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### OPENING OF NEW PARISH CHURCH HALL.

Don't forget the above. Date: October 7th. Time: 3 o'clock.

The Formal Opening of the Hall will be done by Lord Henry Seymour, and the dedication by His Lordship the Bishop of Coventry.

In the evening the Repertory Theatre Players will give two performances, beginning promptly at 7.30. Entrance to the Hall will be from the Churchyard, then through the old Vestry Hall. Late-comers are asked to enter by the side door near the entrance to the Vestry Hall. People will not be long in getting used to this. There is a reason for it. During any item being performed, will the late-comers please stay in the waiting room until the part is over before entering into the Main hall. It will be possible to see and hear what is going on on the stage from the waiting room.

The tickets for the entertainments may be had from Mr. Bert Davis, Camp Hill Road, or from Mrs. George Wilson, 10, Church Road. Seats will be available for all who buy before the night of the entertainments. Others must take rotation order after ticket holders have taken their places, and resign their seats if ticket holders happen to come late. This is only fair. Tickets are issued for just the number of seats. Standing room for quite a number is possible. Tickets, 3s., 2s., 1s.

On Saturday, October 9th, under the auspices of the Boys' Club, there will be an Opening Dance. We hope that these will be possible at least once a fortnight. Time: 7.30 till 11.30 p.m. Tickets, 1s.

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For all the above, except the Repertory Theatre Players' performance, children are admitted at half price. Half Price Children's Tea will be served on Children's Tables.

Dear Parishioners,

I am sure that many, especially members of our own church, are wondering if we are going to have Services of Harvest Thanksgiving this year. I, as the one responsible for seeing that such services are held, am wondering where to fit them in wisely with the complications arising out of the Hall Opening, and the beginning of the Church Restorations, etc., about to take place immediately afterwards. In the face of such a year of prosperity within our own country and our Empire, such services we must have, and will have, at the end of October. We have most certainly shown to the world that it is possible for a quarter of the world to live in such unity of purpose and determination to follow peaceful pursuits as to make prosperity their natural corollary (consequence). However, our own prosperous condition must not so befog our vision of the world at large. There, we know and almost hear the bitter consequences of enmity and strife. Our newspapers provide us with pictures of carnage and destruction, not as in the past, weeks and weeks after such horrible events have taken place, but within, in many cases, a few hours after such occurrences. We can forgive the lateness of any assistance for the alleviating of such suffering as follow in the wake of things happening months before any knowledge of them reached us, but what excuse can there be for delay when we, amidst our own prosperity, live selfish and indifferent lives within hearing and seeing distance of the dreadful consequences of human depravity such as we have seen in Abyssinia, Spain, and now China. I would add also within the so believed Utopia of Russia. Human life is only counted of value if it aids the masters of aggression in the promotion of some selfish end they may have in view. Killing and slaughter without pity has become the common method of curing (better say trying to cure) human sinfulness; a vain attempt to gain good





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by doing evil. Well, what of ourselves? Our very indifference to all such evil by the nation as a whole, and I am afraid by the Empire as a whole, too, is very little short of condoning the offences committed. We have become so engrossed in our own pursuit after personal prosperity as to find neither time to consider nor interest in the needs of others. We are spending so much on our own persons as to forget the sorrows of our fellow creatures. What shall I do to make myself more conspicuous or more physically attractive, (not morally and spiritually attractive) is the one engrossing meditation of thousands. For this end some £26,000,000 is spent in cosmetics alone. Some of this vast sum may be a necessity, but what a lot of it is perfectly absurd and useless. The argument that this brings employment to thousands is mere self-deception. It might provide employment, but let such expenditure be spent in other directions it would be still no more nor less providing employment. The direction might be different, employment would not be the less for that. How many are there who are suffering amongst us for want of immediate attention and adequate equipment in times of sickness and accidents, the latter alone numbers thousands a year on the roads, besides those that arise in pits, factories and air. How many of our hospitals would benefit (it is wrong to say hospitals benefit, they don't). I should say how many thousands of sufferers would benefit if, as I believe, in Germany, lipsticks were forbidden by law, and we were to put the resultant value of such unnecessary aids to vanity into the coffers of hospitals and other such needy places. The factories and the hands that might suffer from the consequences of such sacrifice of vanity would soon adapt themselves to newer and better means of finding employment for the hands that for just a while would lose work. **PROVIDE US WITH NURSES. YES! BY THE SCORES** is the call today. They are not forthcoming because the money is employed on such useless aids to vanity. Turn your lipsticks into ointments, oils, and anything you like which would bring comfort to many of your fellow creatures. **IMAGINE ANOTHER PIECE OF SELFISH SELF-INDULGENCE. WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT THAT BY DIVERTING ONLY A COUPLE OF MONTH'S OR SO OF THE TOTE AND POOL MONEY, AS**

