

# S. Oswald's Parish Magazine.

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NOVEMBER, 1895.

A very considerable number of uncalled-for Parish Magazines are lying at the Post Office. We believe that many who began to take in the Magazine forgot all about it during the busy months of summer, and thus the numbers are thrown on our hands, and we have no use for them. If those who read this will remind their neighbours who have forgotten, or from any other cause have not received their numbers since August, we shall be much obliged. When the new year comes we hope to start a system of *delivering* them at each door.

The stoves are now erected in the Church, and not (we are sorry) before they were needed. The cold weather came before we were prepared for it. We do not wonder at persons staying away from Church when they know they would only shiver through the Service; but all may now worship in comfort. There is no reason why the House of God should not be as comfortable as one's own house in this respect; we would like to see all our people coming to it as readily, and they may henceforth depend upon its being so.

The Harvest Festival was well attended, but "we," alas! could not be present, through a chill caught somewhere. The Rev. A. G. Hutchins, of York, took the Morning Service and Celebrations, and in his sermon combined thoughts of harvest with the great work to be overtaken by the Church in our densely populated towns, where the harvest indeed is "plenteous and the labourers are few." Of this the Rector could have given an example. On Michaelmas Day he preached in the parish to which he was ordained about twenty years ago (a suburb of Manchester): the population *then* was about 2,000, having two clergymen; it is now (he was informed) 10,000, and has yet only two clergymen, but they hope soon to have a third from this Additional Curates Society for which Mr. Hutchins appeals. His appeal at the Harvest Festival resulted in an offertory of £2 11s. 11d. The Bishop of Barrow preached an impressive sermon in the evening, on "Bread in the wilderness," from S. Mark iv., 8. The sum of £1 16s. 10d. was given at that service, and has been sent to the National Society for the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Church of England."

Great praise is due to the willing workers who decorated the Church for the Festival. It was also very pleasing to see how many "offered willingly" from their gardens.

The Rector will (D.V.) give a Lecture on "China and the Chinese," describing the peculiar ways of that wonderful people, on Wednesday, the 13th, at 7-30, in the large Schoolroom. Admission free.

The first Meeting of the Temperance Society will be held at the School on Thursday evening, the 7th inst., at 7-30, when the officers will be chosen for the ensuing year.

The Rector would like to commence a Class for Bible and Prayer Book instruction on that evening, and continue it throughout the winter *in the same room*, as there will be a fire and lights, and the piano. This class to commence an hour before

the Temperance Meeting, that is, at 6-30. He invites *all* to attend who would like, and especially Sunday School Teachers, and those who were recently confirmed; the larger the meeting, however, the better he will be pleased. It will be open to *any person* of any age, and will be largely conversational.

The Technical Classes are being well attended. About 17 persons, we believe, are learning Wood Carving and Drawing, and over 30 usually attend the Health and Sick Nursing Lectures.

We have received no less than half-a-dozen different, beautiful specimens of Sheet Almanacks for 1896, and will be glad to show these to anyone requiring such; and will order a number when we learn the demand for them. They can be issued with the January Magazine at 1d. each.

THE RECTORY HOUSE. This is completed so far as the walls and windows are concerned, but much remains to be done inside, and especially *around* the house. It seems to be a successful restoration of the old House. There is some talk of making a Parish Room out of the upper part of the barn buildings, with an entrance and path from near the bridge; but money is still wanted for this, and indeed £150 at least is still required to complete the work already in hand. Just £1000 has been given. The boxes at the two hotels brought in only 10/3, and that at the Church £3 8s. 11½d.

Mothers' Meetings will be resumed on Thursday, the 14th inst., and will be held at Mrs. Bowness's rooms at 2-30.

The Day Schools will be examined in Religious Knowledge by the Diocesan Inspector on the afternoon of Thursday, the 21st.

S. Andrew's Day, Saturday, 30th, will be observed as the Day of Intercession for Missions. Special Service at 7 p.m.

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#### CELEBRATIONS OF THE HOLY COMMUNION.

Friday, 1st, at 8. (All Saints' Day.)	Sunday, 17th, at 8.
Sunday, 3rd, at 8.	Sunday, 24th, at 11-45.
Sunday, 10th, at 11-45.	Saturday, 30th, at 8. (S. Andrew's Day.)

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#### HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

Nov. 3.	Morn. : 428, 270, 291 ; Even. : 427, 211, 24.
„ 10.	Morn. : 436, 193, 559 ; Even. : 241, 177, 28.
„ 17.	Morn. : 4, 549, 187 ; Even. : 239, 254, 32.
„ 24.	Morn. : 289, 510, 238 ; Even. : 18, 520, 12.

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#### Burials.

Oct. 9. Harry Denton, aged 5 months.	Oct. 12. Ellenor Airey, aged 63 years.
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#### RAINFALL AT GRASMERE.

Total for October, 7·16 inches.—T. A. GREEN.