 LETTER.

Forge Cottage,
 Hartley, Longfield.
 September 7th, 1934.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Your Editor is once again expecting "a few words" from me for the Magazine, and I am glad to say that the progress which I was able to report in June has been well maintained.

This is shown not only in far greater interest, which is reflected in increased congregations—more especially at the service of Morning Prayer and Sermon—but also in a steady improvement in the Church collections, which, if maintained, will do much to relieve our wardens' minds.

I have myself been especially pleased with the kindly way in which "one and all" (as they say in Cornwall) have received me in my "visiting," and I am quite sure, from my experiences, that steady "visiting" really is the key to building up a loyal congregation at "All Saints." It brings one in touch (as I believe nothing else can do) with those who (for one reason or another) have "given up going anywhere," as they express it, and then perhaps the thought that the Church does really care for them brings a fresh start in coming to God's House, and back come the memories of childhood and the early Christian upbringing, and the thought that, after all, one can't do without the spiritual side of things.

The Bishop of London in his book, "Work in Great Cities," mentions an East End parish priest who never attended afternoon

meetings because he declared that if he did, who was there to do the "visiting," and in this scattered area, when so many people seem to be living more or less lonely, isolated lives on tiny holdings—strangers sometimes even to their own neighbours—nothing can ever take the place of the personal touch.

We all very much regret that Mrs. Cuff has been obliged to give up her work in the Sunday School. Stepping into the breach, as she did, to help us over a difficult period, we knew, of course, that we could only look to her as a temporary measure, but somehow we had got to hope that she would have become "permanently temporary" by her tacit consent. What she has been to us, in her charge, the children know. We must try to find consolation in the fact that she would, on emergency on any Sunday, help us again. Meantime, we are most grateful to those ladies who have volunteered to help us, Sunday by Sunday, until the future of the parish is clear, and something of a permanent nature can be arranged. A Boys' Bible Class and a Communicants' Fellowship are needed also, if the interest of the young people of the parish is to be maintained.

I cannot close without a reference to one whom the hand of death has lately taken from us in the person of Francis William Tate. He was, of course, until he resigned shortly before his "Home call," one of our Wardens—but he was much more than that. For he was the friend—and sometimes the founder—of so many good works in Hartley that it would be difficult to

mention any cause in which he had no hand. Like the Apostle Barnabas, he was "a good man"—"good" because he was always trying to help others along. "The right hand of fellowship" was always at any one's disposal, in spite of all the calls of a busy professional life.

May he rest in peace!

Yours in all sincerity,

TOM PEARMAN-STEVENS

(In charge of "All Saints").

EDITOR'S NOTES.

The Parochial Church Council has met once or twice since the last issue of this magazine. I have asked the Hon. Secretary to give me a brief report of the business transacted.

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The Lord Bishop attended one meeting and gave fatherly counsel. He pointed out that Hartley parish was one of the poorest in the Diocese, and that it would be necessary for the congregation of All Saints to raise a certain sum per annum towards the stipend of the Rector.

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A great stride has been made to carry out our Bishop's suggestion, thanks to the zeal of our Church Treasurer and his colleagues.

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The Bishop hopes to provide a new Rector as soon as he can, meanwhile the Rev. T. Pearman-Stevens, M.A., is carrying on. He takes a deep interest in the Church and Parish. He stepped into the breach here in a most gallant manner, and we all appreciate him and his labours.

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I am delighted to learn that Mr. Godson has been appointed to a pleasant living in the Diocese. His zeal and his ability will be esteemed by those amongst whom he is to minister.

I owe much to my friend and colleague, Mr. E. J. Cuff. He does the lion's share of the work as Churchwarden and sequestrator. I am an old man; I wish to be relieved, as soon as possible, of all public responsibilities. It will delight me to retire as soon as may be and to give place to younger men. This remark applies not only to my duties in this parish, but to larger duties in other spheres of work.

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Mr. Cuff is tackling the most pressing repairs to our ancient Church. He wants more money than we have at present to carry out essential work.

