

## August 1914

**THE HARVEST FESTIVAL** – Our Harvest Festival and the Thanksgiving services have been fixed for Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. At the evening service in Church the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Charles E. Hopton, Vicar of Moseley, Rural Dean of King's Norton, and Canon of Birmingham. Mr. Hopton is an old pupil of the Vicar, who, as they have not met for some 25 years, is much looking forward to his visit.

**THE ARCHBISHOP'S MISSION TO W. CANADA.** – Some further particulars of the Rev. Lawrence Tatham's sphere of work may be interesting. He has five towns (the largest Davidson where he lives with a population of 600) under his care, viz. Davidson, Bladworth, Kenaston, Hanley and Dundrum, which is 47 miles distant from Davidson. These places are all on the line and he is responsible for the homesteads (some of them 10 miles from the railway station) dotted about on either side. He finds his motor cycle most useful but cannot use it in wet weather on account of the sticky mud of the unmetalled roads. He greatly desires to furnish his little Church of Davidson with proper seats, the present ones being quite inadequate and not conducive to reverence. I am hoping to send him a contribution, and if any friends in Wing (not forgetful of their own advantages in this matter) are willing to assist I shall be very pleased. His own people are mostly poor.

**ADDITION TO THE HALL** – A supper room on the ground floor (also available for meetings) and a billiard room above it are now being added to the Wing Hall. This is the gift of a kind friend of Wing; it will make our already beautiful Hall very complete and we will not say equal but superior to any other anywhere.

**ASSOCIATION OF BOY SCOUTS** – A troop has been recently formed in Wing. Mr. Long has undertaken the onerous duty of Scoutmaster, so we may be sure it will be worked on very sound principles. The age of admission is from 11 to 18. Some 25 lads have already joined. The aim of the Association (as described in its rules) is to develop good citizenship among boys by forming their character, training them in habits of observation, obedience and self reliance, inculcating loyalty and thoughtfulness for others and teaching them services useful to the public and handicrafts useful to themselves. The uniform, which is of a simple and workmanlike character, has to be paid for in instalments by the members, the spirit of the movement being that on the part of the boys themselves money should be earned and not solicited. We heartily wish them God speed.

**THE FLOWER SHOW** – Given a fine day, the Flower Show bids fair to be an exceptional success this year. The entries are more numerous than they have been for many years. The attractions (over and above the Show itself and the groups from Ascott and Highgate) are a cricket match Ascott v. Harrow Wanderers, the Royal Naval Reserve Band, and by kind permission of Mr. Alfred Rothschild, Carl Heubert's far-famed Hungarian Band, a tug-of-war between famous teams (eight in all), and best of all a flying performance.

**DOMER'S HOSPITAL** – Two of the eight pensioners have passed away during the last month. Mary Lathwell, aged 85, appointed February, 1891 (she was latterly a great invalid, and has lived for the last four years with her niece at Wooton Underwood), and Maria Heady, aged 74, widow of the late William Heady, appointed March 1898.

**MOTHERS' MEETING** – The members of the Mothers' Meeting (Wing and Burcott) had an unusually extensive outing this year. They journeyed to London (40 in number, and accompanied by the Vicar, Mr. Kendrick and Miss H. Tatham). At Euston they were taken on board of two capacious brakes, and drove via Trafalgar Square, Whitehall, Westminster, through S. James' Park past the Victoria Monument and Buckingham Palace, then by Constitution Hill to Hyde Park by Knightsbridge and the Albert Memorial to the Kensington Museum, whence after a short halt to see some of King George's Indian treasures they proceeded to Regent's Park, and landed after a delightful three hours' drive at the Zoological Gardens. Here a welcome lunch awaited them, and the rest of the afternoon was spent in the gardens or in visiting

friends, and the whole party re-assembled at Euston for the 7.10 homeward train. It was a very hot day (indeed the hottest of this summer), but no one seemed worse for it, and we fortunately escaped the rain and the thunderstorm which we learned had been raging between Wing and London in the afternoon.

**CONFIRMATION** – As already announced, the Bishop of Buckingham will hold a Confirmation in Wing Church on the afternoon of Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. The Vicar would be glad to see any candidates whom he has not already spoken to and arrange for the preparations as soon as possible,

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT** – The Sunday School treat was held in the Vicarage Garden on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, and favoured by the weather and with the assistance of many willing helpers it was a very great success. The children sat down to tea at 4 and later, when they had adjourned to the field and the other lawn for games and races, their parents (mostly mothers, as few fathers were at liberty at that hour) were entertained. There were races for competitors of all ages seven down to 5 and 4. Miss Long distinguished herself and thoroughly deserved the teddy bear which was awarded to her. There was a varied and suitable assortment of prizes, which were distributed by the Vicar at the end of the proceedings.

THE SCHOOLS broke up for the summer holidays on the morning of July 31<sup>st</sup>. They will re-open on the morning of September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.**

**HOLY BAPTISM.**

July 7th.- Bevan Bryan, son of Edgar William Bryan and Mildred Hunt.

**MARRIAGE.**

July 20th. – Frank Cooper Page and Sarah Elizabeth Killby Cleaver.

**BURIAL.**

July 29th. – Maria Heady, almswoman, aged 74.

**OFFERTORY RECIEPTS.**

	£	s.	d.
July 5th. - 4th. Sun. after Trinity	1	13	5
Children.....	0	3	6
“ 12th.- 5th.Sun. after Trinity	1	9	7
“ 19th. -6th. Sun. after Trinity	4	3	2
Grove.....	0	11	10
“ 26th.-7th. Sun. after Trinity	2	4	4