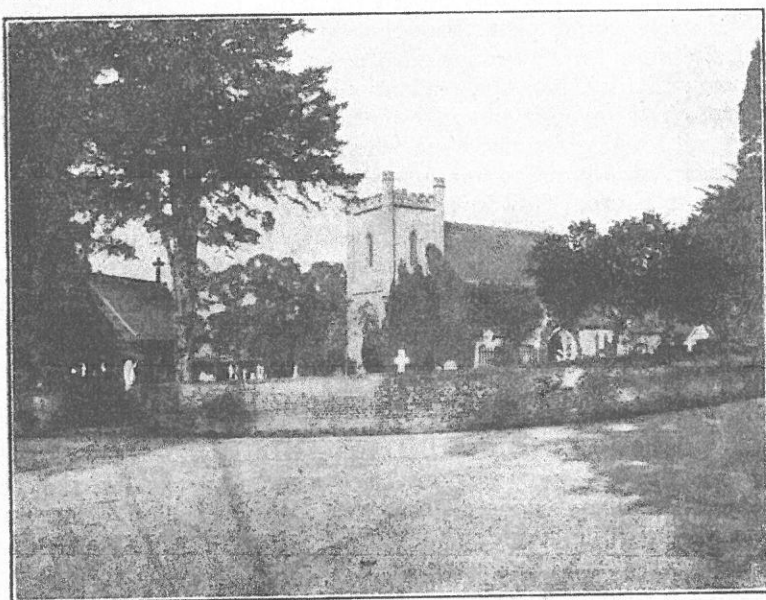




The Church Magazine of S. Nicholas, Remenham.

DECEMBER, 1925.



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,—

I had hoped to pen this letter to you from the quiet of the Rectory study, but it has not been possible for me to get home in time to do so. So I am writing from King's College Hospital. I have passed through long weeks of weariness and there were times of pain and discomfort, but an illness of this kind, necessitating, as it does, cessation of all ordinary activities, carries with it a great divine purpose. First of all we learn anew our utter dependence upon the love and power of God. We fling ourselves with childlike confidence upon the Heavenly Father's care, and in that dependence we are conscious that "underneath are the everlasting arms." We cry with the Psalmist, "O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste for my help."

Then next, we learn anew the truth that God in the Person of our Lord and Master Christ is at the centre of the world's suffering. He is the Great Elder Brother helping and sustaining us by His abiding Spirit, and He is Victor.

And further, illness in the ward of a large hospital has special lessons of its own. No one could pass through my experiences here without feeling a great tenderness for the sufferings of others; around me in my ward are fellow-men in acute suffering, bravely, patiently borne, and, thank God, many of them recover through the wondrous skill of the surgeon and the care of the nurses. And we are all longing for the time when we may be allowed to go home.

The Season of Advent is again with us, and it speaks to us of the stupendous love of the Eternal God in coming to us as a little child in a human home. How precious home is to each of us! And the earthly home, sentinelled by the Spirit of God, is the vestibule of the home that is awaiting us in Paradise. Christmas is the Festival of home. To all of you from my heart I wish

A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS.

Yours ever faithfully,

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY AND HOLY DAYS.

Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m., and also on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month at noon; on Saints' Days either at 8 a.m. or at a time announced on preceding Sunday.

Matins at 11 a.m.; Evensong at 6.30 p.m.

Children's Service on the 2nd Sunday at 3 p.m., when the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is administered.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY there will be Celebrations of Holy Communion at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 12 noon. On St. Stephen's Day and St. John the Evangelist's Day at 12 noon; on Holy Innocents' Day at 8 a.m.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

Oct. 18. Cyril, the child of Samuel Henry and Alice Mabel Bailey, Westeria Cottage, Aston, publicly received into the Congregation of Christ's Church. He was privately Baptised on June 7.

PARISH ITEMS.

The Rector would ask to be allowed to take the opportunity of expressing his heartfelt gratitude to all his people for their loving sympathy with him in his long illness; he is conscious how little he has done to deserve it, but it has been a constant help and support to him. He also desires, with a profound sense of obligation, to thank the friends who have assisted him with such

generaous liberality to meet the financial strain of this time of difficulty. Remenham will be closer than ever to his heart in the days that are to come.

Our Service of Remembrance was held on Sunday, November 8, and we had the privilege of having the Rev. A. G. Parham, the Rector of Easthampstead, to take the Service and give the address. The words spoken were impressive and held the rapt attention of the congregation from start to finish. The Memorial Tablet had been beautifully and skilfully decorated by Mr. Duffin, the gardener at "Ivy Gate," by the kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Davidson. The collection, which amounted to £5 7s., was given to Earl Haig's Fund.

We welcome as Parishioners among us Major and Mrs. Victor Rhodes, who have taken the pleasant house on Remenham Hill formerly known as "Three Elms" and, later, as "The Elms." Major and Mrs. Rhodes are now reverting, by a happy decision, to the original name "Common Barn" with its old-time associations.

