

JANUARY, 1915.

THE NEW YEAR opens with a definite call to all Christians scattered throughout the world to humble themselves before God in solemn prayer. Sunday, January 3rd, is the day appointed, and this day will be observed in our Church for prayer and humiliation in the present time of danger and distress.

The Archbishops say in their letter:—"Never was there a time when the 'agreement' in prayer which so much is promised has been so widely extended. The Roman Catholics and the Nonconformists in the United Kingdom have consented to co-operate with us. But, more than this, the Church of France is doing the same, and we have reason to believe that, so far as is possible in the circumstances, the Church in Belgium will do likewise. The Church of the great Russian Empire has been informed of our intention, and we may thankfully count upon sympathy in that direction. We trust that throughout our Empire there will be a mighty voice of prayer raised to our Heavenly Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace."

Side Lights on the Great War.—Please take notice that a **Patriotic Lecture**, illustrated by interesting Lime-Light Views, will be given in the Dore Schoolroom on **Tuesday, Jan. 12th**, at five o'clock; Subject, "Japan Our Ally," by the **Rev. D. W. Money, M.A.** Proceeds for the Church Missionary Society. Chairman, The Vicar.

On **Monday, Jan. 4th**, the **Sunday School Tea and Prize Distribution** will take place. Tea at five o'clock in the Dore Schoolroom.

The **Women's Bible Class** will re-open on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 13th, in the Church, at three o'clock. Subject, "The Women of the Bible."

G.F.S.—A **Patriotic Social Evening** was held in Dore Schoolroom on December 3rd, which was greatly enjoyed. The proceeds, after labour expenses, etc., was paid, amounted to £6 os. od., which was handed over to Mrs Armitage towards the Fund for the Motor Ambulance Soup Kitchen (Derbyshire).

The Gifts of **little Wool Bonnets**, etc., for the Orphans of our brave Bluejackets has been kindly acknowledged by Miss Weston (Portsmouth) herself.

G.F.S. Members' Class will recommence on **Tuesday, Jan. 19th**, at 6-30 p.m. **Candidates' Classes** are held at Dore and Totley every week.

Please remember Miss Popplewell's Concert, Thursday, Jan. 14th.

The **War News**, after five months of terrific slaughter on all sides, is not by any means encouraging us to progress. The timely note from America with respect to British interference with her over-sea trade may be friendly, but raises very awkward questions for England. On the other hand the New Year's appeal, dated Dec. 29th, of German Socialists to Socialists in Europe and America forms a national declaration of the true state of affairs existing in Germany, expressed by Germans themselves. The Kaiser and his Militant Circle are denounced as the enemies of mankind. The cause of the Allies is acknowledged to be just and lawful in their defence of the plain rights of the outraged Belgians. The Kaiser, they say, has covered their nation with imperishable infamy. They bitterly confess that their trade, their enterprises, have been ruined for at least fifty years. They declare that a restless indignation and deceived democracy cannot be restrained by force from active protest, and they urge their comrades to crush and sweep away the domination of Prussian militarism, which has humiliated and disgraced their nation in the eyes of the civilised world.

To all Whom it concerns.—Kindly read what the late Dean Church says about "The Parish Church:—"God has set in the midst of you, as the ever-present witness and figure of Heaven, His Holy House of Prayer. There it stands, for no earthly purpose, different in shape, and in all things belonging to it, from earthly habitations, speaking only of heaven, and heavenly uses, and heavenly gifts, and heavenly blessings; the gate of heaven when we are brought into it as little children to CHRIST—the gate of heaven, if so God grant us, when we are brought to it, and pass through it the last time on our way to our grave beside it. And here we meet our God. Here we may come on our day of rest, and be safe, if we will, from any thoughts but those of the world to come. Here we gather together for no earthly business, but for a purpose of one sort only; and that purpose is the same for which saints and angels are met together in that innumerable company before the Throne of God. If there is a place on earth which, however faintly and dimly, shadows out the courts of God on high, surely it is where His people are met together, in all their weakness and ignorance and sin, in their poor and low estate, yet with humble and faithful hearts, in His House of Prayer."

TOTLEY NOTES.

The **Congregational Tea and Concert** will be held on Monday, January 4th. Tea at 5.30. Concert at 7.15 p.m.

The **Sunday School Tea and Prize Distribution** will take place on Tuesday, January 5th. We hope that our Mission Friends will kindly help us with gifts for the Tea, and be present in large numbers.

BAPTISM.—Dec. 20th, Albert Edward Siddall.

MARRIAGE.—Dec. 3rd, Thomas Osborn Bowley and Frances Pybus.

BURIALS.—Dec. 24th, Arthur Willie Gardiner, 5 years; Dec. 30th, George Edward Hoyland, 7 years; Dec. 31st, Ann Pybus (Dore), 62 years.

OFFERTORIES.—Dec. 6th, £3 2s. 6d.; Dec. 13th £1 17s. 7d.; Dec. 20th, £2 16s. 7d.; Dec. 27th, £3 18s. od.; Dec. 27th, £1 16s. 9d.

W. R. GIBSON, VICAR.

Dore & Totley Parochial Magazine.

FEBRUARY, 1915.

WEARLY days, weeks, and months have rolled by since the beginning, in August, of the most disastrous War the world has ever known. The English Nation is bidden to pour out its soul to God, and the people respond willingly and earnestly, and they leave results to God, "unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, from whom no secrets are hid." **The excitement of Wars must not cause us to forget that we are still waiting the answer to our prayers, for that is the great object in the "continuing instant in prayer" to keep us always in a state of humble intercourse and expectancy.**

The Enemy arrayed against us is **cruel, pitiless, barbarous**, ready to raid our coasts, killing protected men, women, and children. By the mercy of God the recent raid was foiled by **our gallant navy**. Our enemy was beaten, and we were saved. Let us be grateful and acknowledge the Hand of God.

The Pressing need for our brave soldiers at the Front.—Many kind hearts in our Parish have worked hard to obtain funds towards the Derbyshire Red Cross Soup Kitchen, a travelling concern which intended to support the wounded immediately on being brought out of the firing line.

The County of Derby collected £1751 15s. 8d. of which the Eckington Division, including **Dore and Totley**, sent £173 13s. 6d. A Soup Kitchen has been provided, and its upkeep arranged for a certain period; also two huts at Netley provided, to be called "The Derbyshire Red Cross Huts." The following sums have been collected:—West—Upper Dore, £14 8s. 6d.; East—Lower Dore, £33 9s. 0d.; Totley, £15 10s. 6d.

The Roll of Honour increases slowly in our district. There are many yet who could volunteer for their Country in Need if they would.

Please remember **Sunday, Jan. 31st**, when the collections are to be given to the **Sheffield Hospitals** on behalf of the Poor who fall in our midst.

Also that an **Organ Recital** is to be given in Christ Church, Dore, by **Mr. W. H. Peasegood, R.A.M., A.R.C.M.**, Organist, Christ Church, Pitsmoor, on Monday Evening, Feb. 1st, at 8 p.m., the collection is to be devoted partly to the Church Expenses Fund, which, we regret to say, has suffered from the bad weather, and the remainder to the Belgian Refugee Fund which the Church supports.

Shrove-Tuesday, Feb. 16th, will be celebrated we hope in our usual **Tea**, to be held in the Dore schoolroom at 6 o'clock p.m.; after which a **Grand Concert** will be given. Tickets for the Tea and Concert, 9d. each, Children 4d. each. The profit on this Tea and Concert go towards the Parish Magazine Fund.

