

April 1915

**THE SCHOOLS.** -The inspection of our schools in Religious Knowledge took place on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We append the Inspector's Report. The Rev. R. de M. Nixon, General Diocesan Inspector, came himself this year, and was assisted by the Rev. T. Harvey, Vicar of Ivinghoe.

**BOYS.**- There is nothing to add to the summary mark. The school is being carefully taught, and without any striking feature is doing what is exists to do and is doing it well.

**BISHOP'S PRIZE.**- Albert Goodway.

**CERTIFICATES.** - I. Jack Tearle, Fred Holland; II. Fred Cutler, Sidney Denchfield; III. Harry Dimmock, Ernest Guess.

**COMMENDED.**- I. F. Essex, N. Redrup, C. Goodway, W. Bandy, S. Dimmock; II. F. Gardner, L. Randall, R. Bolton, F. Badrick, F. Rickard, T. Pease; III. G. B'ew, G. Baker, B. Hunt, H. Tearle, H. Rimington.

**GIRLS.**- Both Mr. Harvey, who very kindly helped me, and I have nothing but good to say of this school. It is being capitally taught, and the tone and spirit which prevail are both admirable. I have a word of special praise for the bright and ready way in which the girls answered at the end of a long and tiring morning, and for their written work, which was distinctly above the average, and was not spoiled by a single bad paper.

**BISHOP'S PRIZE.**- Winifred Gardner.

**CERTIFICATES.**- I. Marie Horne, Edith Roadknight; II. Kathleen Gates, Freda Randall; III. Mary Mead, May Woolhead. A special certificate was awarded to Frances Redrup, who was easily first but had won the Bishop's Prize last year.

**COMMENDED.**- I. F. Cutler, E. Page, W. Cutler, F. Green, E. Rimington, G. Dudley; II. M. Green, N. Cutler, F. Horn, G. Newbury, A. Woodward; III. P. Ayres, E. Lovell, M. Redrup.

**INFANTS.**- This is a capital little school, the inspection of which gave both Mr. Harvey and myself real pleasure. The teaching is both skilful and effective, and more over on exactly the right lines, and the children were full of life, bright and ready with their answers.

**COMMENDED.**- I. K. Pease, E. Baker, E. Allman, T. Randall, E. Corkett, T. Bolton, G. Dimmock; II. P. Russell, A. Rickard, R. Gates, M. Rogers, K. Hatley, K. Bandy, R. Fountaine.

**THE BOY SCOUTS.**- On Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, a Grand Bazaar will be held in the Wing Hall (admission 3d.). Large Rummage Sale Stall, Provision Stall, Household Wares, Scout work in Photography, Stenciling, Mats, Wood Carving, Preserved Fruits, Brushes, etc. Also a Fancy Stall of Oriental Goods, Toys, etc. and a sale of pot and bedding plants.

There will be a display of sword-dance, jujitsu and Indian clubs, and a play entitled "Scold, Scoundrel and Scout." Light refreshments will be served at reasonable prices.

Altogether, "Mrs. de Rothschild's Own Troop of Boy Scouts" are offering us a novel and most attractive programme, and we hope they and their indefatigable Scoutmaster, Mr. Long, will meet with the encouragement and support they deserve so well.

**THE WAR.**- We have now reached the end of the eighth month of this terrible war in which our country is engaged, and so far from there being any signs of it slackening, almost every day brings home to us more intensely the seriousness of the struggle and the vital issues that are at stake. For the gallantry and steadfastness of our sailors and soldiers there can be nothing but praise and thankfulness, but even now the people of England cannot be said to be fully alive to their duty or to the necessity of *everyone* of every class sacrificing *everything* to the good cause. In this respect we are still in sad contrast with our Allies and with the enemy. Wing has now a goodly list of her sons (109 in all) who are serving in various capacities (a great many at the front). I am sorry that our daily Intercession Service is now so entirely neglected. I hoped that it would be better and not worse attended, as time went on, and we realized more vividly our need of help and comfort from above.

We have now for six weeks had two companies of the 12<sup>th</sup> West Yorks. Regiment under the command of Major McDonnell and Capts. Daniells and Norris, billeted among us. The Hall has been fitted up for their use as a Club under the direction of Mr. Roberts and the Y.M.C.A., and the Parish Room and Wesleyan Schoolroom are also open for the same purpose, and are much appreciated. We understand the Regiment will be leaving shortly for Halton (or possibly Aldershot). On Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup>, together with the other Regiments quartered at Leighton and Linslade, it was

inspected in Mentmore Park by Lord Kitchener. There were some 5,000 men on the ground, nearly all in khaki, and they presented a very soldier-like appearance.

**CONFIRMATION.**- On Thursday evening, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Bishop of Buckingham administered the rite of Confirmation in S. Barnabas Church, Linslade. Sixty-two candidates were presented from the following parishes: Linslade 22, Wing 16, Slapton 5, Cheddington 5, Mentmore 1, and nine men of the York. And Lancs. Regiment, and four of the Somerset Light Infantry. The Bishop gave a stirring and impressive response to the candidates. Those presented from Wing were: J. C. Pantling, Fredk. George Holland, Frederick Arthur Corkett, Sidney Horne, Alfred George Pease, John Pease, Frabk A. R. Richardson, Henry Fred Temple, Christopher Cleaver, Hilda May Bandy, Dorothy Kent, Annie E. E. Page, Nellie Page, Edith Margaret Randall, Frances F. B. Redrup, Winifred E. Pantling.

**RAILWAY MISSION TO CANADA.**- We had an unexpected visit from the Hon. and Rev. E. Lindsay, Head of the Mission, who is in England for a few weeks. He preached in Church on Sunday morning and gave a description of the work in that "land of open doors," interesting (we hope) to all who heard him, and of course particularly to the Vicar and his family. The severity of the climate in winter (often thirty, forty, and sometimes even fifty degrees below zero), the variety of nations and creeds among the colonists and the great distances to be traversed in visiting the townships and homesteads are all elements of difficulty, but he spoke hopefully of the progress and prospects of the Mission.

#### **EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS.**

##### **HOLY BAPTISM.**

March 21<sup>st</sup>.- Sidney Robert, son of Robert and Emily Bolton.

##### **BURIAL.**

March 15<sup>th</sup>.- James Johnson, of School Lane, Wing, aged 20.

WE regret to record the death of George Hedge; he was thrown from his bicycle on the Leighton Hill on the dark night of Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, his skull was fractured and he died a few minutes after he was picked up. He had been in the Ascott Gardens for some 15 year and was a valuable servant.

##### **OFFERTORY RECEIPTS.**

	£	s.	d.	
Mar. 4 (3 <sup>rd</sup> S. in Lent)	1	10	4	Sick and Needy
Parade Service	0	18	9	U.M.C.A.
11 (4 <sup>th</sup> S. in Lent)	2	9	5	Church Expenses.
Parade Service	0	14	9	"    "
18 (5 <sup>th</sup> S. in Lent)	4	6	2	Rly. Mission. W. Canada
25 (S. bef. Easter)				

##### **SERVICES OF HOLY WEEK & EASTER.**

Monday Tuesday Wednesday. Matins 8. Evensong and Address 7.30.

Maundy Thursday. H.C. 8. Matins 8.30.

Good Friday. Matins and Ante-Communion 10.30. Two Hours' Service 1—3. Evensong 7, followed by Cantata, "Is it nothing to you, O ye that pass by."

Easter Day. Holy Communion 7, 8 and 11.15.

Monday in Easter week H.C. at Grove.

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