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Vicar—REV. P. H. FEARNLEY, M.A., St. Catherine's Vicarage.

Lady Worker—Miss WHITEMAN, 221 Crown Lane.

SERVICES—In Church, Sundays 8 a.m., 10-30 a.m., and 6-30 p.m.

SACRAMENTS: **Holy Communion**, Every Sunday at 8 a.m.
Second and Fourth Sundays after Morning Prayer.
Fifth Sunday after Evening Prayer.

Baptisms (and Churchings), Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
(On due notice being given to the Verger).

MARRIAGES—Week-days 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

(Banns, Notices, etc., should be left with the Verger).

DAY SCHOOLS—Morning, 8-55 a.m. Afternoon 1-55 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Morning, 9-30 a.m. Afternoon, 2-30 p.m.

BIBLE CLASSES:

- (1) For Men, Sundays, 2 30 p.m., in Church.
- (2) For Women, Sundays, 2-30 p.m., in the Parish Room.
- (3) For Young Men, Sundays, 2-30 p.m., in the Schools.
- (4) For Young Women, ,, 2-30 p.m. ,,

C.E.M.S., G.F.S. &c.—Meetings as announced.

CHURCHWARDENS—Messrs. J. A. Burgess and E. M. Gass.

SIDESMEN—Messrs. J. T. Bamber, H. Barker, W. T. Bishop, L. Cawley,
J. Crabtree, H. Gresty, R. T. Rigby, and J. Taylor.

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER—Mr. J. J. H. Challinor.

VERGER—Mr. T. FARNWORTH, 20 Grace Street.

To the Parishioners of St. Catherine's.

My dear Friends,

In last month's issue I asked you to pray for a peaceful and honourable settlement to the difficulties which existed in Ireland on the question of Home Rule. Little did any of us think that within a month our country would be at war with Germany. Looking back, the terrible calamity with which Europe is threatened seems to have arisen with incredible swiftness. Fortunately there has been no panic. The fact which stands out so prominently beyond everything else, that we are fighting on the side of humanity and civilization against a cruel and arbitrary tyrant, who has trodden under foot the most sacred obligations; has given our countrymen everywhere confidence to commit their cause in prayer to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Religion has again proved to be a factor to reckon with in the life of the nation. Every Briton is acting on the advice of the warrior of old, "Trust in GOD and keep your powder dry." A quaint divine expressed the same thought in another way, "Pray devoutly; hammer away stoutly." We cannot and will not believe that God will allow us to be beaten. If ever a nation went into battle with clean hands, it is ours to-day. If ever we could pray to the GOD of Heaven for victory we can do so now, for He knows that no lust of conquest, no desire for revenge, no motives of self-aggrandisement have prompted our action; but an earnest desire for justice between one nation and another, and an overwhelming sense of the responsibility that He Himself has placed upon us by raising us to the position we occupy among the nations of the world.

Special Intercession Services will be held in our Church week by week, especially at the early morning celebrations. We shall be glad to have the names of men who have gone away to serve their country from homes in our own Parish in order that they may be specially remembered in prayer to God. Up to the present we have heard of the following; please join your intercessions with ours for their spiritual and temporal well-being.

William Lowe, George Eastwood,
Wright Taylor, George Harrison,
Joseph Kempster.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the LORD.

Your faithful friend,

P. H. FEARNLEY.

Free-will Offerings.

We acknowledge with thankfulness the kindness of those who have so loyally supported us in this effort. We are still hopeful that all who have

not yet seen their way to join will do so. Those who think the completion of the Church ought to have been taken in hand at once will be glad to know that there is a prospect of opening a fund for the purpose if all our people will join the envelope scheme.

If all who have received envelopes were to contribute in the same proportion in which they did who contributed on August 16th, the result at the end of a year would be £233 "for ourselves" and £71 "for others."

All who join the scheme now will have the satisfaction of knowing that their offerings will go towards the improvement of the Churchyard and the School playground. When our present liabilities are met, we shall be happy to consider the extension of the Church.

RETURNS.

	" For Ourselves."			Envs. Retd.	" For Others."			Envs. Retd.
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Aug. 2 ...	1	11	7	83	0	6	1½	44
9 ...	1	16	0	86	0	7	7½	48
16 ...	1	13	4	77	0	5	11	43
23 ...	1	7	6	78	0	7	4½	45
	6	8	5		1	7	0½	

Sunday Schools.

We are deeply grateful for the confidence which the parents of our Sunday Scholars have shown in us in regard to the changes which have been made. There were those who thought that the abolition of the prize system would empty the Schools. So far from that being the case we are still over-crowded, and can only hear of five or six Scholars who have left.