The Season of Lent will soon be upon us, beginning with **Ash-Wednesday, February 17th**, when an Intercession Service will be held in our Church at 7.30 in the Evening.

Services will be held in our Church on **Thursday Evenings** all through **Lent** at 7.30 p.m., commencing

Thursday, Feb. 25th, Sermon by the **Rev. E. W. Hobson**, Vicar of **Castleton**.

Thursday, March 4th, Sermon by the **Rev. Alex. Puddicombe**, Curate of **Pitsmoor**.

Thursday, March 11th, **Rev. Dawson Parsons**, Vicar of **St. James'**.

Thursday, March 18th, **Rev. E. Law Harkness**, Vicar of **Edale**.

Thursday, March 25th, **Rev. J. H. Brooksbank**, Vicar of **Hathersage**.

April 2nd, **Good Friday**, 11.0 a.m., Service in Church 7.30 p.m., Suitable Passion Service.

TOTLEY NOTES.

Many who have learnt to know and respect **Captain Nichols** for his earnest labours at the Totley Mission will regret to hear that his **Ministry will end** at the close of March. The serious time of War, and the many calls made to support needs arising from the War, seem to suggest a **postponement of our Curate scheme** for Totley for the present. We hope however to be able to find another Member of the **Church Army to continue** the daily oversight of the work at Totley.

BAPTISMS.—January 13th, Conrad Bishop (Dore).

BURIALS.—Dec. 30th, George Edmund Hoyland (The Beeches, Dore), aged 67 years; Dec. 31st, John Pybus (Dore), aged 62 years; 1915—Jan. 7th, Ann Ward (Chesterfield), aged 80 years; Jan. 12th, Margaret Bilbey, aged 4 years.

OFFERTORIES.—Jan. 3rd, £3 10s. 11d.; Jan. 10th, £2 4s. 9d.; Jan. 17th, £2 17s. 9d.; Jan. 24th, £3 4s. 10d.

The Vicar will be obliged when any one will inform him of sick cases which may arise from time to time to ensure their visitation.

WILLIAM R. GIBSON, VICAR.

MARCH, 1915.

THE Annual Tea on Shrove-Tuesday, was a **success**, and gave much satisfaction. As usual our kind workers were present and they were all kept very busy. The room being quickly arranged for the **Concert** allowed some time to elapse before the opening of the programme. Pianoforte Solos were given by Miss Violet Gibson, L.R.A.M.; Songs by Miss Mary Cooper, Miss Astwood, Miss Flint, and Miss Heeley; Recitations by Miss Heeley; songs by Mr. Joe Cooper, Masters Farnsworth and Allsop of the Dore Church Choir, and by Mr. Norman Denson, who gave several Comic Sketches. **All the artistes were encored vigorously by a most appreciative audience.** The Vicar **thanked** all the workers in connection with the Church, and the proceedings closed with the National Anthem. The profit of a few shillings only was realized on the Tea and Concert, and with the Tray Subscriptions we were able to pay off up-to-date the liabilities attached to the expenses of the Magazine. We heartily thank our kind Subscribers to this Annual Tea.

To the ordinary person the **War seems to still drag on** a weary and toilsome existence. But there are distinct **signs of important events** happening which may decide the **issue** of the terrible struggle sooner than we are aware. **We do not forget that we are still praying for peace.** We shall indeed be thankful when the war is over, for since August last year the **effect** upon our **Sunday congregations**—morning and evening—has been dispiriting and **discouraging.** Of course there are reasons for the absence of several who have duty in the Hospital, and for others who have joined the local Battalions. There are very many, however, who can have **no excuse** for the **neglect** of Sabbath **worship.**

The **Roll of Honour** in this wide district is still increasing, and it is one of which we may justly be proud.

ROLL OF HONOUR—DORE AND TOTLEY.

Adamson, C. H.	Cooper, J. S.	Hill, A.	Roberts, H.
Bagshaw, J. M.	Cotterill, E.	Hutton, W.	Robinson, K.
Barber, G.	Draper, R.	Ibbotson, F.	Rolley, N.
„ M.	Fauvel, —	Ibbotson, C.	Rudd, J.
„ R.	Faulkner, H.	Jackson, C. A.	Spencer, H.
Bardsley, C.	Gill, J. N.	Jefferson, G.	Shipston, J. M.
„ D.	Gill, S.	Johnson, M.	Sykes, J.
Beckett, A.	Gore, A. W.	Leonard, G.	Todd, H.
Belbin, C.	Grayson, R. B.	Marsh, R.	Tumber, J. H.
„ H.	Green, J.	Methley, A.	Twiner, C. E.
Bishop, H.	Goold, George	Norriss, C. E. E.	Taylor, J. J.
Bullas, R.	Hall, Donald	Percival, J. W.	Tyzack, W. A.
Brooke, A.	Hancock, W.	Parker, Ernest	Unwin, H.
Burridge, J.	Heath, W. E.	Perkins, C.	Ward, J. W.
Carlisle, E. A.	Hoyland, C.	Pybus, F.	Wood, A. K.
Carrall, Arthur	Hoyland, Wynne	Ramsell, J.	Wood, J. S.
Clarke, T.	Hurt, G.	Roberts, W.	Wragg, D.

The response of the Dore Church Congregation to the **Belgian Refugee Fund** is only small so far. In December, £3 17s. was sent to the Secretary in Sheffield, together with a handsome donation of £15. In January, £4 4s. 6d. was sent to Sheffield. We now await the sums for February, and shall be pleased to receive them at the Church or by post to the Vicar.

On **Thursday Evenings** during March, service is held in our **Church** at 7.30 o'clock. **March 11th**, Preacher, Rev. Dawson Parsons; **March 18th**, Rev. E. Law Harkness, Vicar of Edale; **March 25th**, Rev. J. H. Brooksbank, Vicar of Hathersage. **We earnestly ask for an increased attendance at these Services.**

Mrs. Gibson hopes to arrange a **Jumble Sale** for April.

TOTLEY NOTES.

On Thursday, January 28th, a **Tea** was given to the **Scouts** by the kind friends of St. John's Hospital, Abbeydale, in recognition of the good work done by them. After tea there was an Entertainment, including an interesting Lantern Lecture by Mr. Andrews on "Our Navy." Each Scout was presented with a "Scout Diary" from Mrs. Milner.

On Thursday, Feb. 11th, a **Sale of Work and Rummage Sale** was held in the National School in aid of the Home Guards' Unit and Comforts for the Soldiers. The Sale of Work was Opened by Mrs. Ellis, Frampton Manor, Retford. Receipts, £26; Expenses, 6s. 6d.

BAPTISMS.—Feb. 7th, Reginald Percy Schofield, Dore; Feb. 21st, Gilbert Arthur Johnson, Dore, Kathleen Mary Green, Dore; Feb. 25th, Mary Rudd, Dore; Feb. 28th, Eric Samuel Pybus, Dore; March 2nd, George Nicholas Johnson and Kathleen Willis Johnson, Totley Brook.

MARRIAGES.—Feb. 1st, Willie Barber, Whirlow, to Eliza Swift, Dore; Feb. 11th, Ernest Pendall, H.M.S. Collingwood, to Sarah Grace Ethel Flint, Dore; March 3rd, Lt. Charles Cartwright, 8th Bedfordshire Reg., Aldershot, to Louise Hoyland, Townend, Totley Brook.

