

ST.ANDREW'S ON THE HOME FRONT AUTUMN 1915

In Europe the war was building up to the battle of Loos whilst Turkey was more dangerous after the Allies' disastrous attempts to land at Gallipoli. In the Balkans and Middle East nations were taking sides and attacking each other. Further a field parts of Persia were occupied by British forces and there was trouble on the north west frontier of India. Japan offered support to the Allies. Back in Kenn the Rev. Frank Vining was writing in the parish magazine.

The Sick and Wounded.

A new effort has quite recently been started in our parish to assist the sick and wounded men in our Hospitals in Exeter. A collection is being made every week of Fruit, Vegetables, Butter, Jam, Chicken, Rabbits, and Game and this is being forwarded at once to one or more of the special Hospitals.

Roll of Honour. A newly written Roll has been placed in the porch of our Church...the total number is 86...there will be good reason ...to give hearty, humble thanks to God that so far...many have been kept safe whilst in the midst of so much danger. ...

Harvest Thanksgiving.

We must not allow our minds to be so occupied with the exciting events taking place around us as to make us forget our annual great Thanksgiving for God's good gifts to us.

The Library. The Lending Library is now open for the Winter Season, on Thursdays, at 4 p.m. in the Reading Room, Kennford.

Memorial Service.

A Quiet Day...In accordance with the special request of our Bishop that the Clergy...should endeavour to deepen in themselves, and in the minds of the people in their own parishes the spiritual effects of war, a Day of quiet meditation and prayer will be held in our own Church for the Clergy of the 26 parishes in the Kenn Deanery on Thursday 18th inst.

Women on the Land. Lord Selborne speaking to agriculturists...warned them that they would lose many more men in the coming months and advocated the employment of women on the land. He had recently seen ...what nobody had ever seen in England before – a woman ploughing.

Women of every class must assist- the squire's wife and the farmer's and the parson's wife and the wife of the labourer. A woman must not be ashamed to go on to the land...at a fair wage for a fair day's work.

Looking into the Dustbin.

Some time ago an article appeared in a paper... The one thing I noticed was that all dustbins were overlooked... How often we see potato parings with half the potato left on thrown away. The paper advises us to boil the potatoes in their skins... orange peel... When kept and dried it makes a most excellent firelighter... Young pea shells make excellent soup.

Prayer and Intercessions.

...Comforts ...are not quite the things which are most helpful to men who are facing death and destruction... who would be most really supported and comforted by the prayers of faithful friends that up to now we have had so few casualties among those whose names are recorded on our Church? Let us thanks God and persevere with our prayers.

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