The haste with which the "Application for Admission" form had to be compiled made it impossible for us to go into details, with the result that there has been some misunderstanding on the subject. The following were our reasons for asking that the form should be countersigned by the parent or guardian—we considered, and still consider that they are reasonable :

(1) The parent's signature is intended to verify the particulars given. Some children do not know their ages. They say they are "eight" when they are only "seven, going into eight."

(2) We want parents to understand the conditions on which we enrol the children, and we are anxious that none shall be disappointed when Christmas comes and the usual prizes do not appear.

(3) We like parents to know what Sunday School their children attend. We do not believe

in enrolling children who come to our School just because the children "from next door" come. Parents have a right to know, and are the ones to decide, whether their children shall be brought up as Churchmen, Roman Catholics, or Unitarians. And yet we have met many parents who did not know what Sunday School their children attended.

The abolition of the prize system is already bearing fruit in many ways. We wish that other Sunday Schools in the town would join us and put a stop to what almost every Sunday School worker admits to be an evil, even if a necessary one.

We trust largely to the voluntary offerings of the Scholars to meet current expenses. If parents continue to support us as loyally as they have done since the prizes were abolished, we shall be able to make our rooms more attractive and our teaching more efficient. Having removed one of the greatest obstacles to progress, we are confident of being able with God's help to make our Schools a real spiritual force in the town and parish.

But we need more teachers? Will anyone volunteer? We ask for the help of all those who *can* teach or are *willing to learn*. Preparation classes will be held and all possible help given. "They that be wise (*marg.* teachers) shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever," (Dan. 12, 3).

We have arranged for two lectures on Sunday School teaching to be given in the Schools, on September 26th and October 3rd, by Miss Hetty Lee, one of the staff of the National Society. Miss Lee is an expert in Sunday School reform and we are fortunate in having been able to avail ourselves of her kind offer to come to Horwich. Further particulars will be announced later.

Men's Class.

The members of the Men's Bible Class had an outing to Whalley on August 8th. Excellent arrangements were made for the comfort of the party on the journey, and the tea was well served and much appreciated. Mytton Church and other places of interest were visited, and the trip was voted a great success. Unfortunately the officials of the Sunday School had forgotten the arrangement when they decided to alter the date of the Field Day, otherwise a larger number would have joined the party.

The Field Day.

"When is a Field Day not a Field Day?" We leave the answer to be guessed. In spite of the fact that ours had to be held without the "field" we succeeded in enjoying ourselves. If the rain damped the ground, it did not damp our spirits, and a very happy crowd we were as we

gathered in the Schools on Saturday, August 8th, to partake of an excellent tea. After tea, the sports—and although the course had to be marked out in the street, there were no accidents, for which we were thankful. The evening was quite fully occupied. We had songs and recitations and a capital conjuring entertainment by Mr. Arthur Sharples, of Bolton, who succeeded in mystifying us quite cleverly.

The prizes were distributed, and short addresses given by the Vicar and Mr. John Taylor, Superintendent of the Senior School.

Band of Hope.

The members of our branch of the C.E.T.S. had their Annual Outing on Saturday, August 15th, to Barrow Bridge. The walk from Princess Road over the hills by "Bob's Smithy" was most enjoyable, and on reaching their destination the ramblers indulged in boating on the lake. Tea was served, followed after an interval by meat pies, sweets, nuts, &c. A pleasant walk in the cool of the evening brought us to the Lostock tram station, and hymns and patriotic songs cheered the journey home. Mr. John Taylor and our able secretary, Mr. Arnold Taylor, carried out the arrangements admirably.

The Choir

is making remarkable progress. We are hearing comments almost every day as to the improvement in the rendering of the Church service. There are a few vacancies which we should be glad to see filled up. Boys with suitable voices who are willing to attend practices regularly should apply to Mr. Challinor. The privilege of learning to sing under such a capable and enthusiastic teacher is one which is sure to be highly valued, so that application should be made at once.

BAPTISMS—July 29, Jack Livesey; August 5, Doris Chadwick; 12, Arthur Heap, Dorothy Whittle; 18, Arthur Jones; 19, Mary Evelyn Roberts, Agnes Dorothy Britton, Joseph Wilson, Annie Gilligan; 23, Herman Bowyer Oakley.

MARRIAGES—July 28, Herbert Ambrose and Mary Elizabeth Smith; August 1, John Heath Boardman and Gertrude Haughton; 22, Thomas Jones and Alice Turner.

FUNERAL (at Horwich Parish Church)—August 15th, Walter Edwards, 16 Chorley New Road, aged 2 days.

OFFERTORIES—July 26, £2 12s. 2d.; August 2, £2 10s. 3d.; 9, £3 7s. 5d.; 16, £3 4s. 6d., 21, 16s. 8d.; 23, £6 8s. 11d. Total for National Relief Fund, £7 5s. 7d. Communicants, 3, 13, 12, 10, 21, 33, 24, 13.

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