BURIALS.—Feb. 2nd, Rosa Furness, Whirlow, 34 years; Feb. 3rd, Thomas Richardson, Sheffield, 46 years; Feb. 9th, Martha Moseley, Sheffield, 57 years; Feb. 12th, Elizabeth Ann Eaton, Totley Rise, 79 years; Feb. 27th, John Gill, Dore Moor, 61 years; March 2nd, Thomas Drury, Townhead, 67 years, Dorothy Fletcher, Sheffield, 12 months; March 3rd, Helena Bell Kirby, London.

OFFERTORIES.—Feb. 7th, £1 18s. 8d.; Feb. 14th, £1 12s. 9d.; Feb. 21st, £3 7s. 2d.; Feb. 28th, £1 14s. 3d.

WILLIAM R. GIBSON, VICAR.

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APRIL, 1915.

TWELVE MONTHS AGO our Notes recorded the narrow escape of a great **Tragedy in Ireland** whereby the soldiers of the King would be required to **fire upon** their brethren in the North of Ireland, in order to coerce them into an act which they considered to be **dangerous and unconstitutional**. But sooner than obey such an extraordinary command, these patriotic English **Generals and Captains chose to resign** their posts. **These same staunch Patriots** are to day successfully **conducting the English army** in Europe in alliance with the French, the Belgians, and the Russians, and who are each engaged in fighting for the very existence of their nationality against a very powerful and unscrupulous foe. Never in the world's history has their been known to be such enormous sacrifice of lives, and still the call becomes more imperative for more men, and more munitions of warfare. The "**Strong Man**" wanted by England to meet the terrible danger to which she is now exposed, about which a certain writer years ago predicted the certainty of this war, and also the man who alone could be likely to save the country from its deadly peril, is, thank God, already in that position—**Lord Kitchener**—working with the best Generals that this country, Belgium, France and Russia can produce. We hardly dare look twelve months back upon the appalling state to which our **British Empire** had been **reduced** in the anarchy which was raging on all sides. Much as we all deplore the fact of sanguinary wars this terrific struggle has mercifully turned the attention from threatened civil strife to the preservation of our land and our colonies. There will be, no doubt, some sacrifices to be made by all of us before this war is brought to a close.

Good Friday.—April 2nd, Divine Service—11.0 a.m. Morning Prayers, with Ante-Communion Service 7.30 p.m., The Sacred Cantata, entitled "**Olivet to Calvary**," recalling some of the incidents in the last days of the Saviour's life on earth, will be given by the Choir.

Should any thoughtful friends wish to make the Church look cheerful at this special Season, the doors will be open on Saturday, April 3rd, for any small decoration.

Easter-Tide.—We all anticipate the return of Spring, bringing back longer days, more genial and settled weather, the singing of birds, the sun's life-giving heat, renewing and refreshing the face of the earth, and from the law of Nature we gain a spiritual Parable, rejoicing in the newness of Nature. So too the Season of Easter should fill all Christians with even greater spiritual gladness, strengthening their Faith in Jesus who overcame death by the Resurrection from the dead. Let us be true to our Christian principles as church men and women this Easter, and come to Holy Communion as an acknowledgment of our relationship to the risen Saviour, and in preparation for that Holy Service, examine our hearts—repenting of our sins—steadfastly purposing to lead a new life, having a living faith in God's mercy through Christ with a thankful remembrance of His death, and being in Charity with all our neighbours. Holy Communion, Easter Day, April 4th, 7.0 a.m., 8.0 a.m., at Mid-Day, and for those who are not able to attend earlier there will be opportunity given after Evening Service.

The Annual Easter Vestry Meeting will be held on Monday, April 5th, at 10 o'clock, to pass the Church Accounts, and for the Election of Officers for the ensuing year.

A **Confirmation** will be held by the Bishop of Derby, at St. John's Church, Abbeydale, May 5th. Intending candidates in this parish should send their names at once to Mr. Gibson, when a Preparation Class will be formed.

TOTLEY NOTES.

The following statement has been handed for insertion in this month's notes—

"There has been for many years great need of a Parish Room or Institute at Totley, which could be used as a centre for Meetings and other public work, and for the social life of the place. The Schoolroom which has so long been used as a place of Worship is proving inadequate as the population increases. Taking all this into consideration Mr. and Mrs. Milner have decided to erect a Building for these purposes in memory of their Son, 2nd Lieutenant Milner, who fell while gallantly storming one of our trenches that had fallen into the enemy's hand at the Battle of the Aisne. It is suggested that a Curate in Priest's Orders should be appointed to take charge of the work in Totley."

BURIALS.—March 11th, Adam Ward, Totley, 66 years; March 25th, Thomas Handley, Sheffield, 73 years.

OFFERTORIES.—March 7th, £4 2s.; March 14th, £3 8s. 1d.; March 21st, £3 os. 6d.; March 28th, £2 5s. 2d.

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MAY, 1915.

WE earnestly beg to draw the attention of our readers to **the special effort our Church is making**, through the medium of the churchwardens and sidesmen, towards the **Extinction of the Debt** of £15 on the working expenses of the past year. This does not include the Annual Subscription which Dore contributes towards the Church Army Workers' Fund, but will be needed. The proceeds of the **Annual Jumble Sale**, to be held on **Saturday Afternoon, May 1st**, at 2.30 o'clock, in the **Dore School** will be devoted to the above Church deficit, but we can rely **only for success on our people** in Dore and Totley kindly **sending supplies** for this sale. Men's, Youths', and Children's Clothing Apparel, Ladies' Dresses, &c., Boots and Shoes, any article of Furniture, Carpets, any miscellaneous articles, will be acceptable. Kindly send **Parcels to Dore Vicarage during the week beginning Monday, April 26th, or, on receipt of a Post Card to Dore Vicarage, a conveyance shall call for your contribution** on any day you may name before Saturday Morning, May 1st.

On Thursday, April 15th, an interesting Ceremony took place in the Totley Schoolroom, on the occasion of a **Tea and Presentation to Capt. Nichols**, who was leaving his work at Totley to begin in a new sphere at Hull. A few members of the Mission stirred themselves on the matter with the **most satisfactory results**, although the notice was so short. About 40 people were present, and valuable testimony to Mr. Nichols' work was borne by Mr. Lewis, Mr. Fidler, the Vicar, and lastly by a Member of the Mothers' Meeting. A useful Travelling Bag was given by the congregation, a Teacher's Bible by the Sunday School Teachers, a Fountain Pen by the Recreation Society, and a Knife by Mr. Fidler. **Contributions to the Tea were collected separately and much appreciated.** **Captain Fogerty has just arrived** from the South of England to carry on **the good work on Church Army lines**, and we are glad to say that already he has made a good impression. Great opportunities for Church Extension are before the Totley Mission, and we wish him God speed.

We regret the intending departure from the neighbourhood of Mr. Fidler, whose sympathy with the Mission was known and felt.

Girls' Friendly Society.—The proceeds of a Social Evening, got up by Mr. Cranmer Grayson, realized £1 8s., which sum was kindly given to the G.F.S. for the Ambulance Soup Kitchen (Derbyshire), this donation being passed over to Mrs. Armitage for that purpose.

A Japanese Garden Party will be held (D.V.) on the Vicarage Lawn (weather permitting), on **Thursday, June 17th**. The proceeds will be given on behalf of our Soldiers and Sailors. Classes are held weekly at the Vicarage and at Totley.

Obituary Notice.—It is with the deepest regret that we record the death of our beloved President, Mrs. Nigel Madan. Her loss will be greatly felt by the G.F.S., in which she took such a kind and deep interest.

The Vicar begs to thank the congregation for their kind response on Easter Day.

