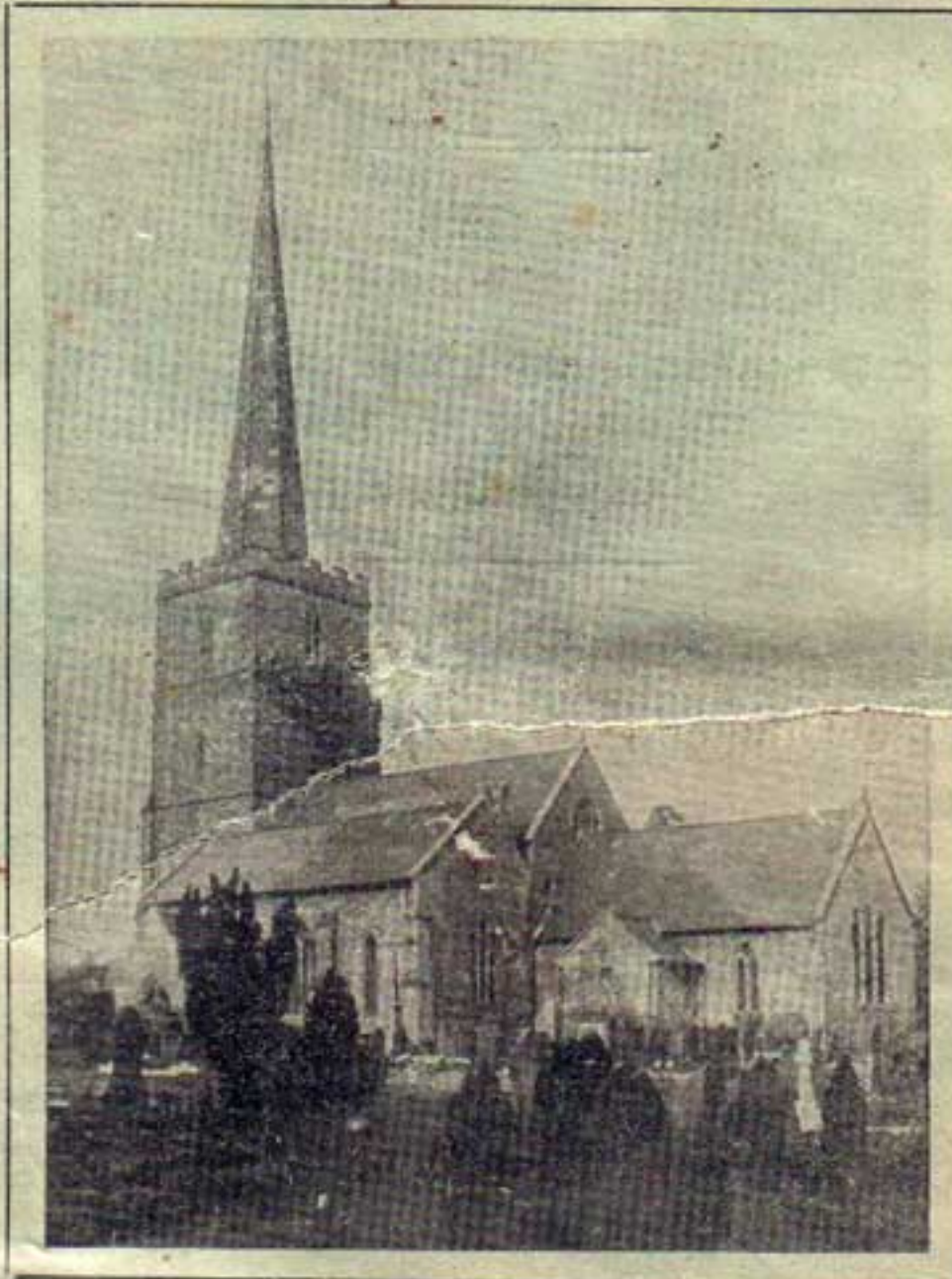


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### Baptisms.

*(My Baptism, wherein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.)*

- Jan. 2—Elizabeth Marina Wellington, 34, Albert Street.  
,, 12—Joyce Ilene Cowles, 26, Oxford Street.  
,, 12—Audrey Elaine Ward, 1, Station Road.  
,, 19—William John Culton, Church Road, Aylburton.

### Marriages.

*(Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for it.)*

- Dec. 22—Cyril Frank Hoare, 24, Albert Street, to Annie Baker, 24, Albert Street.  
,, 22—George Charles Bastone, 22, Queen Street, to Ivy Bertha Belinda Ellaway, 9, Tutnalls.  
,, 22—Albert Edward Jones, Rock Cottage, Worms Ash, Bromsgrove, to Lilian May Jeffs, "Rosedene," Primrose Hill.  
,, 26—George Charles Nelson Bailey, 29, All Saints Road, Cheltenham, to Mildred Mary Jordan, Allaston Mesne.

