FFTER weeks of protracted negotiations the Government has decreed that work on the Chancel roof might be put in hand and with that in view Messrs. Griffin have already started. We hope that the major part may be completed before any fall of snow which might cause a major disaster. The whole roof has to be stripped and new timbers placed in position in addition to the renewal of a considerable part of the heavy stone. The cost will be heavy but we have already received or been have promised generous help as will be seen in the first list of subscribers which will be found below. To them we are most grateful and to those who follow we offer anticipatory thanks.

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THE Lord Bishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Parish Church on Thursday, March 30th at 7 p.m. The Vicar has already received the names of several candidates and would like others as soon as possible. May we dispel the opinion so often expressed by parents who feel that their children are ‘not old enough to understand’. Confirmation does not require any particular standard of intelligence any more than any other Sacrament does. The Prayer Book lays down what is required and that is sufficient. All Sacraments are ‘means of grace’—the strengthening and refreshing of our souls and few are too young and none too old for a blessing such as this.

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HERE must always be a feeling of sadness when we come to the end of another year. It may not have been a particularly happy one in some cases, but we are a year older—more opportunities have been missed while on the other hand many blessings received. The coming of a New Year brings new resolutions and the building of new ideals. If these resolutions are to be carried through and the new ideals attained we cannot manage either in our own strength alone. Mother Church with her wisdom can supply our needs. We should soon have faltered and fallen without the help of our earthly mother and may it not be that we cannot do the things that we should without the help and grace provided for us by Mother Church. May this be our thought for the New Year?
WE cannot conclude without expressing our very grateful thank
to the kind ladies who so regularly distribute the Magazine
each month. Through their kindness the Magazine reached very
nearly 250 houses and is read by a much larger number than this.
To the subscribers, too, we are most grateful for their support and
ask that it may continue. So far we have heard only of two who
apparently feel that it is ‘not worth the money’. We should be only
too pleased to hear of new subscribers who are willing to risk the
outlay.

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THE Nativity Play which is produced with so much reverence each
year at S. Nicholas, will be given on Sunday, Jan. 15th and we
hope that many of our readers will make a point of attending.

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DONATIONS towards Chancel repairs either given or promised
to date:
Admiral Sir Reginald E. Erle Drax, £50.
Guthrie Watson Esq., £25.
Mrs. Deakin, £25.
Mrs. Bedford, £25.
Major Henry Cox, £2 2s. 0d.
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Matthews, £2.

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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES
Parish Church, Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Mattins and Holy Com-
munion 11 a.m.
S. Nicholas. Holy Communion, 9.30 a.m.
Parish Church, Evensong (said), 6 p.m.

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Register

Holy Baptism.
Nov. 20th Susan Madge, daughter of Frederick and Ruby Rose
Legg.

Burial
Nov. 18th Edward Charles Russell, aged 72

At Winterbourne Kingstone
William Frederick Honeybun, aged 60