Diocesan Sunday, May 9th.—Collections on behalf of the Bishop's Fund. Dore is expected to raise over £12. The Derbyshire Church Extension Society, supported by this Fund, has offered to Dore towards the Totley Curate Fund £25 per annum, and so we are called upon to contribute what we can.

Ascension Day, Thursday, May 13th.—Holy Communion, 7.0 a.m.

Whit-Sunday, May 23rd.—Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m., and at Mid-day.

BAPTISMS.—Dec. 20th, Albert Edward Siddall, Dore Moor Farm; April 7th, Leonard Clement Levesley, Bradway Bank; April 14th, Kathleen Reynolds, George Daniel Reynolds, Richard Reynolds, Totley; April 14th, Frederick Leonard Siddall, Strawberry Lea; April 18th, Hubert Moorhouse, Lane Head, Totley.

BURIALS.—April 9th, Sarah Fisher, Millhouses, 65 years; April 24th, Muriel Taylor, Dore, aged 20 months; April 26th, Elizabeth Hannah Fletcher, Sheffield, aged 73 years.

OFFERTORIES.—April 4th, £16 19s. 5d.; April 11th, £3 10s. 8d.; April 18th, £2 14s. 5d.; April 25th, £2 11s. 1d.

The Vicar will be obliged when anyone will inform him of sick cases which may arise from time to time to ensure their visitation.

W. R. GIBSON, VICAR.

JUNE, 1915.

SINCE the year 1905, when the most favoured Government of modern times in the majority of its electors chose to throw off the restricting influences of a Second Chamber—the acknowledged British Constitutional guarantee against rash and ill considered legislation—there has occurred at various intervals shocks and surprises; and only a few days ago there suddenly arose another “Momentous Political Crisis,” which the Premier explained to an excited and expectant House was the reconstruction of his Government on a broader personal and political basis. The attempt so far to propel the Ship of State through increasingly involved and troublesome waters, industrial strifes, &c., has at last brought the machinery to a stand-still, and to-day we are as a Nation faced with the most appalling state of affairs in the struggle for existence through which we are now passing. Whatever support could be purchased for money has not been wanting, men have been firmly established in their One Chamber Council, and measures for the welfare or otherwise of the country have not been debated in time past, and to provide further money to carry on with; the righteous possession of others,—nay, even God's own heritage—has been pillaged to supply what might be lacking. Thus so great has been the strain that the dangerous tension caused has snapped asunder, and to save worse disaster, friendly counsel has at last been sought and found with the present motive, intended to silence all critical voices, “for the single purpose of seeing this great struggle of the nations to a successful end for Britain and her Allies.” Thus we find ourselves at the opening of a new period in the history of this world-wide War. We anxiously wait to see the effect of this Coalition Government. One thing alone is certain to succeed, that is, if only the Law of God be absolutely observed by men whilst they call upon God to aid them in the righteousness of their cause against their enemies.

We turn to a more peaceful and profitable subject. **Our Sunday Schools** are essentially the **Nursery of the Church**, and the rising generation of children are to be carefully instructed in the way which will make them become the true servants of God and an honour to their country. This is the duty devolving upon the Church.

The Teachers and Superintendents of all Sunday Schools throughout this district of Dore, Topley, Abbeydale, and Holmesfield are kindly invited to attend **Lectures** to be given by **Miss Kathleen Robtham** (Sunday School Organizer for Derbyshire), at the **Topley Day School**; on **Thursday, June 17th**, 7.30 to 8 p.m., “How to Improve our Sunday Schools”; 8 to 8.45 p.m., Demonstration Lesson to Boys and Girls of 12; and on **Friday, June 18th**, 7.30 to 8, Demonstration Lesson to Infants, Boys and Girls of 5; 8 to 8.45, Demonstration Training Class, “How to prepare a Lesson for Junior Children.” Discussion will follow each evening.

A “**General**” Sale was held in the Dore Schoolroom on Saturday, May 1st, to which attention was drawn in the April Notes. Thanks to the kindness of a few sympathetic friends, enough was realized to clear the debt outstanding on the Churchwardens' Balance on the last year's accounts.

Girls' Friendly Society, Dore and Topley.—A **Japanese Tea Party** will be held in the Vicarage Garden, Dore, on Thursday, June 24th, 1915. Admission 2/- from 3 to 4.30 p.m., 1/- from 4.30 to 6 p.m., 6d. from 6 to 9 p.m. (Dancing). These Tickets will include afternoon Tea and Concert till 6 p.m. Home-made Cakes, Cream, &c., and Flowers for Sale. Concerts will be given during the Afternoon by well-known Sheffield and Local Artistes. The Proceeds will be devoted to the Red Cross Base Hospitals and G.F.S. Funds. Gifts and Donations will be gratefully received.

TOTLEY NOTES.

Capt Fogerty wishes to express his gratitude for the kindly way in which he has been received in the Parish.

Sunday School at 10.15 each Sunday Morning.

A **Young Men's Bible Class** is held in the Mission Room each Sunday Morning at 11.15. All Young Men between the ages of 12 and 20 heartily invited.

Whit-Sunday.—Special hymns were sung by the Children in the Services. Capt. Raines, of Sheffield, spoke in the afternoon.

Whit-Monday.—The Children and Teachers marched round the village, stopping at various places to sing. Through the kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Milner, the children were taken through the gardens, and afterwards each child was given chocolate by Mrs. Milner. About 90 scholars and 36 adults sat down to tea. After tea, a **Presentation** of a set of Field Glasses and a Gold Mounted Fountain Pen were given to **Mr. Fidler**, who is leaving the parish for Southport. Mrs. Milner who kindly came to make the Presentation, spoke of Mr. Fidler's valued services in connection with the Mission, and wished both Mr. and Mrs. Fidler much happiness and blessing in their new home. Our grateful thanks are due to all who helped in any way to make the day so happy.

BAPTISMS—May 9th, Benjamin Hutchinson, Whitelow Farm; May 23rd, Dennis Marshall, Ridg., Fall Lane.

OBITUARIES.—May 15th, Ivy May Clark, Wilson Hill, Dore, 6 years; May 17th, Morris Hattersley, 27th, £2 10s. months; Johanna Greaves, Dore, 54 years.

The VICARIES.—May 2nd, £2 18s. 11d.; May 9th (Diocesan Sunday), £5 os. 2d., (Topley Collection, time to time, 166th, £2 13s. 8d.; May 23rd, £4 4s. 2d.; May 30th, £2 12s. 5s.

W. R. GIBSON, VICAR.

THE JAPANESE TEA PARTY, held in the Vicarage Garden on Thursday, the 24th of June, was fairly well attended, notwithstanding dull and cold weather. Such an undertaking, always a great effort for the promoters, offers many opportunities for little acts of kindness and goodwill amongst those who so kindly helped and those who by their presence patronised the effort made on behalf of the local Red Cross Hospitals and the G.F.S. Fund. The Concert, sustained by professional ladies, gave much pleasure. Tea was served by many willing helpers to those who sat about the lawn at the various tables whilst the concert was in progress, and where friend met friend in a sociable manner. In the evening the number of visitors increased, and made themselves merry with music and dancing. Cakes and confectionery, toys and flowers were for sale on separate stalls, and a Bran Tub at one corner of the lawn was well patronized. Considering the weather all the stall holders were satisfied with the result of their sales. A statement of accounts, which it is not possible to make for this issue, will be given in the August Magazine. Mrs. Gibson desires her sincere thanks to all who kindly assisted.

The War Office are asking for 3,000 Volunteer Nurses.