### Burials.

*(Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.)*

- Jan. 5—Harriet Dancey, Aylburton, aged 86 years.  
,, 10—Mary Wyman, 5, Albert Street, aged 58 years.  
,, 16—Eliza Brenchley, 30, Kensington Park Road, Bristol, aged 90 years.  
,, 21—Maria Catherine Craddock, 3, Summerleaze, aged 76 years.  
,, 21—David James Remnant, 4, Queen Street, aged 1 year.

**A Retrospect.**—The beginning of a Year is the time when we may sum up what is past, whether things have been satisfactory or otherwise.

The service we render for the Kingdom of God must ever be unsatisfactory, in a sense, for the end of one task must ever be the beginning of another. We often start off with great hopes, but at the end of a period we shall be just as

dissatisfied as before. The task of the Kingdom will always offer its challenge and we must be ever ready to face the challenge.

We make our plans and we work for their fulfilment, but what we desired does not come to pass, and a feeling of despondency arises. We are tempted to despair and to brood over the "why" things did not come about according to our well devised plans. Is it not possible that we leaned too much upon our own understanding and it was not permitted us to see, what we desired, come to pass, because we did not take God to our reckoning? There sounds a note of truth in this in regard to some of the great problems of the world which we long to see solved, viz., peace and the world-wide economic muddle. Are we trusting too much upon ourselves? We know that the problems are difficult, but we cannot think that they are beyond solution if we take God into our reckoning.

There are solutions that are being offered for these things that we feel quite certain within ourselves that God would not approve of. We know that things, as they are in the world to-day, are not as God would have them. When we acknowledge God in all our ways and in all our service, then only can we expect that He will direct our ways and bring to pass the things we so desire.

**Gift of a Sepia-Wash Drawing of Lydney Church in 1853.**—We are very much indebted to Mrs. Besant, for her gift of a most interesting old picture of Lydney Church. It is the handiwork of Mr. G. P. Slade, and bears his name, and date, January 17th, 1853. It pictures the Church presumably at the time when it was re-floored and re-pewed, and when the Chancel was extended to its present dimensions. The removal of the old box seats shows the paving of the Nave floor very clearly. The gentleman in knee breeches with the buckled shoes, and the crinolined and bonnetted lady, are typical of the period when the drawing was made. This picture will be hung in the Priests' Vestry and will add to the interesting collection that links the past with the present.

**The Besant Memorial Fund Account.**—We are very happy to state that this Fund is now closed and all expenses in connection with the Memorial have now been met. We hear of good intentions still, but now the opportunity is past.



We gratefully acknowledge the following contribution since last month: Mrs. and Mrs. G. Goulding, 2/6; and the following is the statement of accounts:—

*Receipts.*—Subscriptions, £111 14s. 9d.; Bank Interest, £1 5s. 2d.; Balance, £1 6s. 5d. Total, £114 6s. 4d.

*Expenses.*—Messrs. J. Wippell, £100; Faculty, £2 2s.; Architect's Fee, £12 4s. 4d. Total, £114 6s. 4d.

The members of the Mothers' Union spontaneously voted from their fund £1 6s. 5d. to pay off the outstanding balance, and we are most grateful to them.

**The Choir Supper.**—The meeting of the adult members of the Choir on Friday, December 28th, at the Vicarage, was a most happy event. Provision had been made through the kindness of several friends for a splendid repast to which was made a healthy response. Everyone was in excellent form and not many moments were wasted in the programme right up to mid-night. There was no want of talent. The festive spirit was properly on. The air was a curling blue, and the non-smokers were tempted to test the joy of the noxious weed. The solid link with "Old Lang Syne" was the signal of the postponement until a twelve-month hence. We thank all our kind friends.

**New Year's Eve.**—The meeting of the Bell-ringers at the Vicarage on New Year's Eve was not one whit less happy an event than that of the previous Friday. The company was, however, much more select, for anyone can sing, but it is not everyone that can ring. This requires skill and intellect; hence the "select company." The sense of merriment, however, is not absorbed in their talents, and they were as happy as sand-boys on New Year's Eve. Connoisseurs of the good everyone of them! The old, old custom was loyally adhered to—the Old Year rung out in a muffled melody, and the New Year welcomed with open harmony carried upon the ether.

Ringers can ring, and ringers can sing, too. You should have heard the Carol at the Vicarage door, before each went on his way.

Thank you, "Ye out-of-sighters," for your faithful and diligent services!

**Mothers' Union.**—The monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union was held in the Church Room on Thursday, January 17th. The Rev. A. J. Lambert took the devotions and gave a concise, definite and reasonable talk on "Why I am a Churchman," which was very much appreciated by all.

The February meeting will be held in the Church Room on Thursday, February 14th, at 3 p.m.