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We have to thank Mr. Chisholm for another interesting picture. He writes:—

"I have received from Chicago a reproduction of a photo which I sent to the editor of the I.C. Magazine, of a ceremony at the Vatican in Rome at which I had the privilege of being present. The occasion was the distribution of Epiphany gifts to the poor of Rome, and the Cardinal welcomed his English visitor by saying in beautiful English: 'You see, we are all interested in good works.'

"If you think this suitable for the September issue I will send the block to the printers direct, and I shall be glad if you will kindly let me know."

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Thank you, Mr. D. H. Gray, for your report of your cricket matches, which I am printing elsewhere in this magazine.

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My neighbour at Hartley Hill, Mr. Francis, is a wonderful gardener. I was privileged to see his cups, badges, and other trophies gained during recent years. They make a splendid show. I asked for full particulars, which I am printing in this issue. I am proud to live next to a man who loves the beautiful products of Nature, and who is so highly appreciated by experts.

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Miss Fiddis has sent me an admirable report of the progress of the Hartley Church of England School. I hope you will all read it.

Our friends at Hartley Congregational Church are to be congratulated on their work. Their Church will be open by the time these lines are in print. Mr. S. H. Ellerby supplies his usual report, literarily well written, full of good matter, and of much interest and encouragement to us all.

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I have asked Mr. Harry Parkins, our enthusiastic Church Treasurer, to let me have his financial report for the past quarter. If it comes to hand I will print it.

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Our clergyman in charge has sent me a letter for you all. I have read it with pleasure and with much sympathy. It is a letter so sincere, so simple, so friendly, and it is written to you.

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We are all sad at the great and unexpected sorrow that has come to our friend and neighbour, Mrs. Balchin. I am sure that every one of my readers will join with me in this note of deep and sincere sympathy.

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You will read the announcement made by Mrs. Harris, of "Beulah," Stack Road, with interest. We must all help to make this Rummage Sale a success, so that the friends of our ancient Church may benefit.

Church Information.

The Lord Bishop—THE RIGHT REV. MARTIN LINTON SMITH, D.D., D.S.O. *Archdeacons*—THE VEN. WALTER M. BROWNE, M.A., Archdeacon of Rochester; THE VEN. LEONARD SAVILL, M.A., Archdeacon of Tonbridge. *Dean of the Cathedral*—THE VERY REV. FRANCIS UNDERHILL, D.D.

Clergyman-in-Charge—REV. T. PEARMAN-STEVENS, M.A. *Churchwardens*—Mr. E. J. Cuff and Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

CHURCH SERVICES.

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

Holy Communion, 8 a.m., on the 2nd Sunday in each month; at 12 noon on other Sundays.

Parochial Church Council (elected under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure, 1921)—Council for 1933-34: Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Balchin, Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. Cuff, Mr. and Mrs. Groom, Miss Green, (Hon. Secretary), Mr. J. Green, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Keen, Mr. G. G. Marrington, Mr. H. Parkins (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. H. Parkins, Miss Sale, Mr. F. F. Tate, Mrs. F. W. Tate, with the Churchwardens by virtue of their offices. *Representatives on the Ruri-Decanal Conference*—Mrs. Balchin and Mrs. Keen. *Representatives at the Annual Diocesan Conference*—Miss Green and Mrs. Balchin. *Committees*—Standing Committee: The Chairman and the Churchwardens. Finance Committee: The Churchwardens, the Treasurer and Miss Green. *Sidesmen*—Mr. F. F. Tate, Mr. H. Parkins, Mr. B. Alexander, Mr. J. Green, Mr. E. S. Green, and Mr. L. Harris. *Organist and Choirmaster*—Mr. W. H. Chisholm. *Members of the Choir*—Mrs. Balchin, Mrs. Chisholm, Miss Gladys Parkin, Miss E. Green, Mrs. Keen, Miss Chisholm, Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mr. F. F. Tate, Misses S. and I. Keen, Betty Glover, Basil Keen, Dennis

October.	November.	December.
7th—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	1st—All Saints Day	2nd.—First Sunday in Advent.
14th—Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	4th—Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity	9th.—Second Sunday in Advent.
21st—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity	11th—Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity	16th.—Third Sunday in Advent
28th—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity	18th—Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity	23rd.—Fourth Sunday in Advent.
	25th—Sunday next before Advent.	25th.—Christmas Day.
		28th.—Innocents' Day.
		30th.—Sunday after Christmas.