City of Sheffield Education Committee "Army Nurses."—Classes in First Aid and Nursing are being held at the Bow Street Council Schools, Sheffield, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30, commencing Tuesday, June 29th. Fee for each Course, 5/-. Those who wish to qualify should write at once to the Secretary, Mr. G. S. Baxter, Education Offices, Sheffield. The Committee desire to reach those who are not yet certificated, but who have received some instruction in the art of Nursing as Probationers, and to any who wish to offer their services with a view to becoming qualified.

Miss Kathleen Robotham, Sunday School Organiser for Derbyshire, visited our Parish and gave Lectures and Demonstration Lessons to a number of Sunday School Teachers assembled in the Totley School on Thursday and Friday Evenings, June 17th and 18th. The great idea impressed upon us was to **teach the Child how to worship God**. The demonstrations to the children were of a most interesting character. Much information was given of the mode of conducting schools on the lines of the reformed system for Sunday Schools. Miss Robotham shewed great skill in arresting the interest of the children in the subjects she taught. The Lessons were interesting and profitable.

Church of England Men's Society.—The Annual Meeting of this Society will be held at the Totley School on **Monday Evening, July 5th**, at 8 o'clock. It is felt by most of the members that there is great scope in this Parish for the successful working of such a Society. The Handbook of the Society sets forth very plainly the methods of procedure, and the secret of success which, if followed, should go far towards obtaining the desired end. This is a layman's question, which might receive a greater share of support and co-operation from earnest minded individuals. On Sunday, July 25th, the **Rev. A. T. Cowen**, Vicar of Bradwell, will preach at Dore, Morning and Evening, and in the Afternoon will hold a **Service for Men** at 3 o'clock. Subject of Address: "Is There a God?"

A Country Fair will be held on Saturday, July 24th, in a field in Dore Road, lent by Mr. Frederick Best. The proceeds will be devoted to providing comforts for the Wounded Soldiers in Sheffield. The Fair will be opened at 3 p.m., Admission 1/-, after 5 o'clock, 6d.

TOTLEY NOTES.

During the past month the **Scouts** have had most interesting times and made good headway. Several have now passed their **Cooking, Laundry and Naturalists' Badges**. The **Cooking Examination**, which took place in the open, caused much excitement and attraction. We are very grateful to Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Holding, and Miss P. Hodkin for supervising, also to Mr. Holding for the use of the Croft.

On July 25th, there will be a **Scouts' Parade** at Dore Church. Scouts will meet at the Schoolroom at 10.15 a.m. in full Uniform.

It has been suggested, and now decided upon, to form a **Communicants' Guild** for the benefit of all the Church Members at Totley. Mr. Lewis has kindly undertaken to become Secretary, and Miss P. Hodkin, Treasurer. Will all intending members give in their names as soon as possible. We extend a hearty welcome to all Communicants to join us, remembering, "United we stand, divided we fall."

We are most grateful to **Mrs. Milner** for so kindly providing new Hymn Books for the Sunday School, also new A. & M. Hymn and Prayer Books for the Evening Service.

On June the 28th, **Mrs. Milner** very kindly invited the Members of the Mothers' Meeting to tea. Afterwards it was decided that the **Annual Outing** should take the form of a Drive to Castleton on July 14th.

On July 7th, the Sunday School Teachers will meet in the Schoolroom at 8 p.m. to arrange for the Annual Treat.

BAPTISMS.—June 13th, Sarah Elizabeth Coates, Causeway Head Farm; June 20th, Annie Pearson, Totley.

MARRIAGES—John Seeley and Harriett Betts; June 21st, Arthur Wright Campsall and Sarah Hannah Thorpe.

BURIALS.—June 3rd, Alice Ann Bennett, Sheffield, 26 years; June 8th, Alice Pixton Peat, Stoney Ridge, 85 years, June 16th; Mary Borthwick Armstead Homedale, New Totley, 53 years.

OFFERTORIE.—June 6th, £3 5s. 2d.; June 13th, £2 13s. 9d.; June 20th, £2 17s. 9d.; June 27th, £2 10s. 4d.

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WILLIAM R. GIBSON, Vicar.

WHEN these Notes are in the hands of our readers twelve months of war will have been recorded. Hundreds of thousands of precious lives have perished by shot and shell in land battles, others, few comparatively, in naval battles, but hundreds of innocent sea faring passengers have been cruelly murdered by enemy submarines. Many thousands of prisoners too are in the hands of the combatants of both sides, some humanely treated, others by reason of their barbaric torture asking to be shot out of their misery. As time goes on more nations will be drawn into the fray, and the fury seems rather to increase than to abate. The determined spirit of the suffering hosts will continue until the chief instigator of this awful crime is finally crushed. This is a time when every available man must offer himself for the service of his country and fight that the balance may be on the side of a righteous and honourable peace.

The Spirit of the Fleet.—Archbishop of York's Tribute.—The Archbishop of York has been as much impressed by his visit to the Fleet as the Bishop of London was by his visit to the Front. Addressing a meeting at the York Mansion House on Tuesday, Dr. Lang said: "I find it quite impossible to convey any impression of the scenes which I saw or the spirit which I felt, but it is sufficient for me to-day to say that I realised as never before the debt which we here at home owe to these sleepless guards of our island shore. Yet I find there in every part of the Fleet, from the Commander-in-Chief downwards, the same spirit of cheerfulness, of readiness, of determination. It was to me a very great privilege to be allowed to bring to them a message, which I hope was real and was sincere, that though our Fleet is necessarily out of sight, it is never out of mind. My business was to tell these men that their country was standing by them, and was grateful to them, but I am bound to say that having visited them I feel it is more incumbent upon me to bring some word to the people, and to ask our fellow-countrymen at home whether we really are standing by them; whether our sacrifice, our determination, and our unity are in any degree comparable to theirs. All I can say is that if the citizens here at home are filled with the same spirit of devotion, comradeship, and unity as fills our guardians of the Fleet, then, humanly speaking, we need have little fear of the results."

The small effort made on behalf of the **Local Red Cross Base Hospital and the G.F.S. Funds** in the Vicarage Garden on Thursday, June 24th, resulted in about £21; the expenses, including materials bought for the sale, hire of chairs, &c., labour, and other small items, £5 10s. The balance was divided between the Red Cross Base Hospitals and the G.F.S. Funds.

The Belgian Refugee Funds Appeal in December, 1914, has not received such a response as we had hoped. Subscribers have fallen off considerably. The following sums have been paid to the Secretary in Sheffield representing our Congregational Effort:—Jan. 12th, £18 17s., Feb. 19th, £4 4s. 6d., April, £5 5s., July 22nd, £5 9s. 6d. We shall be grateful to those who continue to subscribe if they will leave the amounts with the Vicar at Church on Sundays.

Great success attended the effort on Saturday, July 24th, in Dore New Road, made on behalf of the **Red Cross Society**, working so nobly and patiently for the wounded soldiers in our local Hospitals. Mr. and Mrs. Best are to be highly congratulated on the result of their kind effort.

TOTLEY NOTES.

On Wednesday, July 14th, the **Mothers' Meeting** journeyed to Castleton by brakes for their **Annual Outing**. The afternoon was spent in the caves and fields. After a delightful tea, we left Castleton and arrived home at 9 30 p.m. The weather being fine added much to the day's enjoyment. We are very grateful to Mrs. Miner for her much appreciated kindness in providing the meals.

On July 17th, **The Scouts** met and entertained the St. Oswald Troop. Various sports were arranged, in which our troop proved superior.