**IS NOW SPENT SIMPLY IN THE SMALL LOCALITY OF HARTSHILL, EVERY DEFICIENCY OF FUNDS IN ALL THE MOST URGENT CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS NEAR US TO WHICH THE POOR MUST NEEDS GO FOR RELIEF WOULD BE BLOTTED OUT.** Here is an instance of a man who won, on the Tote, £150. He immediately spent it on a holiday, came back sick, and went straight into the hospital as **A FREE PATIENT!!** Hartshill gamblers could pay off the debt of the District Nurse's House in less than a couple of months on the losses befooled penny-poolers alone throw away. Very little short of £200 per week goes in this way. One now and again gets a **BIT** to smell. But the whiff of that one bit is so overpowering that it sends the rest of the community all crazy for a bit, too. Their motto seems to be: "Be hanged to the Hospitals and the Nursing Association"!! Yet in time of need they say they have a right to them. The difficulties of keeping employees content around Lancashire and Glasgow, may, I think be attributed to the close proximity of Pool Offices. If one out of every five, at the least, of the population of Hartshill can do this well away from the places where the postal vans go daily packed from top to bottom, is it any wonder that nearer the centre of this business youth should be fascinated by the possibility of big wins for small risks. To make up for such losses a demand for higher salaries comes as a natural consequence. It is evident from our local experience that the rise in **wages** has made little improvement in the home conditions of at least one in five. Nor have the debts of the hospitals been lessened, but made more difficult, to reduce while their needed money is diverted in such centres as pools and totes.

The starving of hospitals to satisfy selfish greed is, without any doubt whatever, a disgrace to any civilised community. To cry against capitalism on the one hand, and strive with the other to be capitalists at the expense of one's own fellow workmen is, indeed, a comical piece of reasoning. But how many have ever thought of this when they cry, "Down with the Capitalist." Why gloat over a gain of a few pounds or an occasional 1,000 or so, when you know very well that has has been acquired out of the hard-earned wages of some other working man. What sense is there in it? Let us think the matter over



both ways and see who is the fool and who is the wise. See who is providing for the real needs of the poor and who is squandering it away on that which is neither necessary nor of use.

I expect that this, like all such letters of mine, will be read in quite the wrong spirit, and wholesale condemnation of my views be heard. What does that matter, that won't matter a bit. What I am saying are irrefutable facts, and as such are likewise one of many of our national disgraces where selfishness robs places and institutions established definitely to help the poor.

Yours sincerely,  
W. A. RICHARDS.

#### THE NEW CHURCH HALL.

At last we are able to show you the real thing completed. Would we could say at the same time that the debt was cleared, or, at any rate, that it had been brought down to a handling condition. Just at present I am not able to say exactly how the account stands. That, I hope to learn in a few days, when the Architect comes to see me. One thing I am proud about, that is the extraordinary manner in which

the chair scheme captivated the imagination of so many. We aimed at getting hold of the 180 chairs at 4/6, and we have been able to secure 178 and more, but of another kind, costing 6/9 each. With another £4 17s. we shall, with the £43 collected, complete our chair effort for the present. This, I think, is really most creditable. The enthusiasm over those chairs has been remarkable. Thank you very much indeed!!