Moore, Sidney Moore, Billie and Dennis Hoadley, Edna and Vera Glover. *Diocesan Lay Reader (Retired)*—Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

Sunday School at the Church—Superintendent: Vacant. Time: 2.45 to 3.45 p.m. Miss Gladys Parkin helps. *Church Parochial School*—Miss Fiddis, Headmistress. Miss Farrow, Assistant Teacher. *School Managers*—Mr. J. Green, Mrs. Balchin, Miss Rodwell, Miss Harry and Mr. E. J. Cuff.

Bell Ringer and Organ Blower—Mr. A. Rogers. *Churchyard Keeper and Grave Digger*—Mr. A. Rogers. *Church Cleaner*—Mrs. Rogers.

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. L. Harris.
February—Mrs. Groom.
March—Miss Barker.
April—Mrs. Hemming.
May—Mrs. Willes.
June—Miss Green.
July—Mrs. Elliott.
August—Mrs. Andrus.
September—Mrs. Chisholm.
October—Miss Robertson.
November—Mrs. Delf.
December—Mrs. Eric Green.

BURIALS.

June 12.—David William King, aged 2 years.
 July 4.—Francis William Tate, aged 56 years.
 Aug. 11.—Harriett Martin, aged 89 years.
 Sept. 12.—James Bernard Balchin, aged 28 years.

BAPTISM.

June 17.—Michael Gay.

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FRANCIS WILLIAM TATE.

When our dear friend passed from our midst I felt that I had lost a wise colleague, a faithful friend, and a deeply respected neighbour. The loss of him, coming so soon after that of my dear Rector, was a solemn reminder to me of the uncertainty of human life.

Frank Tate was one of the most modest of men, but he was one of the wisest. Ever ready to do his duty in civil and religious matters in the parish. Everyone respected him, everyone relied upon him, and those near and dear to him loved him with a great love.

We can hardly say that so fine a character died before his time. He had done so much and done it so well that it was no wonder that whom the gods love should die young.

A beautiful testimony follows this sincere but insufficient eulogy of a kindly teacher of the young who knew well how to advise the old.

J. W. T.

VALE!

Frank Tate has passed on, following, alas, so quickly the death of his brother Tom, and Hartley is infinitely the poorer.

Abler pens than mine can write a fuller appreciation, but none can express more heartfelt sorrow at his untimely end, or more genuine sympathy with those left to mourn, in which I know all his friends are joining.

The writer of the fifteenth Psalm must have had such men as these two in his mind or his memory. It expresses so aptly traits which all of us can recognise in the characters of these devoted brothers.

SEQUESTRATORS AND OTHERS.

The two extracts which follow are from the *Church Assembly News* for July. The Editor likes us to quote when we can.

"Since the passing of the Benefices (Sequestrations) Measure, 1933, which materially altered the position and powers of sequestrators and defined them more clearly, quite a large number of enquiries have been received both by the Press and Publications Board and by the

Central Board of Finance for a pamphlet on the duties of sequestrators. The Legal Committee of the Central Board of Finance has recently drafted a *Memorandum on the Duties of Sequestrators during a Vacancy* and this has now been published at the price of 2d. The main duties of Sequestrators are to collect the revenues of a benefice, to pay all outgoings and charges on the benefice income for which the incumbent would have been liable, to provide for the services of the church, and to take due care (a) of the parsonage house (subject to the direction of the bishop), (b) of the glebe land and (c) of the other property of the benefice. The leaflet deals with the subject under each of these headings."

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"There are many parochial church councillors at the present time for whom the word power has no meaning. Recently elected, they have never read the 'Powers' Measure, and they do not know what they are able to do. Let them study their powers and take heart at their own importance. It is in the power of the church councils to drive the Church forward with new energy if they will take confidence and work with their incumbents 'in the initiation, conduct and development of Church work both within the parish and outside.' And outside: a parish with a real corporate life cannot be content with smooth running meetings, lectures, clubs; it must have the care of the whole Church at heart. It is quite practical. There was never yet a parish that devoted itself as a whole to supporting oversea work which found its home work suffer in consequence."

HARTLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND
SCHOOL REPORT.

There is not much news to relate of Hartley Church of England School during the past three months. An Egg collection of 169 eggs was made, and they were sent to Livingstone Hospital.

There was a Medical Inspection on 30th May. The Health and Cleanliness Van visited us and gave us three interesting

films, showing the dangers of dirt, in a manner calculated to bring home the necessity for care and cleanliness to even the smallest babies. Essays were written, and prizes awarded to three children.

We have had a Savings' Association since December, 1924, and so far have saved £519 18s. Not so bad, but we would like some more subscribers among the children, as far too many pennies are wasted in sweets!

Two very fine pictures of animals have been presented to the School by Mr. Elphick. They are much appreciated.

The School has an Open Day on 1st August, and between thirty-five and forty mothers and friends came. They looked at the work, and saw the children do some Physical Training. Then "Jack and the Bean Stalk" was performed by Class II, and "The Alphabet" was done by Class III.

The School is to be "done up" inside and outside during the holidays, and they tell me I shall not know it. So if I am found wandering round Hartley on September 17th, don't put it down to mental aberration—only that I don't recognise my school!

Our managers are doing their utmost, but a great deal has to be done. So if we have to help them by a Jumble Sale, please, People of Hartley, help us.

The Holidays start on 6th August, and we re-open on 17th September.

M. I. FIDDIS.

HARTLEY CRICKET CLUB.

DEAR SIR,—I am sending you the results of the remainder of our matches to date for publication in the *Hartley Parish Magazine*.

Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	Result.
May 26th.	Westwood Star C.C.	Home.	Won. 37-31
June 2nd.	Eynsford	Away.	Lost. 5-42
June 9th.	Park House Club	Home.	Lost. 18-63
June 16th.	Kingsdown	Home.	Won. 51-42
June 13th.	Hartley Sports Club	Away.	Won. 110 for 5 95 for 4*
June 20th.	Meopham 2nd	Away.	Won. 80 for 9 71*

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THIS IS MY NEIGHBOUR.

Mr. Ernest Harold Francis, of Hillside, Hartley Hill, Longfield, Kent, is a great lover of fruit, flowers and vegetables. From his boyhood he has loved a garden. As a youth and young man he was on the staff of gardeners at the residence of Earl Howe, at Penn House, in Buckinghamshire.

Here follows a list of some of the prizes which Mr. Francis has won; all were won at Port of London Authority unless otherwise stated. Highest points in the whole of the Society's exhibitions, won two years in succession, challenge trophy presented by G. S. Maskall, Esq.

Fruit and Vegetable Trophy, given by Sir Montagu Turner for the highest number of



MR. ERNEST HAROLD FRANCIS.

Mr. Francis has won trophies innumerable at horticultural shows. I have seen these valuable prizes as I have also seen the beautiful flowers which he cultivates at Hillside.

It is because I greatly admire the lovely things of Nature which are brought to such perfection by the patience and skill of such men as Mr. Francis that I have written these few lines of appreciation.

points in fruit and vegetables for the year. Won twice in succession.

The National Association of Local Government Offices Trophy for the largest number of points for flowers during the season. Twice in succession.

Sweet Pea Trophy, presented by Sir Charles McLeod, Bart. Twice in succession.

Rose Trophy given by C. F. Leach, Esq.
Aster Trophy, given by the Right Hon.
Thomas Wiles, P.C. Gained for two years
in succession.

The Cory Wright Trophy, presented by Sir
Arthur Cory Wright, Bart., J.P., for
perennials.

Also the Challenge Trophy for the Long-
field Show for the year 1933.

He is the proud possessor of fifteen gold,
silver and bronze medals, gained for carna-
tions, chrysanthemums, onions, etc., and
four bronze plaques for highest points in
vegetables, West Ham Horticultural
Society.

Mr. Francis is pleased for anyone in-
terested to be shown round his garden.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY SCHOOL.