In the Sunday School the **Reformed Methods** are now in practice in the Primary Department, both teachers and scholars alike looking forward to the happy hour. We hope shortly to use similar methods in the Upper Classes.

A Preparation Class for the Infant Teachers will be held each Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock, in the Schoolroom.

On Thursday, Aug. 5th, **A Pic-Nic Tea and Summer Fair** will be held in the Field adjoining Totley School, to be opened by **Lady Maud Cavendish**. The proceeds in aid of the British Red Cross and Soldiers' Comforts. A delightful programme has been arranged—Old English dances, Wartime Cookery Competition, Club Drill, Washing the Baby and guessing its name, Tug of War, Conjuring, and various other amusements. Various Stalls will be on the Field—Flower Stall, Refreshment Stall, Cake and Candy Stall. Teas provided. We hope to have a Band in attendance. Admission from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. 6d., 4.30 to 7 p.m. 3d.

The Scouts will parade to Dore Church and attend Divine Service on Aug. 22nd, and meet at the Schoolroom by 10.15 a.m.

BAPTISMS.—July 11th, William Stanley Dronfield, Totley Bents; July 11th, Doris Mary Eastwood, Dore; July 21st, Margaret May Grocott, Chesterfield; July 25th, Kenneth Harold Belshaw, Totley.

MARRIAGES.—July 11th, Reginald Vincent Lee and Winifred Jessie Morton.

BURIALS.—July 7th, Samuel Gardiner, 46 years; July 22nd, Sarah Barber, Totley Rise, 66 years.

OFFERTORIES.—July 4th, £1 5s. 10d.; July 11th, £2 14s. 8d.; July 18th, £2 19s. 4d.; July 25th, £2 16s. 10d.

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WILLIAM R. GIBSON Vicar.

SINCE our last issue many things have happened in the great line of battle drawn out in France, in Russia, in Gallipoli, in Italy—fierce fighting everywhere. The continued strategic retreat in **Russia** we must believe is carried out under the wise guidance of the **Grand Duke**, who keeps his great armies intact and in readiness for the day when he shall be able to turn upon his foe. Terrible fighting in **Gallipoli** has cost the British very dearly in the loss of many of her brave troops. **Italy**, fighting on high mountains where the winter cold is already beginning to be felt, still presses bravely on against the Austrians. The four **Balkan States**—Rumania, Bulgaria, Serbia, and Greece—still hesitate to come in. **They undoubtedly hold the key** which would bring the conflict to a rapid close. They must act soon or not at all, and everything points to their throwing in their lot with the Allies, who will have it in their power, after the War, to settle the Balkan problem on lines that will secure permanent peace and the free development of nationalities. The great fighting lines in France still hold their ground and by the gradual increase of **Kitchener's army** there the British lines are more extended, allowing the French greater concentrating powers.

The task before the Central Powers of Germany, Austria, and Turkey is to conquer and crush the **Allied Armies of Belgium, France, Russia, Italy, Serbia, and England**. Forty years past of intrigue and subtle dealing by Germany, whilst professing friendship with us and at the same time getting together a vast accumulation of guns and shot and shell for this day of Armageddon, the building of a strong fleet of battle ships, of **Submarines and Zeppelins**, we know now, to our cost, what all this preparation meant. The wonder is that peace-loving nations could ever bear up against such an onslaught and avalanche of terrific power. We are up against a foe who uses the lowest type of machine for human slaughter that could be devised—poisoned gases and liquid fire. **Military dignity and honest bravery** are not virtues belonging to the German hordes. When we think what the consequences would be of **the defeat of England and her Allies** by such a bloodthirsty and relentless enemy, borne down under the tyrannical rule of a German despot, it should come home to **the conscience of every man** capable of serving his country to offer his services ere it be too late. **The Women of England** are nobly working by thousands in the Hospitals, at home or at the front, and taking, as far as they are able, the work of the men in the munition factories all over the country. **Hundreds of thousands of men have obeyed their King and Country's call, and many thousands more are wanted now.**

The gracious ingathering of the Harvest this eventful year of War will help us greatly in our time of peril. Let us earnestly pray that God will be pleased to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth. We purpose to hold our **Harvest Thanksgiving** on **Sunday, October 3rd**, when the **Rev. W. H. Nixon, M.A.**, Vicar of Winstar, will preach at Dore Church. It is the duty of Christian people to be cheerful under passing events of trial, and we shall best shew the quality of our Christianity by sounding the note of praise and thanksgiving for the mercies we are daily enjoying.

TOTLEY NOTES.

A very successful **Pic-nic Tea and Summer Fair** was held on August 5th, in the field adjoining the Totley School. The weather was all that could be desired, and doubtless was responsible for such a gratifying attendance. Lady Maud Cavendish on opening the day's proceedings expressed her delight at being present, and wished every success to the efforts being made on behalf of the British Red Cross and Soldiers' Comforts. The H. L. I. Band was in attendance, a great attraction, and added much to the day's enjoyment. The total receipts were £64 14s. 9½d.; Expenditure, £3 2s. 4½d. A balance of £61 12s. 5d. has been handed over to Mr. W. A. Milner, Hon. Treasurer. Will all who took part or helped in any way to make the day so happy and successful accept our grateful thanks?

A Gift of Five Surplices and Twelve Cassocks has been received from the **Rev. Ravenshow**, Chaplain of the Eastney Barrack Church. This is a very timely and acceptable gift. Two ladies of the congregation have promised five other surplices; who would like to give the other two?

A lady has kindly promised a piece of carpet for the Choir Boys to kneel on. We are in need of two other pieces; who will be kind enough to supply them?

The Mothers' Meeting will re-open at 2 p.m. on **Monday, October 18th**. Will any ladies interested in this work, and in providing Winter Garments for the Soldiers, offer their services for two hours each Monday? We shall be glad of your help.

The next **Scouts' Parade** will be on September 26th.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services, Sunday, October 10th. Afternoon at 3 o'clock, Preacher, Rev. W. R. Gibson; Evening at 6.30 o'clock, Captain Fogarty, Church Army Missioner.

BAPTISMS.—Aug. 1st, Cyril Prince Spencer, Avenue Farm; Nancy Evelyn Bruce, Florence Ruby Bruce, Reginald Kenneth Cutteriss Bruce, Totley; Aug. 22nd, Roy Mansford Wilkin, Dore, and Albert Drury, Totley.

BURIALS.—Aug. 4th, Thomas Bown, Sheffield, 77 years; Aug. 4th, Jessie Roe, 36 years.

OFFERTORIES—Aug. 1st, £2 5s. 6d.; Aug. 8th, £2 8s. 4d.; Aug. 15th, £2 10s. 9d.; Aug. 22nd, £2 14s. 5d.; Aug. 29th, £2 12s. 9d.

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WILLIAM R. GIBSON Vicar.

OCTOBER, 1915.

THE Year speeds on, and Time waits for no man. The outlook of the War still suggests trouble and conflict, and perhaps calls for determination and endurance from us, and a sacrifice beyond anything we have yet shewn. **Are we prepared for the sacrifice?** It is better for us to think in this strain than to collapse with fear under any sudden surprise. Those who have a wider view of affairs than we can ever expect to have declare that **the English Nation are not yet alive to the dangers which surround them.** We must banish all personal strife and unite our forces for the one end—the complete defeat of the German Armies. Prayer is indispensable, and should be made unceasingly. **Work is waiting now for the Volunteer**—in the ranks, in the munition shops, and wherever he may be the most useful.

THE INNER LINE.

