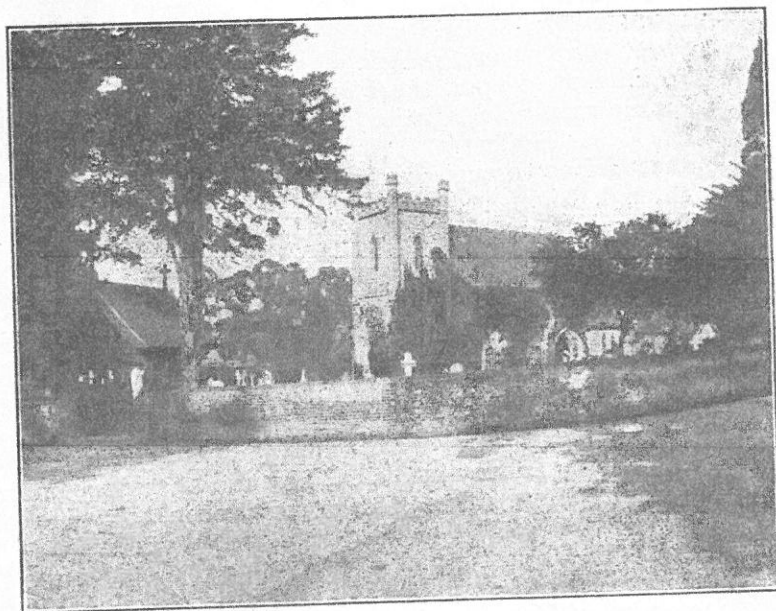




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Rector :

REV. GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.

Churchwardens :

Sir W. ANKER SIMMONS.

Mr. ALEXANDER DAVIDSON.

Sidesmen :

Mr. D. MARCHAM.

Mr. S. H. SMITH.

Clerk and Sexton :

Mr. G. E. SHIRLEY.

RECTOR'S LETTER.

MY FRIENDS,—

During the time we were away on holiday I had the great privilege of spending a day amid the historic associations of Canterbury. It was my first visit to the Cathedral, and I was awed by its dignity and spacious beauty. Amid much that was thrilling I was particularly interested in The Pilgrims' Way, and, as I pictured those pilgrims journeying together in kindly fellowship to offer their devotions at the shrine of à Becket, there came to my mind the thought of that other Pilgrims' Way—the Road of Life—which we all travel. Our Lord and Master describes Himself as The Way, and He tells us that "no man cometh to the Father but by Me." Pilgrims and brothers in the Lord Christ, you and I are journeying, under the guidance of the Spirit, to the Father; along this road we pass once, and only once. God grant that each of us as we pass may give the kindly thought or the helping hand to our brother man. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

So while I may,
With all my might,
I will essay
Sweet comfort and delight
To all I meet upon the Pilgrim Way.
For no man travels twice
The Great Highway
That climbs through Darkness up to Light,—
Through Night
To Day.

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.

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

PARISH ITEMS.

During the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Burge the administration of the Diocese is in the charge of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all that requires legal sanction is done under his authority. He has issued commissions to Bishop Shaw and the Bishop of Buckingham, who will perform such episcopal acts as are necessary.

The King has approved the appointment of the Right Rev. Thomas Banks Strong, G.B.E., M.A., D.D., Lord Bishop of Ripon, to the Bishopric of Oxford, vacant owing to the death of the Right Rev. Hubert Burge, M.A., D.D.

Dr. Strong has been Bishop of Ripon since 1920.

He was Vice-Chancellor of the University from 1913 to 1917 and Dean of Christ Church from 1901 to 1920.

We learn from the annual Report of the Royal Berkshire and Associated Hospitals' Aid Committee that the contributors to the Scheme in Remenham number 188, and that their contributions last year amounted to £102 15s. 6½d.

On each of the two Sundays, June 21 and July 5, when the services at Remenham Church were taken by visiting Clergy, a perplexing contretemps occurred. On Sunday morning, June 21, when the Rev. G. E. Catlin officiated, two swallows flew into the Church through the small opening at the top of the wire-netted doors, and twittered so loudly and so persistently that Mr. Catlin was unable to proceed with his sermon, and after a few minutes' effort had to capitulate to the swallows. The congregation looked in vain to the Churchwardens for help; it is their legal obligation to keep order in the Church during Divine Service, but they were powerless on this occasion to eject the intruders.

Then, again, on July 5, the Rev. F. H. Stokes missed his train and failed to arrive in time for Service. However, Sir Anker Simmons faced the situation with courage and resource, and gallantly carried on to the close of the Second Lesson, when Mr. Stokes arrived and all ended happily. We are told that some members of the congregation would have liked to hear Sir Anker in the pulpit as well as in the Reading Desk.

The Day Schools will close for the Summer holidays on July 31, and re-open on Monday, September 7.

On Friday, June 10, the School children were very kindly invited to Aston Rise by Mrs. Surtees and enjoyed a delightful afternoon. We owe much to the generous and consistent interest that Mr. and Mrs. Surtees take in the Parish.

On July 1 Sir Anker Simmons entered upon his second year as Official Arbitrator for the South district. During his first year of office he has dealt with 150 references under the Acquisition of Land, Assessment of Compensation Act, 1919. Owing to the appointment of Mr. John D. Wallis as President of the Surveyor's Institute, Sir Anker will temporarily be dealing with the references for both the North and South districts.

The Rector and Mrs. Williams are now back at the Rectory, and the Rector would desire to express his very grateful thanks to the good friends who shewed him hospitality on the Sundays when he returned to Remenham—to Sir Frank Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, and Mr. and Mrs. Holloway. He is also much indebted to his brother Clergy, the Rev. S. J. Selwyn and the Rev. J. M. Jeakes, for their help on the Sundays, June 28 and July 26.