A GREAT EVENT.

The annual party for the Sunday School
and Choir took place on Saturday, Septem-
ber 8th, at the Women's Institute.

Twenty-eight children and ten adults
were present, several being still away on
holiday, and other well-known and valuable
members of the Choir being unavoidably
prevented from joining the festivities.

At 4.30 all sat down to a very excellent
spread, and had a merry time.

After tea, Miss Parkin was in charge of
the games programme. With Miss Chisholm
alternately helping, and supplying the inci-
dental music, and Miss Hoyle giving
undivided attention to the small folk, a very
jolly time was enjoyed. Games and com-
petitions carried nice little prizes with them,
and enthusiasm was apparent all round.

At 7.15 a halt was called for a rest, while
Mrs. E. A. Tate gave the children a
splendid little address, and presented the
books, which were prizes for attendance and
good conduct, to the Sunday School
scholars. The children all received a gift
through the generosity of Mrs. Eric Green,
who was unfortunately unable to be present
with her small son. Following the prize-
giving Mrs. Tate called for a cheer for the
retiring Superintendent, Mrs. E. J. Cuff.
This was heartily given.

Soon after 7.30 little groups of weary but
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An exceptionally good attendance at the Sunday School on September 9th seemed to show how much the treat had been appreciated. Miss Chisholm was in charge of the School, with Miss Hoyle as assistant.

It is probable that the coming months may see a few changes in the organisation of the Sunday School work subsequent to the awaited appointment of a Rector for All Saints.

HARTLEY PARISH MEETING

(DARTFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL).

Representative: Captain Bignell.

Chairman: E. J. Cuff.

A Parish Meeting was held at the Women's Institute on Tuesday, September 11: "To consider a letter from Kent County Council with reference to forming a Parish Council for Hartley."

The Chairman addressed the meeting, and pointed out to those present that the Parish had no option, as the Local Government Act, 1933, distinctly stated that where a Parish had a population of over 300 there shall be a Parish Council.

Many and various opinions were expressed as to what parish property should be transferred to the Parish Council when formed, and it was resolved to try and get all property transferred. The number of Councillors to be elected will be seven.

HARTLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NOTES.

The solemn ceremonial of laying the foundation stones of the Congregational Church took place on Saturday, June 2nd, 1934. Details of this notable event were fully reported by the Press. The importance of founding a Church of God was realised by the leaders of Kent Congregationalism. Many came, and the platform would have graced the inauguration of a "City Temple." It is a hopeful sign for future progress when our leaders show such interest in small causes.

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The Church stands in the centre of Hartley—in the small arena, where for the past twenty years, the life force of modern Hartley has been organizing its energies. To the right is the Women's Institute Hall—standing for mutual self-help and social improvement. Also the Co-operative Society Building—the symbol of a most successful business effort of the community. Nearby is the Political Centre, Sports Clubs and the Girl Guides' Headquarters. Opposite, at "Fairby" is a great experiment in socialistic government. Quantities of flowers and plants are sent to beautify Bermondsey. In return, Bermondsey sends to "Fairby" numbers of convalescent mothers to regain health and vigour. Hartley may well be proud of such Social, Business, Political, Recreative, and Philanthropic achievements. But human effort and accomplished work is not to be measured only by its associations of to-day. Life's ultimate success and permanence rest upon the use and development of higher faculties implanted in all. To that end the Church assumes a place in the heart of the community, with its appeal to man's spiritual nature and associations; to the contemplation, worship, service of God, the end and purpose for which he is created.

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Tables from Mr. E. Day; the loan of an Organ for three months from Mr. May. A handsome offer of Pews was received from Chatham Congregational Church (Rev. John Bevan), but the contract for chairs was already arranged. We gratefully acknowledge the overwhelming kindness of our friends.

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On, and after September 16th, the Sunday Services will be in the Morning at 11 a.m.; in the Evening at 6.30 p.m. Sunday School 3 to 4 p.m.