We have added to the Hall Funds besides this, the sum of £53 2s. as well.

This is also very encouraging, but must be a long way from the end, nevertheless, I have every confidence in the scheme being fully approved and the necessary support coming in due time.

#### THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS.

These are now in full swing, and when the Hall is opened they will have a little more room to move about. I am sure that in return for our effort in providing them with such a useful establishment they will strive to do their little bit towards reducing the great debt upon the Hall. I believe that they are already preparing a programme which they hope to present

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some time in November. The Girls' Club is certainly making some headway. An opportunity is now offered to me to thank Mr. and Mrs. Osborne for the part they played until circumstances compelled them to resign. Mr. Osborne has now gone to Leeds for a year's special training as instructor under the National Fitness Scheme. I am sure that he will enjoy his experience and win for himself the honours necessary for the new vocation he has chosen for himself. We hope that he will find his work, when he is out of training, binding him to this locality. If that does not happen we wish both Mr. and Mrs. Osborne happiness and success wherever they go.

#### HIRE OF HALL.

We shall not be able to settle this business until we have had one more, or, perhaps, two more conferences on the subject. The matter is under the examination of the Council and a special committee. As soon as the prices are fixed they will be published.

#### VETERANS' AND PENSIONERS' CLUB.

The Council, a long time ago, agreed matter.

that if the old folk we see passing their declining days in enforced idleness wished to use the Hall during the mornings, especially during the cold days of winter, they would be pleased to come to some arrangements with them if they would kindly talk the matter over with the Vicar. There is no reason why the Hall should not become a happy, quiet reading room or a place for quiet recreation suited to their tastes and years. Think this over and come to see the Vicar about it.

#### CHILDREN'S CLUBS.

Parents often wish the children had a place to go to in the evenings during the winter. For those who have reached the age of 14 a Club will be organised at a very nominal fee. Under proper supervision and by the backing up of parents, the Hall should provide the locality with a very needed institution.

#### CONGRATULATIONS.

The marriage of our faithful and devoted organist Mr. Leslie Taylor and Miss Ethel Annie Hawker, must not be passed over without some reference to the Mr. Leslie Taylor's loyalty to

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the church and to myself is worthy of every praise. Mr. Taylor cannot display his sterlingness of character. His work is always something you can only see when closely associated with him. I have learnt to appreciate his splendid quality as choirmaster and organist. We ought to be proud of him, for I can assure everyone that we should have to go a very long way to find one more loyal and possessed of greater devotion to his service than Mr. Leslie Taylor. Miss Ethel Annie Hawker, his spouse, comes of a very loyal church family, and her service in one way or another in our church cannot be overlooked. On the same day I married Mr. Arthur Reginald French Smith, the son of our late and revered verger, Arthur Smith, to Miss Violet Harriet Franklin. Violet did much of her work for the church quite out of sight. It was constant and praiseworthy. As our servant we certainly lost a faithful friend as well as a servant, and in this light we hope to see her often at the Vicarage. Reggie had already gone to Rugby before I came here, but I knew and saw enough of him to recommend him for the post of

Verger to the Parish Church, Rugby. There he has gained the respect of all he has to serve. We all, I am sure, wish both couples a long and happy married life.

#### A PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED.

No one to-day can regard without consternation the "toll of the roads": the death or injury each year of thousands of people, many of them still in the prime of their lives. To accept these tragic happenings fatalistically conforms neither with Christianity nor common sense. Something must be done. But what?

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September 26th.—Sheila, daughter of Frederick Horace and Winnefred Strong.

#### MARRIAGES.

September 11th.—Arthur George Leslie Taylor and Ethel Annie Hawker.

September 11th.—Arthur Reginald French Smith and Violet Harriet Franklin.

#### BURIALS.

September ————Daniel Cotton, 443 Tuttle Hill, Nuneaton. Aged 83.

September 9th.—Ada Frances Sheasby, 27, Grange Road, Hartshill. Aged 67.

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