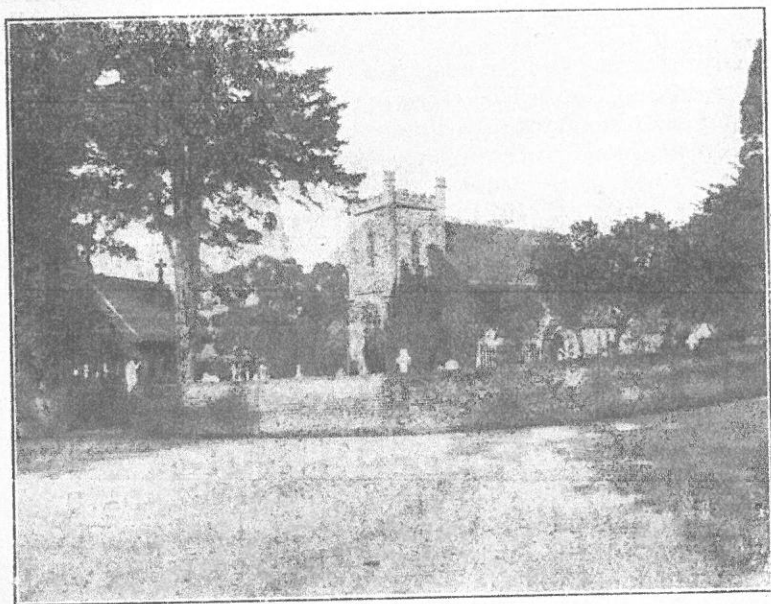




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Mr. G. E. SHIRLEY.

RECTOR'S LETTER.

MY FRIENDS,—

It was a great joy to me that so many of us came together for Holy Communion on Easter Day. We had over 130 Communicants, which is, I believe, a record; it is, of course, wrong to lay undue stress upon mere numbers, for a small number coming in the right spirit with humble and thankful hearts are more acceptable in God's sight than a larger number coming carelessly, but yet, granting the prerequisites of repentance and faith, the more who come the greater the joy of fellowship with our Risen Lord.

As we realise what His Resurrection meant to His disciples, we learn what it means to us. It has been truly said that the Resurrection meant to them three facts. First, that their Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, was revealed as the Son of God: from the darkness He emerges as the clearly manifested Lord of life and of death. Next, it meant that they had now an unfailing source of power. His Eternal Life by the grace of the Holy Spirit could be their life. The dynamic, which gives recovery, is found, and is only found, in "the power of the Resurrection." And then thirdly, the Resurrection gave them the splendid assurance that good must ultimately prevail, that it cannot be really defeated. "Right is the ultimate might, and all the forces of hell cannot gainsay it. Men may scourge truth and bury her in a sealed and guarded grave, but, as surely as right is right and God is God, that buried frailty shall reappear in invincible majesty, and shall incontestably dominate and command the affairs of men,— 'wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord'."

Before I conclude this letter I would ask to be allowed to thank you all very warmly for the generous Easter Offering you gave me on Easter Day. The help it affords is very acceptable, and the goodness and kindness which prompted the gift I appreciate deeply.

Yours ever 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.

ASCENSION DAY.

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion;

11.15 a.m. Shortened Matins, followed by Holy Communion.

WHITSUN DAY.

There will be Celebrations of Holy Communion at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and at midday.

On *Whit-Monday* and *Whit-Tuesday* there will be Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

THE DECORATION OF THE CHURCH.

Our arrangements for the decoration of the Church on Festivals and on Harvest Thanksgiving have recently been a little haphazard, and we have been anxious to place things on a satisfactory basis. With this end in view a Circular letter was sent last month to ladies likely to help, and we are glad to say that the response was very gratifying. Certain portions of the Church were already definitely cared for; Lady Barber is kindly responsible for the Pulpit, Lady Dawson for the Font, Mrs. Surtees for the Pillars, Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Seagrave for the Chancel, while the Altar Flowers are undertaken by the lady whose Rota falls in the month, and the Frame around the Memorial Tablet has been decorated in turn by the head-gardeners.

