

ALL SAINTS', HARTLEY,
Parish Magazine.

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EDITED BY J. WELLS THATCHER.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER.

"Beltwood,"

Hartley.

Monday, November 26th.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Our Editor having once again reminded me that he is expecting a contribution from me, I cannot make any excuse that I scarcely know what to say to you, for, apart from anything else, I am conscious of three things: firstly, it is my first letter to you as your Rector; secondly, this is the "Christmas number" of our magazine, with the thought of the age-long Christmas message; and thirdly, it is the issue in which our Editor has decided to tell us that he feels that, as Editor, he must bid us farewell.

You will let me say something of my "thirdly" first, because it is uppermost in my mind. Apart altogether from the personality of our Editor, our "Hartley Parish Magazine" is quite unique; it contains something of everything that goes on in the village itself; and it is, therefore, read by many who would never dream of reading an ordinary Parish Magazine at all. That means that we can convey a Christian message to a larger circle, to "all sorts and conditions of men."

But it also means never ceasing work and responsibility for the Editor, always conscientiously striving to keep abreast of "Hartley happenings," which would have pressed heavily even upon one so alert as Mr. Wells Thatcher, with all his other manifold duties and obligations, if it had not been a labour of love. (And we need not tell him, with his knowledge of human nature, that love's labour is never lost).

Now he tells us, and we must, perforce, accept it—however regretfully—that love's labour must have an end. Who will shoulder his burden I cannot say at the moment, but of one thing I am very certain indeed: whoever it proves to be, he will have Mr. Wells Thatcher's ungrudging support; if he is now forsaking us as Editor, may it not be that he will now have more leisure for his pen?

And now a word (as the Editor presses it) from the Rector himself. Well, it was a great delight to see so crowded a church for the institution service on October 29th, because it shows that people do really care for their religion in these days when one is told on so many sides that spiritual things, in the world generally, have really ceased to count. And, if I may strike a personal note, my wife and I are really very grateful for the welcome extended to us at the social gathering which followed the service, and to the Parochial Church Council in particular, for it was by their efforts that so delightful a way of meeting so many well-wishers was brought about. "A day like that seems to bring one nearer," someone said to me days afterwards, and one might add that the nearer we can get to one another, the nearer we shall get to God. Isolation breeds suspicion, and throws the whole outlook out of gear. "Who's that, Bill?" "Only a stranger!" "Well, then heave half a brick at him." That came (I believe) from East Anglia years and years ago.

And that thought of "getting nearer" brings me to the third point of my letter. By the time you read these lines you will be thinking of the Christmas season, with its

Christmas message "Peace and Goodwill." Kindly thoughts, even of the most exasperating (as perhaps you and I sometimes are) if the Peace of the Christ-child is to occupy our hearts.

And then, as my conclusion, let me say a word about the recent Armistice-tide. Because—and only because—Armistice Day fell this year upon a Sunday, we kept the "Two Minutes Silence" at our 11 a.m. service instead of at the War Memorial itself. If some were thereby disappointed, they would have been amply compensated if they had accepted the invitation to our church. I am sure we all felt the solemnity of the occasion, as once again we listened to the now familiar roll call of those we love to honour, and as "The Supreme Sacrifice" was sung.

Yours in all sincerity,

TOM PEARMAN-STEVENS.

THE EDITOR BIDS YOU FAREWELL.

MY DEAR READERS,

I have conducted this Parish Magazine for many years, and now the time has come when I must give up my office—I am in my seventy-ninth year, and am beginning to desire rest and freedom from all labour which can be better done by others who are younger than I am.

This magazine holds a special place in the diocese of Rochester, and is read by many readers in various parts of the world. It is quite possible that I have not always been able to please my readers, but I am sure that they will forget my shortcomings now that I am preparing myself for the long journey which all must take.

I look forward to that journey in quiet confidence. Some lines that I wrote once are apt in this place:—

"I do not fear the welcome gates of Death,
But I should like to go when sets the sun;
To gently render up my little breath—
My strivings ended and my duty done:
Turn, then, my face towards the source of light,
And say, for me, a pleasant, last Good-night."

EDITOR'S NOTES.

The Institution of our new Rector in our our ancient church of All Saint's, was a most impressive ceremony. There was a large congregation. The address of the Lord Bishop was followed with the closest attention, and a literary friend of mine who serves on one of the Kentish newspapers said to me afterwards that it was the best address he had listened to for a long time past.

