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RECTOR'S LETTER.

MY FRIENDS,—

As we enter 1925 I would offer you all from my heart a "Happy New Year." The old year, which we have left behind, had its lessons for us, and, whether it brought sorrow or shine, let us trust that it brought each of us nearer God.

And now let us look forward to the New Year with brave hearts. As regard the nation—whatever our political sympathies may be—we have need to be thankful that we possess a Government which is likely to be stable and secure for some time. But it is well to remember that a nation's welfare does not ultimately depend upon its Government, but upon the character of its people. And it is our Lord by His Spirit Who is the character-Builder "Christ in you." As each of us is indwelt by the Spirit of Christ, so he will bring Christ with him wherever he goes in national life, in social life, and in the home.

This, then, first, but as we look into the New Year we look into the unknown. Now the unknown almost of necessity involves anxiety and fear. If things around us were moving irrationally, without any controlling purpose, anxiety would be inevitable. But it is just here that our Lord gives the word of restful confidence. He knew the great secret which, if accepted, would set all hearts at peace. He knew God, and He promised to unveil Him. "No man knoweth the Father save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him." The revelation that Jesus gives is that all things are happening in the thought of God, and God is Love. It has been well said "To come to Jesus is to take His revelation of the Father, and to live in the inspiration of it, and such inspiration would turn fear into confidence and confidence into peace."

Yours very faithfully,

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.

SERVICES ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS.

Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m., and also at midday on first and third Sundays; on Saints' Days either at 8 a.m. or at noon, according to notice on preceding Sunday

Matins at 11 a.m. and Evensong at 6.30 p.m.

Children's Service on the 2nd Sunday in the month at 3 p.m., when the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is administered.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

Dec. 14. Doreen Lilian, the child of Abraham and Ellen Isabel Bourne, 6 Remenham Cottages.

PARISH ITEMS.

We trust that our readers will like the new Cover, which gives a view of the Church and Churchyard as they now appear after the clearance of the overgrowth in the Churchyard, so effectively carried out for us by Captain Noble.

It is the kind wish of the Misses Ames, on leaving the Parish, to make a gift to the Church, and it is to be a beautiful new White Altar Frontal and Cover, Pulpit pendant, and Markers to correspond. The work is being done in the embroidery department of Messrs. Derry and Toms, and all will be ready for use for the first time on Easter Day. We offer the donors our very grateful thanks.

An interesting fact is connected with the serial story that begins this month in our Magazine. It is written by Miss Theodora Wilson Wilson of Kendal, a sister of Mr. P. Whitwell Wilson, who was a brilliant pupil at Kendal Grammar School when the Rector was Headmaster there. Mr. P. Whitwell Wilson won a scholarship at Clare College, Cambridge, was President of the Cambridge Union, and subsequently, for four years, M.P. for South St. Pancras.

A Confirmation is to be held at Henley Parish Church on Sunday, March 29, at 3.30, and the Rector will be glad to receive the names of intending candidates from Remenham, so that he may arrange suitable times for the preparation classes.

We acknowledge with thanks £2 for the Day School Repairs Fund, from a donor who wishes to be anonymous.

We were interested to see that at the Henley Christmas Fat Stock Sale and Show on December 3, Mr. M. J. Surtees, Aston Rise, took the First Prize of 2 guineas, and also a piece of Silver Plate, for the best fat hog fed by the owner.

On Monday, December 29, the children of the Day School and the Choir Boys were kindly invited by Captain and Mrs. Eric Noble to tea and entertainment at Park Place, and spent a delightful evening.

The Rector had the pleasure of the company of the senior members of the Choir to supper at the Five Horse Shoes Hotel on Tuesday, December 30, and the occasion was graced by the presence of the two Churchwardens, Sir Anker Simmons and Mr. Davidson, and Mr. Ansell, the valued Secretary of the Parochial Church Council.

On Thursday evening, December 18, in the Parish Hall, the children of the Day School, under the skilful training of Miss Gale and her assistants, gave us a delightful entertainment consisting of a play "The Spirit of the Home," Carols, and items by the infants. The proceeds were given to the Mary Sumner House, the new Headquarters of the Mothers' Union.

We would wish to announce that a Joint Missionary Exhibition is to be held this year in Henley from October 26 to 31. Remenham is invited to lend a hand. It will be a privilege and an opportunity which we must not miss.