In response to our appeal the remaining portions of the Church are now personally undertaken; Lady Speed with the help of her gardener, Mr. W. Charlton, will kindly be responsible for the three windows of the North Aisle; Mrs. Selwyn and Mrs. Tonge, with the help of Mrs. Surtees' gardener, Mr. W. J. Stevens, for the two windows of the South Aisle; Mrs. Burnell and Mrs. Litteljohn for the West window; and Mr. Rex Ansell for the small window by the West door. To all we offer our grateful thanks.

PARISH ITEMS.

Our little Church on Easter Day looked very beautiful, and we tender thanks to all who gave us their help. Captain and Mrs. Eric Noble, Park Place, sent down palms and flowers in accordance with their unfailing thoughtfulness, and a vast number of bunches of primroses which had been gathered with loving hands by their children. Mrs. Noble, Temple Combe, sent us a wealth of glorious arums, and daffodils and primroses came from Sir Frank Carter, Lady Speed, Mrs. Surtees, Mrs. Burnell, Mrs. Strudwick, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Ansell, Edward Dixon, Ronald Irvin and others. Our debt of gratitude is heavy to the decorators, Lady Speed, Mrs. Selwyn, Mrs. Tonge, Mrs. Seagrave, Colonel and the Misses Burnell and Mr. Rex Ansell, while the help of the gardeners was beyond praise, viz., Mr. J. Stephens (the Pulpit and Memorial Tablet), Mr. Aird (the Font), Mr. Duffin (the Chancel), Mr. W. Charlton (the windows of the North Aisle), Mr. W. J. Stevens (the windows of the South Aisle). Mrs. Selwyn was responsible for the Altar Flowers, and they matched in their effective beauty the new white Frontal which had been dedicated, at the early Celebration of the Holy Communion, to the Glory of God and in memory of the late Mrs. Ames.

The Easter Meetings were held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, April 15, and a full report of the proceedings will appear next month. Sir W. Anker Simmons and Mr. Davidson were re-elected Churchwardens, and Mr. S. Smith and Mr. D. Marcham, Sidesmen. The Secretary presented a satisfactory statement of accounts for the past year. The resignation of Mr. Ansell as Secretary of the Parochial Church Council was received with keen regret and with warm gratitude for the loyal and strenuous service he has rendered for so many years. Mr. Rex Ansell, who was co-opted on the Church Council, has undertaken to act as Secretary in his father's place, and we have confidence that he will follow worthily in his steps.

Colonel Burnell informs us that a Branch of the Berkshire County Free Library has now been started in Remenham. A list of books and the Rules can be seen, and books taken out and exchanged on Mondays and Fridays, between 6 and 7 p.m., at "Wedmore," Remenham Hill. The list of books will be changed every six months, and if anyone notifies the Librarian at "Wedmore" of any particular book required, he will endeavour to procure it.

We have received with many thanks a kind donation of £5 from Mrs. Eric Noble, Park Place, for the Remenham School Repairs Fund.

On Sunday, May 24, the Rev. W. Popham Hosford, the Chaplain at Deal, will preach at Remenham on behalf of the Missions to Seamen. Mr. Popham Hosford has been with us several times and we know his genial personality.

The Offertory on Whitsun Day, May 31, will be given, as usual, to the Choir Fund, to help to defray the expenses of the annual Choir Outing.

Mr. Frame, formerly of Upper Culham Farm, has of late been temporarily resident in the Parish at Aston Hall. We are sorry to say that on Palm Sunday, while driving in his car near Oxford with Mrs. Frame and a friend, he met with a bad accident. The car skidded and collided violently with a post. Mrs. Frame and her friend happily escaped with nothing worse than severe shock, but Mr. Frame had his leg broken and his left hand badly cut. He was taken to the Henley Memorial Hospital, and we rejoice to know he is making an excellent recovery.