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I am indebted to the *Kentish Times* for an admirable report of the Institution and am printing it in this number.

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I am delighted to meet Mrs. T. P. Stevens, a charming lady. I wish her and her dear husband many happy years of service in this Parish.

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The social gathering of church members which followed the Institution of the new Rector was a happy informal function. It was held at the Women's Institute and a band of devoted lady workers looked after the refreshments; not only that, but they provided them.

Mr. E. J. Cuff, People's Warden, was M.C., Mr. Roy Chisholm was at the piano, and his friend, Mr. Alexander Kirk, did fine work on his violin. Mr. J. Wells Thatcher was asked to say a few words of welcome to the new Rector and his wife, to which our Rector made a suitable response.

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Our congregation kept Armistice Sunday morning in a solemn, impressive manner. They came to church some minutes earlier than usual. Miss Chisholm played appropriate music. Then General Andrus, standing on the chancel steps, read out the names of the men of Hartley who died for their country.

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At eleven o'clock the church door was closed and there was silence for two minutes. The Morning Service then proceeded. The church was full to overflowing and many men present wore the decorations

which they had won in the great war. The Rector preached a most striking sermon and the National Anthem came as a proper finish to the morning service.

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I was not well enough to go to the Parochial Church Council Meeting on November 26th last. I understand that a suggestion was made to earmark a portion of the late Rector's legacy for the opening of a fund for a new organ. Excellent idea!

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A further suggestion was made that a memorial brass to the late Rector might be placed on the organ when obtained. This has my warm support and will I am sure meet with general approval.

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Another happy suggestion was that a memorial brass to the two brothers, Tom Fleetwood and Francis W. Tate should be erected in our ancient church. Everybody will give something towards this just act of remembrance.

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On September 30th last we had our Harvest Festival. I never saw our church more beautifully decorated with the bounteous fruits, flowers and vegetables of Autumn. As usual the gifts of our congregation were sent to the hospital.

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On Tuesday, December 4th, a recital was given in the hall of the Women's Institute by Alexander Kirk (violin) and Roy Chisholm (pianoforte). There was a silver collection to pay expenses. The work of these two talented artistes was much enjoyed.

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We are again indebted to Mr. W. H. Chisholm for a foreign picture. Mr. Chisholm, as the European Traffic Manager of the Illinois Central System, travels all over Europe and looks with observant eyes as he journeys.

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You will read the first letter from our new Rector with much pleasure and interest.

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Miss Dorothy L. A. Hayes, of the County School for Girls, Dartford, tells me that she is going to print in the School Magazine one of the accounts of a visit to All Saint's, Hartley, which appeared in our June issue. I am charmed. I shall always remember with pleasure the visit of these schoolgirls.

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Mr. Ellerby's Congregational notes are as interesting as ever and possess a fine literary flavour.

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I am sad when I think that we can no longer have Captain Webster's fine work of remembrance at our War Memorial, but we shall not forget him, nor his beautiful sermons in flowers.

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Mrs. T. P. Stevens comes to us with artistic upbringings. She is the second daughter of the late Adam E. Proctor, R.I., R.O.I., R.B.A. (son of John Proctor, the cartoonist). He studied at Lambeth School of Art and afterwards at Laugham Life Class and under Professor Fredk. Brown at Westminster School of Art. Painted in Algeria, Holland, etc. Hon. secretary, R.B.A., 1895-1899. Exhibited at the Royal Academy for 25 years, and also at the St. Louis Exhibition in 1904.

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An important Ruri-Decanal Conference was held at the Choir School, Rochester on November 16th last. Our Rector went and some of our prominent church workers. The Lord Bishop made a moving appeal for help for the twelve churches fund, a fund started to provide new churches in new residential districts in Kent. Our Church Council will consider this matter in due course.

I have written to various friends in the parish asking them for reports on matters of interest. I am not well and cannot call upon them personally. I am sure they will help me to fill up this, my last number, with useful news.

THE RECTOR READS HIMSELF IN AS
RECTOR OF ALL SAINTS' PARISH
CHURCH, HARTLEY, LONGFIELD,
KENT.

