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Dear Friends,

Please accept my personal thanks for the support you gave to our Garden Fête and Sale. Without it we should never have succeeded in achieving a result which surpassed last year's total of nearly £200. This year our total (up to the time of going to press) has reached approximately £218 and there may be a little more to come in later. We were providentially blessed with a fine though dull day and for this we cannot be but most thankful: the weather can so easily make or mar these out-of-doors functions. We were also very fortunate in our Opener and Mrs. West performed the task admirably. It was a privilege having the Archdeacon with us and both he and Mrs. West enjoyed their visit.

It is impossible to single out individuals for praise as so many combined to make the effort such a success and towards this the children of the parish did a great deal. Their dancing around the maypole was very much appreciated and their Fancy Dress parade proved amusing and entertaining. Perhaps among the hardest worked of our helpers were the good folk in charge of the refreshments. At times they were almost overwhelmed, so great was the rush for teas: about 250 were served and this would constitute a record. Fortunately the supply of food just held out.

To all subscribers and to all donors (and there are many) the Church Council would wish me to express their gratitude. Thanks above all to our Heavenly Father for His manifest blessing upon our venture and in granting us such success.

Yours sincerely,
W. R. POWELL.

GARDEN FETE SPORTS

The winners of the various races were as follows: Mixed, under 5, 1 Andrea Stevenson, 2 Peter Chambers, 3 Hilary Eveson. Girls: 5 to 8, 1 Christine Smith, 2 Kathryn Tomlinson, 3 Janette Porter; 8 to 11, 1 Barbara Brunt, 2 Joan Prothero, 3 Margaret North; 11 to 15, 1 Marlene Wood, 2 Evelyn Brunt, 3 Barbara Leyerton. Boys: 5 to 8, 1 Peter Stevenson, 2 Stuart Annable, 3 Alan McDermott; 8 to 11, 1 Robert Henshaw-Allcock, 2 Ernest Munt, 3 Keith Rickers; 11 to 15, 1 Michael Bower, 2 Kenneth Harpham, 3 John Parker; Men under 50, 1 Mr. R. Gent, 2 Mr. J. Wilkinson, 3 Mr. B. Summerfield. Ladies under 50, 1 Mrs. Chambers, 2 Miss G. Thompson, 3 Mrs. Spray.

NURSES

In the year 1854 Sidney Herbert, Secretary of War, wrote to Florence Nightingale saying—

“You will have seen in the papers that there is a great deficiency of nurses at the hospital at Scutari. Will you go out and organise and superintend the nursing services?”

Scutari offered Florence Nightingale and her gallant nurses nothing but pestilence, countless wounded, and scenes of ghastly horror, death and suffering, amid an appalling lack of medical supplies and insanitary conditions. Such was the Crimea 100 years ago.

100 years is a long time and Scutari, on the Asian side of the Bosphorus, is a long way from Mansfield, but the need for more nurses is greater than ever. We have been asked to bring this urgent matter to the notice of parishioners and full particulars can be obtained from the Rector.

Nursing provides an absorbing, satisfying and interesting career which may be practised in hospital, or if you prefer, later on, in the district as a midwife or health visitor; in the factory as an industrial nurse; in Her Majesty's Forces; on board an ocean liner or air liner, or in the mission field. There is indeed no end to the opportunities which Nursing presents at home and overseas.

It is not Scutari calling today, but Mansfield!

SUNDRY ITEMS

—It is hoped to give a financial statement of our Summer Sale and Fête in our next issue.

—The Sunday School outing has been fixed for the last Saturday in August. May the weather be kinder than it was a year ago! We are very grateful to the M.U. and the C.E.M.S. for the financial help which makes it possible to give the scholars this annual treat.

—We would like to express our deep sympathy with several of our parishioners who have been bereaved during the last few weeks. May our Heavenly Father grant them through His Spirit courage and consolation in their sorrow, and may their loved ones rest in peace.

—We hope to hold the Harvest Festival on the third Sunday in October, October 17th.

