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**BOSHAM NEWS.**

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**THE VICAR'S APPEAL FOR RECRUITS**

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**THE RELIEF FUND.**

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**RED CROSS SOCIETY COLLECTION.**

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The Bosham Parish Magazine for this month again contains much interesting news, of which the following are extracts:—

"We earnestly appeal to all unmarried men between the ages of 18 and 30 to offer themselves for service in the Navy or Army. This war may last a very long time and if our country is defeated in the end then there is no doubt that our Empire will be destroyed, and that freedom and prosperity which we all now enjoy will be very largely curtailed. Not only this, but if there is any great failure at all on our part, then we shall see our homes and kindred treated in the ghastly manner that the Belgians have experienced. In order to prevent such calamities our Navy and Army must be rendered as powerful as possible. It is of course dreadful to die in battle, but it is worse to live in dishonour, and it would be a lasting dishonour to the young men of England at the present time if our fighting forces were defeated through lack of recruits.

Remember one plain fact—if England is defeated, then it is certain that most of our Colonies will be taken by Germany, and Germany would at once introduce conscription into those Colonies and compel every man, British and foreigner alike, to be a soldier and fight for Germany! Think of what that would mean to all of us—it would mean that the Colonial Britisher would either have to serve a hated German officer or return home to England; and England, which is already crowded, would be then much overcrowded, and the men of the country who refused to fight when asked would only live to starve and see their women and children starve as well through lack of work.

We earnestly urge all young men in Bosham to think over this; and we wish to tell them that we are not asking them to do anything that we have shirked ourselves, for the Editor of the Magazine offered to fight for his country the day the war broke out, and he much regretted to find that his offer could not be accepted through lack of military training.