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THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CAXTON HALL,
WESTMINSTER, S.W., ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH, 1916,
AT 3 P.M.

BEING THE OCCASION OF
THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FIRST GENERAL MEETING.

ORDER OF SERVICE.

HYMN.

“Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom.”—*Newman*.

The Ven. Archdeacon BERESFORD POTTER read THE GENERAL CONFESSION, the congregation *following*.

COLLECT.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son.: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen*.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

The Rev. JOHN TUCKWELL read the sixth Psalm, as in the Authorized Version, the congregation taking the alternate verses, and concluding with the *Gloria Patri*.

HYMN.

“God moves in a mysterious way.”—*Cowper*.

THE FIRST LESSON, Job, Chapter xxviii, was read and expounded by the Rev. HARRINGTON C. LEES, who also offered prayer.

HYMN.

“Lord of all being! throned afar.”—*Oliver Wendell Holmes*.

THE SECOND LESSON, I Corinthians, Chapter xiii, was read by the Rev. J. R. GILLIES, who followed the reading by an address upon the last verse of the chapter, and by prayer.

HYMN.

“All people that on earth do dwell.”—*Psalms C*.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; particularly for the increase of light upon Thy Holy Scriptures which thou hast caused to be shed forth in these our days. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM.

THE BENEDICTION.

After the conclusion of the Service the NATIONAL ANTHEM was sung.

The Rev. G. HAROLD LANCASTER presided at the organ.