On Sunday morning, November 4th, being All Saints' Day, the Reverend Tom Pearman Stevens, M.A., read himself in. Standing in his reading desk, he read the thirty-nine articles in a clear voice and at a pace which allowed the congregation to take in the import of each article.

It is a wise provision of our Church that such a reading should take place at suitable times. I was deeply impressed by the reading of the Articles of our Faith.

As in all other parts of our Church, this reading in was accompanied by proper formalities; and a document stating what had been done publicly was afterwards signed by the Churchwardens and witnessed by Mr. H. Parkins, the Church Treasurer.

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. *Rector*—REV. T. PEARMAN-STEVENS, M.A. *Churchwardens*—Mr. E. J. CUFF and Mr. J. WELLS THATCHER.

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- August—Mrs. Andrus.
- September—Mrs. Chisholm.
- October—Miss Robertson.
- November—Mrs. Delf.
- December—Miss White.

MARRIAGES.

October 20th.—Frederick James Brooks to Dorothy Mary Boucher.

BAPTISMS.

December 9th.—Walter Thomas Day.
 „ 9th.—Mary Phyllis Punton Punton-Smith.

BURIALS.

December 4th.—Henry Stoddart, aged 78.
 „ 7th.—James Ernest Pepper, aged 53.
 „ 8th.—Eliza Blackwell, aged 62.

January.

6th—The Epiphany.
 13th—First Sunday after Epiphany
 20th—Second Sunday after Epiphany
 27th—Third Sunday after Epiphany

February.

3rd—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
 10th—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
 17th—Septuagesima Sunday

March.

3rd—Quinquagesima Sunday
 6th—Ash Wednesday
 10th—First Sunday in Lent
 17th—Second Sunday in Lent
 24th—Third Sunday in Lent
 31st—Fourth Sunday in Lent

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY SCHOOL.

For the benefit of scholars living near the school, a Sunday School Class is held in the schoolroom at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoons.

Superintendent, Mrs. Todd; Miss Ida Keen, assistant.

The Church Sunday School is held at the same time, for the children living nearer the church.

Superintendent, Mrs. Tate; Miss Chisholm and Miss Hoyle, helpers.

NEW RECTOR OF HARTLEY CHURCH,
LONGFIELD.

INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY IN ANCIENT
CHURCH.

In the ancient Parish Church of Hartley, on Monday evening, the Rev. Tom Pearman Stevens, M.A., was instituted as Rector of Hartley by the Bishop of Rochester.

In the course of his address, the Bishop said this was quite likely the first service of its kind in the Church, as till recently the Bishop instituted privately, and only the induction part of the service was held in the Church, performed by the Archdeacon of Rochester.

The foundation of Hartley Parish Church (whose small space was filled to overflowing for the ceremony) is lost in antiquity. On good authority it is stated to date back to Norman times, and the late Rector, the Rev. C. G. W. Bancks, who was an historian, believed that it had a Saxon foundation, was before that a Roman temple, and before that a Druid's shrine.

In addition to the Bishop, and the Archdeacon of Rochester (the Rev. W. M. Browne, M.A.), the other clergymen present were Canon F. J. Everett, Bishop's chaplain, of Aylesford; Canon F. W. Warland, Rector of Kingsdown; the Rev. J. T. Matchett, Rector of Fawkham; the Rev. R. F. Galer, Rector of Longfield; the Rev. H. B. Hennell, Rector of Ash; and

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the Rev. T. P. Stevens, with the churchwardens, Mr. J. Wells Thatcher (Rector's) and Mr. E. J. Cuff (People's). The organist was Mr. R. W. Chisholm, L.R.A.M., of St. James' Methodist Church, Catford, son of Mr. W. H. Chisholm.

Bishop on Christianity's "Three Great Effects."

The Bishop, in his address, said it was many years since a service of that sort had been held in that Church—it was quite likely, in fact, that that was the first. Till quite recently, the Bishop of Rochester had instituted privately, and only the induction ceremony, by the Archdeacon of Rochester, was performed in the Church. When their late Rector died full of years after many long years of service, the living was vacant for a considerable period. He would not go into the reason why, then. They had exceptional opportunity of knowing their new incumbent, however, as he had been the clergyman-in-charge of the parish for some time. When the time came the patron at his (the Bishop's) suggestion offered him the living.