Behind the roaring cannon, behind the flashing steel,
The defenders of the Inner Line, steady and constant kneel,
Some bent, some grey and crippled, some three score years
and ten,
Just praying, always praying, for the Front Line fighting men.

These cannot lead a sortie, nor tread the ocean's foam,
But their fervent prayers, as incense rise from Church and
Cottage Home ;
The poor man and the wealthy all form the Inner Line,
Wherein a common sorrow forms a brotherhood divine.

You can hear the voices quiver, you can see the slow tears fall,
Yet the Inner Line keeps steady, England and honour call ;
They pray, and who can measure such prayers' resistless might ?
They trust the Lord of Battles, Who will defend the right.

ANON.

The gracious ingathering of the Harvest this eventful year of War will help us greatly in our time of peril. Let us earnestly pray that God will be pleased to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth. We purpose to hold our **HARVEST THANKSGIVING on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd**, when the **REV. W. H. NIXON, M.A.**, Vicar of Winster, will preach at Dore Church. It is the duty of Christian people to be cheerful under passing events of trial, and we shall best shew the quality of our Christianity by sounding the note of praise and thanksgiving for the mercies we are daily enjoying. Will our kind friends the Farmers, and other friends, kindly spare us sheaves of corn, fruit, flowers, vegetables, etc., for Church decoration. The Church will be open for decoration during Friday, Oct. 1st., and Saturday, October 2nd.

The Special Collections on Harvest Festival will be on behalf of the Diocesan Fund, the necessary amount of which was allotted to our Church. We have not yet been able to subscribe the full amount ; there is a small balance yet to find. Besides this liability we owe a just debt to those who throughout the year lead the praise and service in the Church. The meagre condition of the weekly offertories for months past cripples the funds so much, that so far we have not been able to follow our usual custom. We earnestly hope that our deficiencies may be made good at the Harvest Festival Services.

TOTLEY NOTES.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held on **Sunday, October 10th**. Afternoon Service at 3 o'clock, when **The Vicar** has kindly promised to preach. Evening at 6-30 o'clock, preacher, **F. Tatlow Fogerty, C.A.** We shall be delighted to receive any gifts of fruit, vegetables, flowers, etc., to help to beautify the Mission on this occasion. Will all who possibly can come along and help to decorate? Don't wait to be asked. As a nation we have, and are, passing through critical and painful times. There is everything to make us depressed and sad, at the same time there is everything to cause us to give praise and thanksgiving to God. His seen and unseen mercies are innumerable. It is hoped therefore that all will on this day endeavour to come out and express their gratitude to God for all His love.

A **Lady Visitor** to the Mission Service has sent on **10s.** to be spent on the Mission work ; for this we are most grateful. We hope shortly to have a table whereon flowers may be placed, and our Sunday Services brightened. A white cloth for the table top has been given ; will someone now kindly give or buy the table, and serge to cover it ? " It is always more blessed to give than to receive."

The **Mothers' Meeting** will re-open on the **4th** (not the 18th, as was stated in the September Magazine).

The light nights are fast drawing to a close, suggesting to us that the cold dark winter nights will soon be here, and the winter's work begun. **Will all rally round and help on the work of God** in some way or other, no matter how small it may seem (though no service for God is small) ? If we pray more we shall think more, and possess a clearer sense of duty to God. There are some lessons God is only able to get home to us when we are in the grip of His own silence. Those who advance most in the world are those who retreat most into the presence of God.

Dore and Totley Cot in Servia.—An amount of £25 was asked for to supply a Cot for our **Hospital in Servia**, and its upkeep for six months. All will be glad to know that by Sale of Flags and Subscriptions a sum of £30 12s. 6d. has been collected.

BAPTISMS.—September 6th, Morris Leslie Martin Hudson (Birmingham) ; September 12th, William Leslie Hill (Totley Rise) ; September 12th, Victor Jack Atheson (Totley Rise) ; September 26th, Job Reynolds (Totley).

MARRIAGES.—Sept. 11th, Frederick Cass Young and Shirley Yexton ; Sept. 14th, Arthur Burrow and Sarah Wain.

BURIALS.—Sept. 22nd, Alfred Hodgkin, 1 month (Totley Rise) ; Sept. 22nd, William Ward, 76 years (Totley) ; Sept. 25th, Annie Priscilla Hoyland, 64 years (The Beeches, Dore).

OFFERTORIES.—Sept. 5th, £2 16s. 8d. ; Sept. 12th, £2 6s. 7d. ; Sept. 19th, £2 10s. 9d. ; Sept. 26th, £2 17s. 5d.

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WILLIAM R. GIBSON Vicar.

NOVEMBER, 1915.

THE present outlook of the War is by no means bright. The facts are brought home to us day by day that we are engaged in a contest which was well devised for many years past to crush England. The deplorable fiasco of **Balkan diplomacy** leads us now to the prosecution of a **new war**, with an extended field of difficulties to face. **Serbia is the great word, the great thought of the hour. In this crisis of her fate, and ours, our duty is plain—in the words of Kitchener, "MORE MEN, AND AT ONCE."** The mysterious silence of **Gallipoli**, where a casualty list of nearly 100,000 lives lost without doing what was expected reveals the fact that **grievous mistakes** have been made. On the other hand a better state of things exists. **The unconquerable spirit of Russia** is making itself felt, now that her Munitions of War have been replenished. **Italy**, after much hard work, is beating down her adversary and making progress. **The French** are showing great courage and determination. **Our Own Brave Troops** on all sides are maintaining that spirit of courage and endurance which has never failed the British Army, and never will. **But there must be a much larger response to the Appeal of our Noble King for More Men**, if the Allies are to be successful in stamping out this **mighty volcano in Europe**. The Allied Forces are at this moment taxed to the utmost, which proves what a tremendous struggle must yet be made against **the German hordes**, which appear to be **exhaustless**. A very short statement in the newspapers some time ago hardly received the notice it deserved, viz., that the Kaiser was very gravely affected when he heard that **Universal Service** was to be adopted in this country. **The opinion of our wounded men** returned from the fighting line is that a decision of that kind would **end the war in a very short time**. We are **greatly handicapped** by the clever intrigues of secret agents and spies in this country, whose presence amongst us will do more than anything to prolong the war. Were it not for the merciful providence of God and an ever watchful Fleet we should have fallen long ago, with a tenfold worse result than Belgium.

Our best thanks are due to our kind friends who supplied corn, flowers, and fruit for the Harvest Festival, and especially those who so kindly undertook to decorate the Church.

A most useful and stirring book, "My Police Court Friends with the Colours," has been published by Mr. Robert Holmes, crown octavo, 2/- nett, and very well reported on in the press.

Miss Popplewell sends the following report on the result of the **little Entertainment at Dore Moor House** on September 23rd:—"We have been able to send £4 to Mr. Howell in Borneo, for the year's Scholarship of Minnie Tengu at the Mission School, and 10/- to the General Fund of the Borneo Mission."

Mrs. Gibson greatly regrets that she feels obliged to resign the Branch Secretaryship of the Dore and Totley Girls' Friendly Society, a work that she loves, and in which for over 20 years she has been deeply interested. **The G.F.S. Candidates' Class** is held on Thursday Evenings in the Dore School-room. A Candidates' Class is also held weekly at Totley, under **Miss Lee's** kind supervision, and these little workers must have been much cheered and helped by the acknowledgment from Africa of the little **Kisuhans** made by them, and received with great gladness by the small natives.

It is hoped to hold a **General Meeting of the G.F.S.** early in next year, when Mrs. Winder will come and give an Address.

TOTLEY NOTES.