BURIALS

June 26—Flora Holmes aged 63.
29—Joe Chapman aged 88.
July 14—Harriett Painter aged 51.

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Dear Friends,

Not long ago every minister of religion received a letter on the subject of spiritual healing in which it was suggested that the Silent Minute which is radio-signalled every evening at 9 p.m. on the regional services by the chiming and striking of Big Ben might be used for furthering this divine work. The letter was signed by Mr. Harry Edwards, who is well known in this connection, and by two friends.

Hitherto the minute has been primarily used in intercession for peace between the nations, through the outpouring of Christ's power among men, and as the present proposal gathers support it will spread the uses of the minute to include prayer for the healing of all who are sick in hospitals and in the homes, and for the cleansing of the world from disease and sin.

A great poet once wrote that "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of," and if this is so can there be any doubt that if the Silent Minute were regularly kept a great reservoir of divine power would become available for the blessing of us all?

The Big Ben Council has suggested that one invaluable use of the Silent Minute could be to act as a daily link to unite all who are connected with healing movements everywhere.

The writers of the letter ask that many more people will use this Minute in prayer and thereby give the Christ-power an ever-growing opportunity to bring light and healing into the darkness of our stricken world.

May I commend this practice to you?

Yours sincerely,
W. R. POWELL.

SUMMER SALE AND FETE

We are now in a position to give you full details of the income and expenditure of our Summer Sale and Fête as Mr. P. J. Bradfield has kindly forwarded a complete statement of the accounts. These show that a profit of £188/10/9 was made and since then a kind friend in Nottingham has given £10 and two other friends have made the total up to £200. We are more than grateful to all those who made such a splendid result possible and to our Heavenly Father for putting into the hearts of His people the spirit to give so liberally of their labour and of their means. It is all most encouraging and the result will enable us to go forward with repair work free from anxiety and steps have already been taken as regards the tower of the church. Steps are also being taken as regards the improvements to the Rectory, but before these can be executed quite a number of permits have to be secured—hence the delay.

RECEIPTS—Gate and tickets £12/2/6, Special donations £18/15/0, M.U. stall and donations £87/15/3, Basket stall £12/1/0, Children's toy stall £10/16/2, White elephant stall £17/9/3, C.E.M.S. stall £11/13/6, Cake stall £8/5/0, Sunday School stall £6/14/6, Ice cream and minerals etc. £5/4/0, Sideshows and competitions £4/19/10, Refreshments £22/5/4. Total £218/1/4.

EXPENDITURE—Hire of marquee and tables £10, Hire of radiogram £3, Advertising and printing £2/12/6, Drapery for M.U. stall £5/1/0, Ice cream and minerals £4/17/2, Prizes for sports and fancy dress £3/4/0, Laundry 15/11. Total £29/10/7.

We would like to acknowledge with many thanks the following donations in cash which have come to our notice and which are included above:

GENERAL—Mr. and Mrs. Meadows £1, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Todd £1, Mrs. Ward (Norwood) 10/0, Mr. and Mrs. Morley (Dunsil) £1/1/0, Mr. and Mrs. Strutt £1/1/0, Mr. S. Guest 10/0, Anon. £1, Mrs. Royce £1/1/0, Miss E. Clarke 12/6, Miss Tucker £1, Mr. and Mrs. Warner £7/2/0, Mrs. Smith 5/0, Mr. Nowell 2/6, Mr. Wood £1.

EARMARKED FOR M.U. STALL—Mrs. Watkinson (Hardwick) £1, Mrs. Durance £5/5/0, Miss Durance £1/1/0, Mrs. Gamble £1, Mrs. Ray £1, Mrs. Seeley £1, Miss Hartshorne £3, Anon. £1.

EARMARKED FOR FANCY DRESS PARADE—Mr. G. Warner £1.

We must apologise if their have been any omissions from the above list.

SUNDRY ITEMS

—The next meeting of the M.U. will be on Monday September 6th and as it will be the first of the new session it will be preceded by a Corporate Communion at 6-30 p.m. in the Church. The offering will be for the work of the Church overseas.