The provision made in the parish was a small one, and he was glad to know that they had pledged themselves to augment that, so that their Rector would have a proper income. But the bulk of the money had to come from the men and women long since dead. In their turn so let them think of others.

"What did the Church stand for?" asked the Bishop. "Why was there a Church in each parish in their land?" The Church in its first use meant the family of God. The Church existed to produce certain effects in the life of its members.

There were three great effects. The first was the sense of responsibility, the next was loyalty, and the last fellowship. Man's true happiness was found in fellowship. That which made life worth living was friendship, love, and fellowship.

"If the ministry which begins here to-night," concluded the Bishop, "results in you in this place learning those great lessons, the Lord will see that He has not died in vain, but that for what He died to bring about will be brought about in Hartley."

THE INSTITUTION.

After the opening hymn, the Rev. T. P. Stevens was presented to the Bishop, who said: "Dearly beloved in the Lord; in the name of God, and in the presence of this congregation, we purpose now to admit into the cure of souls in this parish our well-beloved in Christ, Tom Pearman Stevens, Clerk, Master of Arts. And forasmuch as the charge of immortal souls, which our Blessed Lord and Saviour hath purchased with His own most precious blood, is so solemn and weighty a thing, we beseech you to join together with us in hearty prayer to Almighty God, that He may vouchsafe to him grace to perform aright the duties which appertain to so sacred and grave a trust."

The hymn, "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire," was sung kneeling, and, after prayers, the Bishop proceeded to the chancel steps, where the declarations were made and oaths were taken by the Rector-elect.

For the induction the Archdeacon, the Rector and representatives of the clergy and laity proceeded to the Church door. The Rector, having locked the door of the Church, proceeded to toll the bell, afterwards admitting those who were outside.

The Churchwardens then conducted the Archdeacon, accompanied by the Rector, to the font, prayer desk, lectern, pulpit and altar. After the Bishop's exhortation and then further prayer, the Bishop closed the service with the Blessing.—*Kentish Times*, November 2.

HARTLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND
SCHOOL.

REPORT FROM MISS FIDDIS.

Since last I sent in a report of the school, the summer holidays have passed, and we commenced our new term on 17th September. Four children left, having attained the age of fourteen. New ones came, making our register now seventy-four. The school was re-decorated and looks nice and clean.

There has been a change in staff; Miss Hewitt was transferred to Green-Street-Green, and Mrs. Keen was sent to us from Ash. This was entirely a change from Head Office. Our Diocesan Inspector came on 15th October and was very pleased with us, judging by his report.

His Majesty's Inspector called on 29th October, but we have had no report from him, as we are not due for one until next year.

We were granted a holiday by the King on 29th November, for the marriage of the Duke of Kent. The children were keenly interested in the event.

The Medical Inspection was on 23rd November. The percentage of attendance has not been so good, owing to a lot of illness, mainly colds.

HARTLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

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The 14th year of the Institute's existence is almost completed and the membership is now 103. Demonstrations and lectures on varying subjects have been held monthly, on the first Thursday afternoon in each month. A new departure is an evening meeting on the third Thursday, which has proved very popular.

The toddlers' afternoon, instituted for mothers with young children under school age, is very well supported and Friday afternoon is looked forward to by all the babies.

About 60 old ladies from the poor law institution at Dartford, were conveyed by char-a-banc to the Institute during the sum-

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mer, and entertained to tea. £30 has been raised this year for the Cancer Campaign, making a total of £180 already subscribed to this very good cause.

All charity money is raised by means of the fortnightly Saturday whist drives, with an occasional jumble sale. The Wednesday afternoon practice of Folk dancing still continues to attract the young people.

E.A.T.

PROPOSED TATE MEMORIAL.

We, the undersigned committee, have been appointed by a number of well-known parishioners, to deal with a proposed plan to place a brass memorial tablet in the church, in memory of the late Brothers, T. F. and F. W. Tate.

Theirs' was a splendid record, and Hartley would wish to perpetuate the memory of these much-loved and respected brothers.

The Church Council has been approached, and is in hearty agreement with the project.

Contributions towards the cost of carrying out the plan will be gratefully received by Captain Bignell, "Colyton," Haverstock Drive, Hartley; Mr. Ed. J. Cuff, "Fernholme," Hartley Hill; Mr. F. Wise, "Appledore," Ash Road; Miss E. Robertson, "Hartley Hill Cottage," Church Road.

