

GODEFRDS,

ABINGER COMMON.

11th January, 1939.

My Dear Rector,

My short history of Abinger Church was published just before Christmas, and of 400 copies which Tanner & Son have printed for me I am giving 385 to the Church for sale at one shilling each for the benefit of its funds. An oak money-box with rack attached to hold 10 of the booklets has by your leave been fixed to the front of the pew just inside of and to the west of the South Door. So far, counting those already taken, 16 have been put in the rack, and the rest are in 3 parcels in the Vestry, containing respectively 200, 150 and 19. I am handing over to the Church my interest in the type and plates, which the printers are keeping, leaving it to the churchwardens to order further copies to be printed as and when they may be wanted and I am instructing Messrs. Tanner accordingly.

I want to draw attention to the fact that the booklet is an abridgement of several papers that I had written in the course of the last 5 or 6 years which enter into very full detail and are much too long to print. The Council has seen 1 or 2 of them and when they have all been typewritten I should like to bind them together in one volume to be kept in the Vestry as one of the goods of the Church so that it may be a record which, with leave, can be consulted by persons interested. The Papers are as follows:

- No. 1. Introductory.
2. Records as to the fabric and contents of the Church up to 1855.
3. Description of the Church in 1855.
4. Restorations and changes, 1856 to 1938.
5. *The Church* in four sections in 1938, viz.
 - a. General description of the Church.
 - b. Detailed description of the Nave and Belfry, and their history.
 - c. The same of the North Aisle and Vestry.
 - d. The same of the Chancel and South Aisle.
6. The Churchyard.
7. History of the Glebe, Tithes, Parsonage, and Revenues.

8. Boundaries, maps, population, etc. of Abinger ecclesiastical and civil parishes, and of the neighbouring parishes.

Appendices.

Pictures of the Church.

If you or the Secretary will read this letter to the Council at the next meeting I shall be much obliged.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN. A. GIBBS.

Mothers' Union.

On January 5th the Waterloo Road Mothers and G.F.S. held their Christmas Party with the help of the money collected on Christmas Day and the Carol Singing — and the toys from the Christmas Tree. Ten Mothers from Abinger journeyed and joined in the fun with them. It was a bitterly cold day but there was a crowd. Paper hats were presented first, which certainly broke the ice. And a sumptuous tea followed and then entertainments of all sorts followed — Greek dancing by some of the children, a charming little play by G.F.S. members, Country dancing by Mothers, and a play by the Mothers. Then toys were given to every child in the room, and I wish some of the donors to the Christmas Tree could have seen the delight of the children, brooches or necklaces to the G.F.S. and presents to the Mothers. Then sugar basins and vegetable dishes were given by the Waterloo Road Mothers to our members who were present, and the party ended at 8.30 p.m. with the singing of Auld Lang Syne, and it is good to feel we are getting to know the parish where our gifts go, so well.

The next meeting will be held at the Rectory on Wednesday, February 15th, at 3 p.m.

Baptism.

Jan. 14 Allan Richard Spratley.

Burials.

Jan. 9 Joseph Grindley, aged 60
,, 20 Robert Jeffrey, aged 7