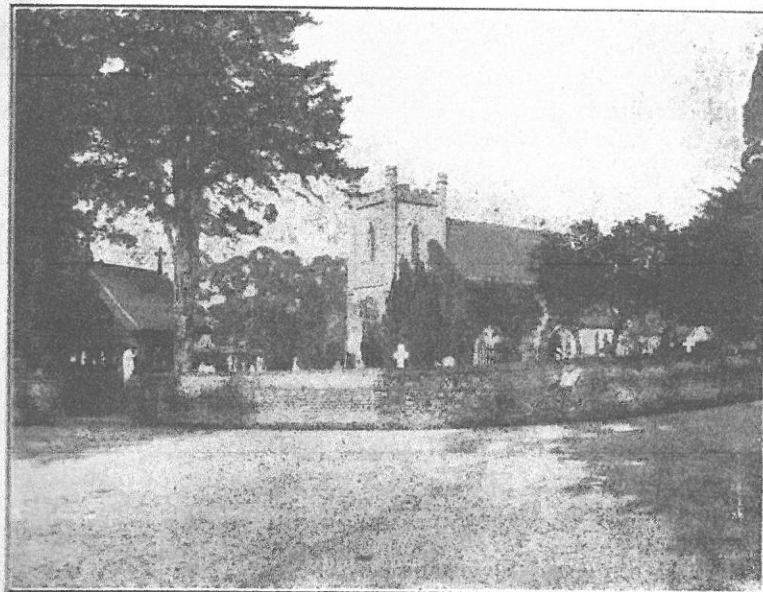




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## RECTOR'S LETTER.

MY FRIENDS,—

When we gathered together in Church on Trinity Sunday the thought that was dominant in our hearts and minds was that of worship. Worship is man's acknowledgment of God. Without worship there can be no religion, for without worship "there is no true belief in God, no consciousness of the realities beyond the sphere of time and space, no desire for anything beyond the things of this world."

Why is it that public worship is often so sadly neglected among us? We are told by those who know that this neglect is far more prevalent to-day than it was a generation ago. It is no doubt a blunder to *identify* religion with Church attendance. But I think we are justified in saying that what a man neglects to do in fellowship with others he often neglects to do in private. We are warned against the danger of "forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." If a man is not careful, he becomes absorbed in the things of this world, and leaves God out of account, "to the loss of the highest powers of his manhood."

You and I believe in a Personal God, Who is our Father and has revealed His love to us in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and is now with us to help and empower us by the Holy Spirit. Is there in our hearts the gratitude of responsive love? If so, we must express our gratitude in worship. A feeling that does not express itself in act evaporates. That is a principle that applies in religion as in all else. "Gratitude unexpressed inevitably cools into apathy. To express our thanks is to augment our thankfulness." The Psalmist tells us: "Whoso is wise and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord." And the Master has said: "Every one who shall confess Me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God."

Yours ever faithfully,

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.

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## 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.

The Children's Service on the 2nd Sunday in the month will be dropped in July and August. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism during these two months will be administered at other times, to be arranged.

## HOLY BAPTISM.

*"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."*

June 7. Private Baptism. Cyril, the child of Samuel Henry and Alice Mabe Bailey, Wisteria Cottage, Aston.

## MARRIAGE.

*"And Jesus was called, and His disciples, to the marriage."*

June 20, by the Rev. S. J. Selwyn. Ronald Guildford, 2, Remenham Cottages, to Gladys Hallett, 4, Friday Street, Henley-on-Thames.



#### PARISH ITEMS.

It was with profound sorrow that we heard of the death on June 10 of our much loved Diocesan, Dr. Burge, Lord Bishop of Oxford. Dr. Burge was a man of wide experience, and he possessed in an eminent degree the qualities of wisdom and sympathy; he will be sorely missed, not only in the Diocese but in the Councils of the Church. Amid our sorrow we will rejoice that he is now in the closer Presence of the Lord and Master Whom he served so faithfully on earth.

The Missionary Sale of the Sonning Deanery for S.P.G. was held on June 3 at Farley Moor, Binfield, by kind permission of Canon and Mrs. Barnett. Farley Moor is a beautiful place, but somewhat inaccessible. Mrs. Surtees and Mrs. Selwyn had most kindly provided the Remenham Stall. "Smokers' Requisites," and both ladies, assisted by Mrs. Seagrave, pushed the sale of their goods with persuasive energy; the result of their effort amounted to £4 17s. 5d.

The Diocesan Missionary Festival took place at Henley-on-Thames on Wednesday, June 10, and was favoured with glorious weather. The Festival sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Chota Nagpur, and at the afternoon meeting in the grounds of Paradise House the Right Rev. H. Gresford Jones, late Bishop of Kampala, and the Right Rev. H. Pakenham Walsh, late Bishop of Assam, were very effective and inspiring speakers.

The Rev. W. Popham Hosford, Chaplain for Deal and the Downs, who came to us on May 24 on behalf of the Missions to Seamen, acknowledges with gratitude a donation of £5 for his special work in the Downs, which he has received from one of our Parishioners.

In the list of the King's Birthday Honours issued on June 3 we saw with pleasure that a Knighthood of the British Empire (Civil Division) had been conferred upon "Frederick Thomas Hopkinson, Esq., M.Inst.C.E., for services in connection with the Nile Dam, Sudan." We offer our heartiest congratulations to Sir Frederick and Lady Hopkinson.

We would call the attention of our readers to the announcement that the Children's Service, usually held on the 2nd Sunday in the month, will be dropped in July and August. If any Christenings are desired, the Rector will make arrangement to take them at some other time.

We are interested to hear that our stalwart friend, Frederick Challis, Aston, has been accepted for the Metropolitan Police Force, and we offer him our good wishes in his new career. We shall expect him, as time goes on, to prove himself an efficient and trustworthy member of this splendid Force, for his record among us has been sound. He is one of that bunch of young fellows in the parish who are a joy to the Rector's heart—clean, wholesome, God-fearing men, who are developing into good citizens and not Bolsheviks, into self-respecting workers and not dole-seeking slackers.

At the British Legion Fête held at Fawley Court on Whit-Monday, Miss Mollie Selwyn, Matson House, took First Prize in the Pony Class with her bay mare "Trixie." Bravo!

Our Choir, with a large number of friends, journeyed this year, on June 22, for their outing to Brighton, and had a thoroughly enjoyable day. Mr. Rex Ansell and Mr. Walters were kindly responsible for all arrangements.

Another of the Henley clergy—this time the Rector of St. Mary's—has come to live in the parish. We believe that at present Canon Dams intends to make only a temporary stay, but, of course, the amenities of Remenham and the salubrity of the climate may prove so attractive that he may wish to remain. As an ecclesiastical "trek" from Henley to Remenham has evidently begun, we shall be happy to welcome among us the remaining Clergy of Henley and, also, the Ministers of the non-Episcopal Churches. This, perhaps, was one of the developments that may have been in the mind of that courageous Bishop, Dr. Barnes of Birmingham, when he recently referred at Westminster Abbey to the breakdown of the parochial system.

A meeting of the Managers of Remenham School was held at the Parish Hall on Saturday, June 13, under the Chairmanship of Viscount Hambleden. Mrs. Eric Noble, Mr. Holloway, and the Rector were present, and letters of regret that they were unable, owing to previous engagements, to attend were read from Mrs. Surtees and Sir Anker Simmons. The Balance Sheet for 1924, which, owing to the kind donations received, showed a balance to credit, was submitted and passed. The internal decoration of the School, as required by the Berks Education Committee, was approved, and it was also resolved to put the wooden fence and gates of the playground into a state of sound repair.