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HARTLEY BRANCH.

The Youth Group gratefully acknowledges the kindness of the Hartley Congregational Church in lending a room for the use of the Study Circle. Anyone interested in current events, or wishing to "keep up" his French or German, will be a welcome visitor there, between 8 and 10 p.m. on Monday evenings.

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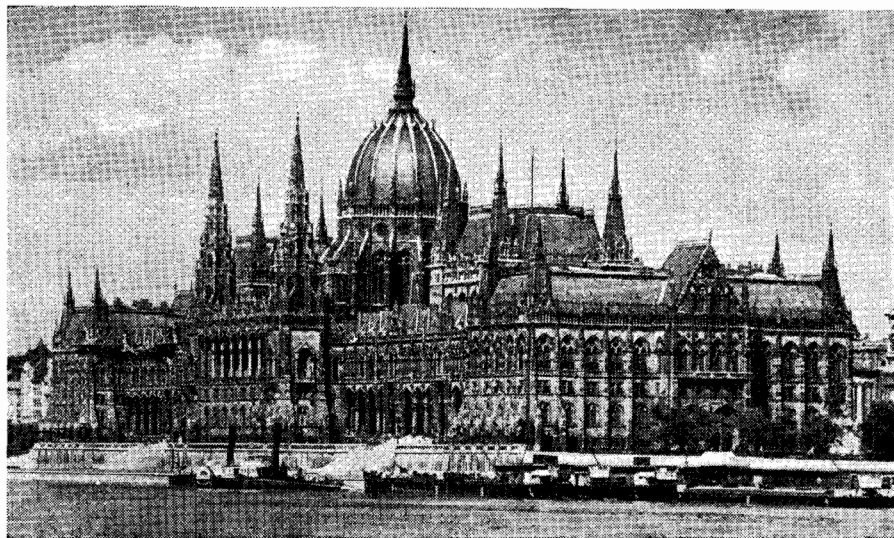
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sington Youth Group, and a "veteran" of the Youth Movement, who must have seen quite a five years' campaigning in the cause of international friendship, brought a message of encouragement from the wider world of Youth to the Group at Hartley.



This is a picture of the Hungarian Parliament at Budapest, for the reproduction of which I am indebted to the Editor of the "Illinois Central Magazine," Chicago.

Hungary is very much in the news at present, and the ancient and very beautiful building where the legislature meets will have a special interest at this time.

W.H.C.

HARTLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NOTES.

In olden times innumerable pilgrims journeyed along the Pilgrims' Way, passing near Hartley to Canterbury, the Holy City.

Allegorically, our little wayside church will be a "House Beautiful" on a pilgrim's way, containing the oracles of God, for the direction of a great army, who, through coming generations will pass "from eternity to eternity," via Hartley to the Holy City, and the Unknown Beyond of far off, silent, sacred, spiritual mysteries. So, in the Divine leading, the small beginnings of to-day shall subserve eternal purposes.

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The Dedication to the Worship of God of this first section of the Church, on September 15th, 1934, was a time of uplift and

inspiration. Many friends were present, whose interest and help had been our encouragement in the past, as pleased as we were at the visible result of seven years' hard work. The Rev. T. T. James, M.A., touched on life's real problem, as he revealed the disorganized, troubled, internal life of natural man, and showed the open way to an approachable God, who through love and sympathy, desired to meet all human needs. The Dedication of the material building infers the consecration of the members of the Church for the purpose of spiritual building. As Dr. W. E. Channing has well said: "He who rears up one child in Christian virtue, or recovers one fellow creature to God, builds a temple more precious than Solomon's or St. Peter's, more enduring than earth or heaven."

While rejoicing in enlarging congregations, and signs of new life among our people, we note with pleasure the new start made by our friends of "All Saints." Some of us sinners (the new Rector's epithet) were glad of the privilege of joining in the welcome given by the Saints to the Rev. Tom and Mrs. Pearman Stevens, on Monday, October 29th, in the Institute Hall. May they find happiness and success in their work, loyal support from the large company then present, and an ever-increasing friendliness from the village generally.

