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RECTOR'S LETTER.

MY FRIENDS,—

John Oxenham, in the preface to *Bees in Amber*, explains his choice of title by saying that certain thoughts kept buzzing like bees in his brain, and he had to make an effort to write them down and fix them in some permanent medium. A bee that often buzzes in my brain is the thought that in the quest of the temporal things of the world—its business, pleasures, possibilities—men exhibit qualities which they rarely exhibit in their quest of the eternal things of God. To material concerns we devote reason, imagination, decision. How strange it is that we do not devote the same faculties to spiritual concerns!

Our reason; we are face to face with the problems of the higher life. Do we deliberately sit down and think things out? Ought we not to think as clearly as we can about God, and the character of God, and the Will of God? "By the aid of the Holy Spirit let us reverently seek to think ourselves into God's way of thinking, and fill our minds with the divine aspect of things."

Our imagination; are we fertile in resource as is the alert man of business? Do we visualize the glory that is to be? "We know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him."

And then there is decision, the courage that can seize the opportunity and use it. "How long halt ye between two opinions?" The great truths of Christianity are few and simple and fundamental, and as we grasp them we bring our own life and the life of the nation into conformity with the life and purpose of the Kingdom of God.

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 will be administered.

MARRIAGES.

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

July 27. Samson—Coad. Leonard Ralph Samson, Beccles, to Louise Margaret Coad, Carpenters' Arms Inn, Remenham.

Aug. 8. Hookins—Hawkes. Frederick Walter Hookins, 56, King's Road, Henley-on-Thames, to Mary Hawkes, Aston Ferry.

REMENHAM SPORTS AND FLOWER SHOW.

Our gathering on Saturday, August 1, was favoured with quite good weather, and the attendance was large. All arrangements had been admirably carried out by the Committee of Management, and much of the success of the meeting was due to the energy of the Hon. Sec., Mr. A. C. Butler. Among the company present were Sir Henry and Lady Barber, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. Surtees and party, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, Rev. S. J. Selwyn and Mrs.

Selwyn, Mrs. Beville, Mr. and Mrs. Pitman, Sir Anker Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Tonge, Mr. A. J. Parker and Miss Ansell. The Sports' Starters and Judges, present on the field, were Mr. Surtees, Sir Anker Simmons, Rev. S. J. Selwyn, Mr. Pitman, Mr. E. F. Butler, Mr. E. Giles, and the Rector, while Sir Henry Barber, with the assistance of Major Hopkin, M.R.C.V.S., judged the Pony Class (for which Mr. Surtees had given a Silver Cup). The ladies who judged the Needlework and Cake Sections were Mrs. Surtees, Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Selwyn, while the Horticultural Section was in the hands of Messrs. Aird, Stephens and Hall. The complete list of awards has already appeared in the *Henley Standard*, but we may mention a few items of interest. In the Sports the following events were well contested: High Jump, Open, 1. W. Hill, 5 ft. 1 in.; 2, E. C. Robins; Long Jump, Open, 1. L. Gurdon, 16 ft. 6 in.; 2, S. Coad. Throwing the Cricket Ball, 1, W. Hawkes; 2, F. Ward. Open Pony Class for children riding, Silver Cup, 1, Miss Mollie Selwyn; 2, Master Tommy Clark. In the other Sections the following awards were worthy of mention: Class 2, Dish of Round Potatoes, 1, E. Taylor; 2, W. Curtis; 3, J. Woodyatt. Class 7, Runner Beans, 1, W. Spiers; 2, W. Fassnidge; 3, W. Wallis. Class 19, Cooked Potatoes, 1, Mrs. G. Challis; 2, Mrs. G. Hill. Class 20, Home-made Cake, 1, Mrs. Tanner; 2, Mrs. G. Challis. Class 21, Best article of Needlework (girls under 15), 1, Irene Ward; 2, Jennie Hill. Class 23, Hand-made article of Needlework, 1, Mrs. W. Stevens; 2, Miss A. Curtis; 3, Miss A. Butler. Class 24, Club Silver Challenge Cup for the best collection of Vegetables, 1, Sir Edwin A. Speed (gardener, W. Charlton); 2, Major Beville (gardener, A. J. Tanner); 3, Mr. Tonge (gardener, P. Ling); 4, Mr. H. P. Surtees (gardener, W. Stevens). Class 25, The de Escofet Challenge Cup for the best collection of Sweet Peas, Mr. Bendall (gardener, H. Scouse).