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With deep regret we say good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. A. Lynton, who are leaving Hartley. Mrs. Lynton has given seven years of quiet, patient and cheerful work in the School. Her presence and influence will be much missed. Mr. E. Pallant, junr., has kindly promised to take over the musical part of the school work.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Stoddart return to Hartley after some years residence in Norwood. Though we lose some old friends, we are fortunate in regaining others.

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Sincere congratulations to Mrs. Dennis, Mr. Ernest Pallant and Mr. A. H. Edward, who have passed through a time of serious ill-health, and may now look forward to complete recovery in the near future.

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Our Church has lost a good friend in Mr. Frank Tate, who passed away on Saturday, June 30, 1934. Some of us have known him for twenty years, and in the early days when some thirty small-holders founded modern Hartley, it was the restless energy of Frank Tate that marked out the lines of effort and understanding, and made it easier and interesting for newcomers in a new world of agriculture. The world-war smashed the plans of the smallholders, and

Hartley now is largely residential. Though always working for the welfare of the village he loved, in later time his interest was centred more in the Parish Church. He realized perhaps that human endeavour often fails, but the Divine plans eventually come to fruition. His body has passed away, but his spirit of unselfish altruism remains as an inspiration towards the attainment of life's "better part."

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We gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to the Rev. Herbert Kenward, Commissioner for Church Extension in Kent—for supervising the building details and Dedicatory Services and programmes. It is a great satisfaction to hear many favourable criticisms on the good material and work Mr. Will Hopkins is putting into the new Church building.

S. H. ELLERBY,
(Hon. Sec., H.C.C.).



"We are indebted to the Editor of the Illinois Central Magazine for sending us this picture of a ceremony which took place within the precincts of the Vatican in Rome.

The occasion was the distribution of Epiphany gifts by Cardinal Sbarretti who is seen seated in the centre of the picture. The mothers with their infants passed in procession before him in order to receive the gifts.

On the Cardinal's right is Commendatore Conte who organised all the arrangements and through whose courtesy I was able to obtain this photograph.

There was a spirit of friendliness throughout the whole proceedings which was obviously appreciated by the recipients who were, of course, of the poorest class. All were neatly dressed and the children looked healthy and well cared for."

W.H.C.

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THE AUGMENTATION OF BENEFICE SCHEME.

A few words about the above scheme may be of interest in view of the appeal which has been sent out.

The suggestion was made by the Lord Bishop of Rochster, in response to the desire of the Parochial Church Council for a married Rector.

The reason for the appeal is because of the present very inadequate stipend of this benefice.

The duration of the scheme is suggested for three years, by which time it is hoped that the stipend may be augmented.

The result so far has exceeded the minimum sum suggested, but it is hoped to raise a much larger total.

No doubt many who would wish to subscribe were on holiday when the appeal was issued, or perhaps may not have received a form. Will they and all who wish to contribute please write to

MR. H. PARKINS,
Forge Cottage,
Hartley,

as soon as possible.

The collections for the appeal will commence as from October 1st, 1934, and a list of those who contribute may be published in the next issue of the magazine.

HARTLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING,

held in the School Room on 30th August last. Present: Mr. and Mrs. Cuff, Mrs. Chisholm, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Harris, Miss Ling, Miss Sale, Mrs. Keen, Mrs. Balchin, Mr. and Mrs. Parkins, Mrs. Tate, Mr. F. F. Tate, Miss Green.

Mr. Cuff was voted into the chair as Vice-Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary.

A letter was read from Mrs. Cuff resigning the superintendence of the Sunday School. A hearty vote of thanks was given to her. It was left to the Rev. J. P. Stevens to find a substitute.

Mr. H. Parkins was asked to give an account of the result of the appeal for the Benefice Fund. The result is rather disappointing, in that only 32 out of 150 responded, but amounts were promising.

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The Sunday School Treat was fixed for September 8th.

Harvest Festival: The date was discussed—suggested September 30th.

MARRIAGE.

At St. Matthias' Church, Brighton, on Saturday, September 15th last, Frederick Cecil Dashwood, only son of Mrs. Dashwood, Gossey Croft, Hartley Hill, Longfield, Kent, to Millicent Margaret Deeley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deeley, of 75, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton.

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