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RECTOR'S LETTER.

MY FRIENDS,—

During the closing days of last month we passed through the Festivals of the Ascension and Whitsun Day, and it is well that we should keep in mind the close connection between these two great events. The Ascension Collect is impressive ; we pray that, as we believe our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heaven, " so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell." And then on Whitsun Day there comes to us the power to do so, the gift of the Holy Spirit, Who by His abiding presence unites us to our Ascended Lord : " He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you."

It is a constant peril for you and me as we tread the earthly way to lose the vision of the heavenly. The degeneracy of a soul is a subtle process that may take place almost without one being conscious of it ; we lose touch with God, and then we cease to seek Him in prayer and Bible, in Sacrament and worship, and, as the sense of the Eternal fades out of our life, we find ourselves inevitably on the down-grade—personal responsibility is impaired, service is shirked, fellowship is chilled. The truth that will brace us on the pilgrim road is the conviction that our Lord in His grace and power is at the right hand of God ; " we lift up our hearts unto the Lord."

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' Day, 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.

PARISH ITEMS.

At the meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on Wednesday, April 15, fourteen members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the re-election of Colonel C. D. Burnell as Vice-Chairman was proposed by Mr. Davidson and seconded by Mr. Ansell, and carried unanimously. The accounts, as presented by the Finance Committee, were passed subject to audit. It was proposed by Mr. Pitman and seconded by Colonel Burnell that a further £10 be transferred to the Contingency Fund, and that the amount of this Fund, £50, be placed on deposit at the Bank.

On Tuesday, April 28, Brigadier-General Sir Douglas Dawson was invested by the King with the Insignia of a Knight-Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath (Civil Division).

We hear that there is at length a prospect in the near future of the electric light being brought into our neighbourhood from Reading. We are wondering whether, when the cables are laid, there may be a possibility of the electric light being installed in the Church ; it would be a great boon, but the decision, of course, will rest entirely with the Parochial Church Council.

We are asked to call attention to the Diocesan Missionary Festival, which will be held this year in Henley on Wednesday, June 10. The Procession will start from the Town Hall at 11.50 for the Festival Sermon in Henley Parish Church at 12 noon, when the Preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Chota Nagpur. In the afternoon there will be a Meeting in the grounds of Paradise House, Gravel Hill, at 2.45 p.m.; if wet, in the Town Hall at 3 p.m. The Chairman will be the Lord Bishop of Oxford, and the speakers will be the Right Rev. H. Gresford Jones, late Bishop of Kampala, and the Right Rev. H. Pakenham Walsh, late Bishop of Assam. Tableaux, illustrating early Church History, will be given at 5.30. There will be Evensong and Te Deum at the Parish Church at 7.30.

Our Cricket Club have started the Season, and, at the time when we go to press, had made a good beginning. The match with Mr. H. P. Surtees' XI on May 9 had, unfortunately, to be cancelled owing to the condition of the ground, but a pleasant match with Hambleden on May 16 resulted in a win for Remenham by the narrow margin of 3 runs.

Lady Barber, with kindly thought, has offered to defray the cost of a Wireless Installation at the Henley and District Memorial Hospital, and the offer has been accepted with much gratitude.

With reference to the Remenham Branch of the Berkshire County Free Library, we are asked to state that in future books can be taken out and exchanged between 6 and 7 p.m. at "Wedmore," Remenham Hill, on Mondays only, and not on Mondays and Fridays as announced in last month's Magazine.

The children of the Day School were unable, owing to unfavourable weather, to hold their May Day festivities until Friday, May 22, when they took place in the Meadow at 3 p.m. Elsie Avery was crowned as May Queen, and a large number of parents and friends came to witness the children's performance.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkinson have sold Garbrand Hall, Ewell, and will come in July to reside on *The Kelpie* for a few months before making their plans for the future.

On Sunday, May 24, the Rev. W. Popham Hosford, Chaplain at Deal, preached morning and evening on behalf of the Missions to Seamen, and the offertory amounted to £8 1s. 10d.

The Choir Outing this year will be to Brighton, and the date will be Monday, June 22. The train will leave Henley at 6.25 a.m., and the return fare will be 5s. 3d.; children half-price. We shall have ten hours by the sea. A corridor coach will be reserved for Remenham, and we shall be happy for any friends to join our party if they will make their wishes known to Mr. Rex Ansell on or before Thursday, June 11; after that date application for tickets must be made at the Henley Railway Station.

The Rectory will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Carver and family for six weeks from June 16. Arrangements are being made by the Rector for the services on June 21 and July 5 to be taken by another Clergyman; he will himself come over from Herne for the other Sundays. The Rev. S. J. Selwyn will very kindly be available for emergencies during the week, and probably for Sunday, June 28. Any notices should be left with the Verger, at the Rectory Cottage.