We would remind all communicant members that Corporate Communion of the M.U. is on the first Sunday of each month, at 8 a.m. There has been a very considerable falling-off in attendance, of late months.

**Communicants' Guild.**—The members of the Guild held their New Year's Social on Friday, January 4th, and enjoyed a very happy evening with their guests. Though we were not out to make money, the financial part was quite satisfactory, and a small balance was handed to the Treasurer.

The Social part is always successful. We would remind members of other solemn obligations to which they have pledged themselves, in the observance of which there is a want of the sense of honour on the part of several members. We are very grateful to all who made the Social the success it was.

**The Churchyard Fund.**—We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions for the fund, received this year:—Mr. and Mrs. G. Goulding, 2/6; Mrs. Hockaday, 10/-; Colonel Vivian, 5/-; Mrs. J. A. Nemes, £1.

The working account of the Churchyard for the past year shows a debit balance of £30 15s. 3d. We are amply justified in our complaint of lack of financial support from those who are only too ready to claim privileges and do not hesitate to ask favours when occasion arises. To allow the Churchyard to return to its unkempt condition would be a disaster. We shall try to carry on for a little while longer in hope of better support before the whole question must be re-considered. We are saving rate-payers a considerable sum of money annually and have therefore every moral right to claim the support of all.

**The North Forest Guild of Bell-ringers** held their Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 12th. Several good touches of change-ringing were executed before the company retired from the Belfry to the Church Room, for tea. The lady Bell-ringer, Miss Dobson, of Coleford, received a warm welcome. The business part of the meeting was taken after tea. Finances were satisfactory and unanimously adopted. After the elections of the officials for the year 1935 were made, several members returned to the Belfry and very good ringing ensued for a considerable time.

**Church Window Repairs.**—The repairs to the Church Windows by Mr. W. Beck, of Cheltenham, has involved an expenditure of £12. The S.W. lights have had to be renewed. The Priests' Vestry window is a new one, and one of the Clerestory lights is new. Other defects have been mended so as to interfere as little as possible with the coloured glass. The S.W. side of the Church has to face, at times, very wild weather, and will need care periodically to keep it weather-tight.

**F.W.O.**—We appeal for the payment of outstanding promises for 1934. The total arrears amount to £52 odd. We hope earnestly that contributors will give this their immediate attention if they have not already done so.

## AYLBURTON.

We are thankful to be able to report that the recent outbreak of Diphtheria has practically abated, and we are able to go on with our work without intermittent interruptions especially in the Schools.



**The New Year's Supper and Social.**—We had to abandon our usual Harvest Home festivities, after postponing several times. It was delightful to arrange the New Year's Social according to plan, and a really merry company assembled to enjoy a really happy evening after so long a restraint. An excellent Supper was provided by the ladies, to whom we feel specially grateful. The merriment that followed was contagious, towards which Mr. S. Liddington, in his ever kind responsive manner and goodness, played a very important part, and we are deeply indebted to him. We thank you all, and the Church Funds have benefited.

**Whist Drive.**—Keep Thursday, February 7th, free for the Whist Drive at the Schools.

**Church Window Repairs.**—The work on the Church Windows is nearly completed, and we shall have to find £20 for the repairs.

**Churchyard.**—A good start has been made in tidying up by levelling the ant heaps. Unreared for graves will soon be dealt with. We want our Churchyard to be a credit to the Church and village, and the voluntary band of workers means business. We are grateful to them.

**The Ladies' Working Party.**—The ladies are very busy preparing for the Church Bazaar, to be held in the Autumn to secure funds for the Renovation of the Church. They meet in a delightful room placed at their disposal by Mrs. Davies, "The George Hotel," to whom we give our unbounded gratitude for her goodness. We trust all will throw themselves into this effort with great zeal.

#### AYLBURTON COMMON.

We are so happy to report the excellent attendances at the little Mission Church of late. This is a real encouragement to Mr. Cheales in his work.

It is a delight to learn of the ready help given by Mr. W. Tucker, in putting the lamp in a working and presentable order, and our warm thanks are due to him.

#### PRIMROSE HILL.

The Christmas Services were very happy ones, especially the Mid-night Eucharist, at which there were 75 communicants. Let us take with us the Christmas spirit of peace and good-will all through the year.

The Annual Church Meeting was held on January 10th, when the Vicar presided over a very pleasant gathering of Church-people. The Balance Sheet was on the right side, and the numerous workers were heartily thanked for their efforts.

Mrs. Cooper, our Headmistress, will have entered upon her well-earned retirement when this Magazine is in your hands. She has our very best wishes for many happy years to come.

Our annual Winter Social will be held in the Schools on Tuesday, February 5th. Come and spend a happy evening with us.

Miss E. F. Cole will take up her duties as the Headmistress of the School on Monday, February 4th. We offer a sincere welcome to Miss Cole and wish her all success, while pledging her, we hope, all our support.

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