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The opening services on Sunday, September 16th, were conducted by the Rev. H. Kenward, of the Memorial Hall, in the morning, afternoon and evening. Congregations were large, services bright and helpful. Forty friends attended Holy Communion. The spirit and success of the day was an assurance, we hope, to the Rev. H. Kenward that his splendid efforts to hasten the erection of the building, and safeguard our financial position, had achieved the happiest results. We are deeply conscious of our indebtedness to him.

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Sunday Morning Services have been held at 11 o'clock. Some expression of doubt among our members as to the success of such a spiritual adventure was overcome, and we are glad to report, after ten weeks' trial, sufficient interest and support to continue these Services. We hope to welcome other friends.

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A hopeful sign for future progress is the addition to the School Staff of Mr. E. Pallant, jr., and Miss Mabel Edwards. The children are delightful—a credit to Hartley mothers and fathers. We older people are devoutly thankful that younger people of fine personality are coming forward to lead the boys and girls Christward.

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On Sunday, November 4th, at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the Rev. M. Williams, M.A., welcomed into the Church Fellowship Mr. and Mrs. E. Pallant, Mr. E. Pallant, jr., and Mrs. E. Lynds.

Miss Elsie Stoddart also joins by transfer from West Norwood Congregational Church. We are much encouraged by this important event.

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Our grateful acknowledgment to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wise for the gift of a handsome oak table and reading desk for the Minister's use. Also to Miss F. C. Kirke for the gift of a very fine Bible for the reading desk.

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Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday, September 30th. The tokens of God's goodwill, and long blaze of summer sunshine, in the form of exquisite fruit and flowers, were presented by generous friends in abundance, as usual. The appalling waste of the Divine gifts round about us brings the thought that our thanks might be more acceptable if we could learn to distribute better such pleasant things to the many who need them. In the evening the Rev. H. G. Lawson, of Gillingham, addressed a most interested congregation of 100.

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THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society has suffered an irreparable loss by the resignation of Mr. Gomer Davies as Secretary.

However, it began its session with a discussion on "Fascism." After one or two efforts for and against it, the impression produced seemed to be that no one wanted it.

The subject of the next debate, "The Purpose of Life," drew forth intenser discussion and many points of view, which, if enumerated, would fill the magazine and leave no room for the following meeting upon the "Lack of Faith in the League of Nations and the Need for Armaments for Defence. Miss Barker spoke well and forcibly for the resolution, to be countered equally well by Miss Chisholm. This sub-

ject had seemed to act as a call to arms to both sides, for over fifty people attended to support the exponents of their point of view with fervour. Mr. Raymond Barker suggested a ballot be taken, and on the count of hands the result was a draw—25 for, 25 against. Mr. Gomer Davies, the chairman, having run with the hare and hunted with the hounds in his introductory speech, refused to enlighten the audience as to his real intentions. He undoubtedly thinks there is good debating business in the war stuff!

The meetings will be continued in the New Year, when it is hoped that speakers of authority on divers subjects will attend.

AN ENJOYABLE RECITAL.

An interesting and enjoyable Violin and Piano Recital was given in the Women's Institute Hall on December 4th by Alexander Kirk and Roy Chisholm, and, in spite of very wet weather, a good audience assembled.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk have recently taken up residence in Hartley, and it was a happy thought to celebrate the occasion in this charming way.

Sonatas for violin and piano by Nardini and Greig, and Beethoven's Piano Sonata in A Flat were the principal items in the programme. Mr. Kirk also played four of Kreisler's arrangements of pieces by De Falla, Gluck, and others, and Mr. Chisholm played a Prelude of Cesar Franck's, and John Ireland's lovely "Island Spell." By request, the programme concluded with O'Connor Morris's arrangement of the "Londonderry Air" for violin and piano.

Mr. Raymond-Barker presided, and in addition to announcing items, added much to the enjoyment of those present by giving information concerning some of the older composers included in the programme. In thanking the recitalists, he expressed the hope that there would be a repeat performance, and that before very long.

EDITOR'S LATE NOTES.

The Jumble Sale organized by Mrs. Harris, of Stack Road, was held in the Women's Institute on November 5th last. The proceeds were to help the funds of All Saints' Parish Church. The Sale was most successful, and Mrs. Harris and all the ladies who worked so hard deserve the warm thanks of the parish.

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I omitted in another paragraph to give the Christian names of Mrs. Stevens. They are: Marjorie Lucy Elizabeth.

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