At the conclusion of the programme the prizes were distributed by Lady Barber, who, in a short and effective speech, offered her congratulations on the success of the meeting to those who had been responsible for the arrangements, and expressed her delight with the capital display of Vegetables and Flowers; she had been unable to test the Cakes, because no knife was available, but she felt sure from their outside appearance that they were very good; some of the Needlework seemed very nice. With regard to the Sports she would only say that, although not herself an athlete, they had interested her very much, for the events were well-contested. As she looked round upon their successful gathering that afternoon she could not help feeling how pleased Mr. Surtees, the President, must be, for all of them recognized how much the Parish of Remenham owed to him for his unfailing interest and enthusiasm. The proceedings were brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to Lady Barber, proposed by Mr. Surtees, and carried with acclamation.

PARISH ITEMS.

On July 23 the death occurred at a nursing home in Reading of the Rev. Arthur Edwin Brisco Owen, M.A., Rector of Upton Nervet, the only son of the late Rev. Brisco Owen, B.D., who was for many years Rector of Remenham. The sympathy of all who knew the late Rector of Upton Nervet will be with his sisters in their heavy bereavement.

We shall hold our Harvest Thanksgiving Services on Sunday, October 4, when our preacher in the morning will be the Rev. Cyril R. Carter, Fellow and Estate Bursar of Magdalen College, Oxford. It will be well to keep in mind that Sunday, October 4, is the day when our clocks will have to be altered and we revert to normal time. We shall again be grateful for gifts of flowers, fruit, and vegetables, and we ask that they may be delivered at the Church by 10.30 a.m. on the morning of Saturday, October 3.

We were anxious last month about our good friend, Mrs. Holloway, Remenham Farm, who underwent an operation at King's College Hospital. The operation, we rejoice to say, was entirely successful, and Mrs. Holloway has made a splendid recovery. Deo gratias!

The Rector has not been able since his illness to do as much visiting as he would wish, and he craves, and knows he will receive, the kind indulgence of his people. He is very much better, but he finds getting about, especially far afield, difficult. Walking any considerable distance tires him, and, as the cost of a small car and its up-keep are beyond his means, he has to depend for most of his visiting on his faithful push bicycle. However, he trusts that it will always be understood that, in any case of illness, a message sent to the Rectory will bring him at once to those who need him.

Miss Rhodes, Hennerton, asks us to say that the amount collected in Remenham on "Our Day," Wednesday, July 29, was £5 11s. 5d., and thanks are offered both to those who collected, and those who gave, on the occasion. Half of the amount is to be given to our Nursing Association and half to the British Red Cross Society. Including Crazies Hill and Henley, the total sum collected was £18 3s. 8½d.

The Berks Schools Athletic Sports were held on July 27, and several of the pupils of Remenham School entered for different events. Lilian Curtis won the Hurdles County Championship, which entitles her to compete in the Olympiad at the Crystal Palace on September 19.

A friendly match was played on Bank Holiday, August 3, in the School meadow, between an Aston Rise XI and the Remenham Cricket Club. The Club batted first and made 46, and Aston Rise replied rather feebly with 30. When, however, Remenham went to the wickets for their second innings Aston Rise put up a vigorous attack, and, largely owing to the elusive and effective slow bowling of Mr. Nicholas, disposed of the Club for the insignificant total of 12. Aston Rise then went in and made 58, eventually winning a very pleasant match by a margin of 30 runs. Mrs. Surtees kindly entertained both Elevens to tea in the Parish Hall.

On Wednesday, August 19, the Choir boys were very kindly invited by Sir Frank Carter to Hubra. After tea a delightful programme of amusements, including a treasure hunt, musical chairs, races, etc., had been arranged. The prizes were graciously distributed by Mrs. Wimbush. Before departing, hearty cheers were given to Sir Frank for his goodness and very kind thought.

We congratulate Mr. Leslie H. Collins, Trinity College, Oxford, on taking his B.C.L. degree in the Second Class. He will now proceed to read in Chambers with Mr. Croome Johnson.