

week, which are well attended by young and old. The singing is very hearty, the choir being under the able training of Mr. Richard Bassett.

The little hall, when arranged for Sunday Services is one of the most beautiful places for service in the city, and would well repay a visit.  
S. MARTIN'S.

The Rev. Professor Abbott-Smith has been appointed special preacher of this church.

On Sunday the 21st ult. the Rev. J. Arthur Hickman, C.M.S. Missionary in China, preached to a large and attentive congregation. At Evensong the Ven. Archdeacon Lofthouse, of the Missionary Diocese of Keewatin, was the

preacher.

The Rev. J. Arthur Hickman gave a splendid address on his own work in China, to the parishoners of S. Martin's on Tuesday the 23rd ult. This Missionary tells us two facts to be constantly borne in mind. The first is that many more workers are wanted, while the second is that an English Priest can be maintained in work for the small sum of \$250.00, and \$40.00 is quite sufficient to support a native lay catechist. At the latter rate there is no reason why every parish in the Diocese should not be represented in China and we hope that these few words will stimulate people to ask themselves what they can do in this matter.

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## Ruri-Decanal Reports

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### CLARENDON.

Archdeacon Naylor, M.A., and his curate Rev. M. D. Baldwin are hoping to have a new church built in North Clarendon.

The Rev. Rural Dean Smith evoked hearty applause by some witty and happy remarks at the synod, which helped to give a pleasant turn to a hot debate on one of Cannon Davidsons resolutions.

It is rumoured—but we do not give it as authentic, that the Rev. W. E. Kaneen, Incumbent of Eardley is about to return to parochial work to the Isle of Man. We should much miss Mr. Kaneen from our Deanery and his parishioners will miss him in Eardley.

The meeting of the Clarendon Rural Deanery was a most successful one. Archdeacon Naylor and Mr. Smith read very encouraging reports.

The Archdeacon's report on "Lumber Districts" evidenced much care and was most suggestive.

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### BROME.

The annual meeting of the Ruri-Decanal chapter of Brome, was held in the parish hall of Grace Church, Sutton, on Tuesday the 9th inst.

There was a very good attendance of the clerical members, but the lay representation was very small. The only lay representative present, being Mr. E. A. Dyer a worthy member of the Executive