Great credit is due to all who have helped in any way to so tastefully decorate the **Mission for the Harvest Services**. There was a simplicity and charm about it all which beautified the whole building. The Services were hearty and inspiring. The fruits, vegetables, etc., were sent to St. John's Hospital for Wounded Soldiers.

The Sunday Afternoon Service will be resumed on the **second Sunday** in the month, commencing on Nov. 4th, at 3 p.m. Adults are invited. The Vicar will conduct the Service.

The First Meeting of the Communicants' Guild and Preparation Service for Holy Communion will be held in the Mission on **Friday, Nov. 19th, at 7 p.m.** It is hoped that all Communicants will join hands, and thus endeavour to enliven and consolidate true Church life in our midst. "This do in remembrance of Me."

A Meeting of the Women's Total Abstinence Union is being arranged for **Monday, Nov. 29th**, in the Recreation Room, particulars of which will be given later.

During the past month several gifts have been received. Our best thanks to Mrs. Milner for a gift of £1 1s. 2d.; Mrs. Marples for Reredos; Mrs. Cawton for three Surplices; Mrs. Foulstone for two Surplices; Nurse Barron for two Surplices; Mrs. Newbold for Table Stand and Bible Rest; Mr. Longley for Brass Rod. We are in immediate need of other Cassocks and Surplices. Will you give one?

We shall be glad to receive the names of any who would like to provide Flowers for the Table on Sunday.

BAPTISMS.—Sept. 29th, Ronald Miles (Dore Moor Lodge); Oct. 10th, John Arthur Taylor.

BURIALS.—Sept. 28th, Doris Christine Bishop (Totley Rise), aged 17 years; Oct. 19th, Sarah Ulyett, aged 60 years.

OFFERTORIES.—October 3rd, £7 18s. 1d.; October 10th, £4 1s. 5d.; October 17th, £3 18s. 9d.; October 24th, £2 7s. 1d.

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WILLIAM R. GIBSON Vicar.

ADVENT MESSAGE.—"Watch, for ye know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man cometh."

DECEMBER, 1915.

The year now closing has been one of strain and anxiety, and few, if any, homes are found in this England of ours where the shadow of death has not passed and claimed its victims of War, a noble sacrifice, who have died for the cause of their country; and still we are called upon as a Nation to greater effort, greater endurance, greater determination, for the end of the War is not yet in sight. Look at the ruined condition of Belgium, of parts of France, of Poland, of Serbia, and the destitute and hopeless condition of the Armenians who have suffered wholesale assassination at the hands of the cruel Turk! All these people cry aloud to England and her Allies for help. Whilst the sons of Britain are coming forward by thousands, and her sons from far off Colonies rush to her aid against her enemies, we must not forget that our chief hope as a Christian Nation must be in God. Our help is in the Name and might of Jehovah, who made Heaven and Earth. It must needs be that we all think very deeply at this time, being as it is a time of Judgment and of trial by fire. It will put much to the test. The very belief in God,—His Providence, His Character as our Father, and the significance and value of Christ and of His Cross. Let us think of the sacrifices our brave men are making on our behalf, for our safety, for our freedom. Our Soldiers are setting us an example of patient determination and endurance; can we make merry whilst they are exposed to the perils of shrapnel fire, of sword and bayonet thrust, and the hardness of a winter campaign? Let us watch with them, and by an increase of our devotion in Church and home pour out our souls to God on their behalf.

The leaders of our Church are anxious that all Churchmen shall adopt the right attitude in our National trouble, and they have appointed a set time for general turning to God in penitence and prayer on account of our National shortcomings in His sight.

Suggestions for the observance of three days—Dec. 31st and Jan. 1 and 2—as a humble approach of the Nation to God. **Friday, Dec. 31st**—Main thought for the day: "The Holiness of God." Prayer in the Church at 11 a.m.; Watch-Night Service at 11-30 p.m. **Saturday, New Year's Day**—Main thought: "God as the end of life." 11 a.m., Prayer and Holy Communion. **Sunday, Jan. 2nd**—Main thought: "God as the soul's desire." Early Celebration of the Holy Communion, 8-30 a.m. and at mid-day.

Christmas Day.—Holy Communion, 8-30 a.m.; 11-0, Morning Service, with Celebration of Holy Communion.

Distribution of Doles on St. Thomas' Day, Tuesday, Dec. 21st: Dore, 10 a.m. at the Church Vestry; Totley, at the Mission Room, 2-30 p.m.

The G.F.S. Classes are held at the Vicarage on Thursday Evenings from 6 to 8 o'clock. Miss Popplewell sends the following notice:—"The G.F.S. Candidates hope to give their little Christmas Concert in the Dore Schools on Saturday, Dec. 18th, at 7 p.m. Any kind gifts of cakes or sweets, to be sold during an interval in the programme, will be gratefully received."

Mrs Armitage of Dore Moor House, sends the following notice:—"The Derbyshire Motor Soup Kitchen.—The County Collections to provide this amounted to £175 15s. 8d., and in pursuance of the resolution of the County Committee, £650 was remitted to Headquarters for the cost of the Car, and £500 to endow it. The remaining £600 was used to build and equip two Huts at Netley Hospital, called the 'Derbyshire Red Cross Huts.' This gave us the privilege of sending members of our 'Voluntary Aid Detachments' to Netley for training, some of our members in Dore having been already there."

We are asked to announce that Mrs. Arthur Farnsworth hopes to arrange a Social Evening in aid of our Wounded Soldiers, to be held in the Dore School early in January. The actual date will be given in our next Month's Notices.

TOTLEY NOTES.

Girls' Friendly Society.—A Candidates' Class is now held in the Schoolroom each Wednesday night at a quarter to six, under the Leadership of Miss Harris. The object of the G.F.S. is to band together in one Society Women and Girls as Associates and Members for mutual help (Religious and Secular), for sympathy and prayer; to encourage purity of life, dutifulness to parents, faithfulness to employers, temperance, and thrift. To provide the privileges of the Society for its members wherever they may be, by giving them an introduction from one Branch to another. It is hoped that parents will realise the value of this Society and encourage their children to come to the meetings.

In response to the Bishop's letter read out on Advent Sunday, Special Services will be arranged, particulars of which will be given later.

Communicants' Guild.—A Service of intercession, with an address, will be held in the Schoolroom, on Friday, December 17th, at 7 o'clock. We extend a hearty welcome to all Communicants to join the Guild. The Manual for Private Devotion and Preparation for Holy Communion is printed, and may be purchased at the cost of sixpence.

New Year's Eve.—A Watch-Night Service will be held in the Mission Room at 11-15 p.m. It is hoped that all who can will come to this Service, and thus commence a New Year in the presence of God.

Sunday School Teachers.—We are in need of two at the present time. There can be no happier work than teaching and moulding the young life of the village in the way of the Lord. Will someone seize this privilege and kindly offer their services for this noble work?

Mrs. Milner will be delighted to welcome other members of the Mothers' Working Party. The time is spent in making garments for Soldiers, and in reading. Tea is provided. Meeting each Monday at 1-30 p.m.

BAPTISM.—Nov. 14th, Marion Beatrice Clark (Moss Farm, Dore).

BURIAL.—Nov. 30th, George Alfred Page (Dore), aged 19 years.

OFFERTORIES.—Nov. 7th, £3 14s. 3d.; Nov. 14th, £2 17s. 11d.; Nov. 21st, £2 16s.; Nov. 28th,

£3 13s. 5d.

The Vicar will be obliged when anyone will inform him of sick cases which may arise from