We are extremely sorry to hear that Mr. A. Why, of Aston, has been ill at the Henley Memorial Hospital with an acute attack of appendicitis, and we trust that he will make a good recovery.

The School Prize-giving took place on October 29, and the prizes won by the scholars during the year were very kindly presented by Mrs. Eric Noble. At the close the children gave three cheers for Mrs. Noble and for the ladies who had provided the prizes.

Mrs. Noble thanked the children, and expressed in a few kindly words her pleasure in being with us.

One thing only marred our joy, and that was the absence of our Rector. However, the Rev. S. J. Selwyn brought a kindly message from him, saying how much he regretted his inability to be with us.

THE NURSING ASSOCIATION.

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Members' Subscriptions	36	18 6	Nurse Sage's Salary and		
Subscriptions, Non-Beneficiaries	91	9 6	payment of Nurse Bay-		
Donations	2	3 3	liss for holiday duty	154	9 3
Nursing Fees	21	0 8	Bicycle Repairs	1	12 6
Grants—			Taxi, Nurse Bayliss	0	3 6
Ministry of Health	5	0 0			1 16 0
County Council	4	15 0	Insurance: Accidental		
Nursing Insured Patients	2	8 9	and sickness	1	16 0
			Nurse Pension Fund	3	15 0
	£163	15 8			5 11 0
Balance brought into a/c from last			Drugs, etc.		0 18 4
year	79	2 10	Affiliation Fees (two years)		2 12 0
			Donation, Berks County		
			Nursing Association	2	10 0
			Stationery	0	11 11
			Petty Cash	2	10 0
					3 1 11
					170 18 6
			Placed on deposit at Bar-		
			clay's Bank, Oct., 1924	50	0 0
			Balance in hand	22	0 0
					£242 18 6
	£242	18 6			

NURSE'S REPORT.

October, 1924, to October, 1925.

	Midwifery. 18	CASES NURSED. Maternity. 8	General. 74	School. 1	
	VISITS PAID.				
General	682
Midwifery	334
Maternity	134
Anti-Natal	139
Health	220
Casual	62
School	22
Total for year					1,593

SUBSCRIPTIONS, 1924-25.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Viscount Hambleden	10	0	0	Dr. McCrea	1	1	0
Lady Barber	5	0	0	Miss Frame	1	1	0
Mrs. Micklem, M.B.E.	3	3	0	Mrs. Rhodes	1	1	0
General Micklem	3	3	0	Mrs. Boncicant	1	1	0
Lady Dawson	3	3	0	Mrs. Farrer	1	1	0
Mrs. Eric Noble	3	3	0	Rev. S. Winter	1	0	0
Mrs. Heatley Noble	3	0	0	Mrs. Hinton	1	0	0
Mrs. Surtees	2	2	0	Mr. Blackwell	1	0	0
Mrs. Pope	2	2	0	T. Vaughan Morgan, Esq.	1	0	0
Mrs. Nessler	2	2	0	Mrs. Penyston	1	0	0
Mrs. Hungerford	2	2	0	Mrs. Fleming	1	0	0
Sir Anker Simmons	2	2	0	Mrs. Northur	0	10	6
Lady Speed	2	2	0	Mrs. Van den Burgh	0	10	6
Mrs. Beville	2	2	0	Mrs. Phillimore	0	10	6
Mrs. Bond	2	2	0	Mrs. Gilbert	0	10	6
Mrs. Burnell	2	2	0	Miss Gale	0	10	0
Mrs. Selwyn	2	2	0	Mrs. Holloway	0	10	0
Mrs. Gerstley	2	2	0	Mrs. G. Burnell	0	10	0
Col. Micklem, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.	2	2	0	Mrs. Ravenscroft	0	10	0
Mrs. Drummond	2	2	0	Mrs. Paterson	0	10	0
Rev. W. Seymour and Mrs. Parker	2	2	0	Mrs. Pring	0	7	6
Sir S. Eardley Wilmot	1	11	6	Mrs. Symonds	0	5	0
Mrs. Jeakes	1	1	0	Mrs. Wallis	0	5	0
Dr. Smith (two years)	2	2	0	Mr. Baker	0	5	0
Rev. G. H. Williams	1	1	0	Mrs. Littlejohn	0	5	0
Sir Frank Carter	1	1	0	Miss Bennet	0	5	0
Mrs. Collins	1	1	0	Miss Sargeant	0	5	0
Mrs. Spalding	1	1	0	Mrs. Aird	0	5	0
Miss Rhodes	1	1	0	Mrs. Gough	0	5	0
Mrs. Charles Whittingham	1	1	0	Mr. Coad	0	2	6
James V. Shaw, Esq.	1	1	0				
Messrs. Timothy White	1	1	0				
				£91 9 6			

DONATIONS.

Sir John Edwards Moss	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Timothy White from collection-box on weighing machine	1	0	0
	1	3	3
£2 3 3			