—The Sunday School outing may be over by the time the magazine is in your hands as it is fixed for August 28th. It is proposed to visit Derbyshire once again, with a visit to Matlock, and also to one of the well-known caves. Tea will be served at Matlock and we hope the weather will be kinder than a year ago. Our warmest thanks are due to the M.U. and the C.E.M.S. for generous donations towards the expenses of the excursion.

—The harvest festival is planned for Sunday October 17th.

BAPTISMS

Oct. 8—Glenis Mary Gilbert.
15—Timothy David Renshaw.

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Teversal Rectory,
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Dear Friends,

I want first of all to express to all of you who helped in any way to make our Harvest Festival such a happy day my personal thanks. It is really amazing how much can be accomplished when everyone pulls together and does his or her little bit. The lovely old Church was once again very beautifully decorated and the window done by the Sunday School deserves special mention, for it was their first effort. The whole Church was a picture of loveliness and I am sure that the great Creator of the flowers, fruits and crops must have been well pleased with the work of His servants.

It has been a disappointing year for many who work on the land. All has not been "safely gathered in," it is useless to pretend it has, but *there has been a harvest*, and for that we must be grateful. As I said on October 17th our Father in Heaven may well have a message for us in this year's lean harvest. A succession of rich harvests might lead us to take everything for granted and to believe that man can do without God. The rich fool thought he could, but you know what was the divine judgment upon him. Some of us may have forgotten that "man does not live by bread alone"—have you?

The offerings in cash amounted to £28/12/0, and we are indeed thankful for such a splendid result. It will help to finance our Sunday School work for another year. We are grateful to the anonymous donor of a miniature straw stack: the first time I believe such a gift has helped in the furnishings of our Harvest Festival. We are also grateful to the Sutton Urban District Council for loaning us their floodlighting equipment and to Mr. George Warner for arranging the fitting up of the same, which certainly was well worth while. A very good photograph of the floodlit church appeared in the Mansfield Reporter on October 21st.

Thanking you once again very much indeed.

Yours sincerely,
W. R. POWELL.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Once every four years the Skegby, Stanton Hill and Teversal Branch of the British Legion hold their Remembrance Sunday parade at our parish church and we shall have the opportunity of welcoming members of the branch on November 7th to our morning service. On their visit four years ago we dedicated our war memorial plaques to the memory of the four men who gave their

lives for us in the second world war. We hope therefore there will be a good attendance of parishioners to both welcome the British Legion and also to join with them in this solemn act of remembrance. "Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all its sons away," but that is no reason why they should "fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day." It would ill befit us to allow their memory to perish; we who owe them so much. "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem; let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth"—so sang the exiled Jews. Let us remember those words as Remembrance Sunday draws near!

TEVERSAL RECTORY

The Rectory at present is a hive of industry and the sound of hammer, chisel, and saw can be heard echoing through its passages and rooms. The harness-room has gone and so has the saddle-room: both were dilapidated and dangerous. The barn is to follow suit and a garage is to be made out of one of the stables. This should be an improvement

Inside the house numerous changes are taking place: the former kitchen is being converted into a study and cloak room; the store room or butler's pantry is becoming the new kitchen and the present study reverts to a dining-room: the lounge remains as it is in all its glory, while upstairs the bathroom is being reduced in size—a very welcome improvement unless anyone is fond of coolness; sundry windows and doors are changing places, but it is too soon yet to assess the advantages or disadvantages. Central heating and fresh electrical installations are being put in, but it will be some time before we see an end to the proceedings. What effect all this will have upon the supposed Rectory "ghost" remains to be seen. Will he or she or it continue to parade the passage in the early hours of the morning? At all events whatever may be the cause of sundry noises seems quite benevolent and during nine years residence nothing out of the ordinary has happened to its recent occupants.

CHURCH SERVICES

Now that the evenings have drawn in and darkness falls all too soon may I ask that as many as possible will not let those things hinder them from worshipping in God's house on His day? Wireless and TV can never take the place of corporate worship: do not let Satan persuade you they can. I know it means an effort, but it is well worth while—and you know it too!