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WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATE. £1 FOR 15s. 6d. – Help your country to win the war and help yourself at the same time by buying War Savings Certificates at the Post Office. You can buy one or any number up to 500. A certificate costs 15s. 6d., and in five years you will get £1 for it. If you cannot buy a certificate all at once, get a war savings card. It has spaces for 31 six-penny stamps. Buy the stamps as often as you can, and when the card is full, it will be exchanged for a War Savings Certificate. In five years this certificate (now costing 15s. 6d.) will have become worth £1. Many, we know, are not able to save much at this time when every necessary of life has gone up in price. But we ALSO know that munition workers and soldiers and their families are now receiving much higher wages than ever before, and that this rate of pay will not continue after the war ends. It is the duty of EVERYONE—a duty we owe to our country, to our families and to ourselves to save our money in every possible way, to spend nothing for the present on luxuries or amusements. Our patriotism and our intense desire that our gallant sons who have already given, or risking, their lives for our sake, shall not have made their great sacrifice in vain. We can at least do this, if we are too weak or old to help in any other way. There is, first of all, alcoholic drink, on which the country has been in the habit of spending over a hundred and eighty million pounds a year (it is almost unbelievable, but it is, alas! true) and we spend more on drink per head than any other nation in the world. And so far from this expenditure helping to maintain our efficiency, in the vast majority of cases it is fatal to health and fatal to character. Surely with the example of our Russian and French Allies, with the example of King George and of our splendid and much lamented heroes, Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener before us, no right-minded man or woman can hesitate in this national emergency to give up strong drink altogether. If we look round and think of the many things we can do without, we should be astonished at their number, and we AND our country would be infinitely the better for it.

THE SCHOOLS.— Mr. Long, (or to give him his right title), Pte. Long, R.E., is at Dunstable, at present, and fortunately near enough home to cycle over for an hour or two at the week-end. His Sgt.-Major is also Scoutmaster there, and we hope that (weather permitting), the Dunstable Company will pay a visit to Wing on Saturday, July 30th, and join forces with our own Scouts.

We announce with pleasure that Norman J. Redrup has gained a teacher candidate scholarship. This gives him free education at the Aylesbury Grammar School with travelling expenses, etc. His success is a credit to both him and to our school. The summer holiday of the school began on Friday, July 28th. The next term begins on Tuesday, September 5th.

THE MOTHERS' UNION QUARTERLY MEETING was held in the Vicarage garden on Tuesday, July 25th. There was a good attendance, some 60 members being present. Mrs. Last, from Stony Stratford, gave a very earnest and practical address on the National Mission.

THE WAR.— The month of July has witnessed much fierce and furious fighting on the western front. Our gallant troops have made a great advance, as also have the French, but the list of casualties every day makes painful reading, and there must be few families that have not suffered loss. We hear with sorrow of two deaths this week in the 12th West Yorks.—Captain Cyril Oliver killed, and Lieut. Chas. Wooler died of wounds in the Herbert Hospital, Woolwich. Both of them were well-known and popular officers when the Battalion was billeted in Wing.

BANK HOLIDAY AND FLOWER SHOW.— When we heard that the August Bank Holiday was abandoned, we assumed that the Flower Show would be given up. Indeed, it would have been alike impossible and improper to hold it under present circumstances. We condole, however, with our

disappointed exhibitors, knowing as we do, the time and attention many of them devote to the cultivation of their gardens.

THE NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE.- The Mission is a call to us as a nation to know the time of our visitation, for we are passing both as individuals and as a nation, through a great crisis in our spiritual history, and are entering a new stage in the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth. All wars, and to a marked degree, THIS war, have the character of national judgements. We may believe that by it God is not condemning or punishing but He is trying or testing us. He comes to us as He came to His people nearly 1,900 years ago, and His Messenger says now, as he said then, to each one, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." It is a call to self knowledge and to repentance to see wherein we ourselves, and as a nation, have done amiss and gone astray, and to pray that God may help us to mend our ways and do better for the future. Rightly, therefore, is it named the Mission of Repentance AND of Hope. We must use our dead selves as stepping stones to higher things. What good it will do and whether it will do any good depends mainly on ourselves and the use which, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, we mean to make of it. My colleague and I hope to attend a "Retreat" at Wycombe this week, and to gain there, by God's help, much guidance and counsel in the matter. I venture to ask for the prayers of my parishioners that we may do so. The Mission itself will take place in October or November, but our preparation for it must begin now.

V.A.D. AND MILITARY HOSPITALS.- Miss Helen Tatham has received the following letter and would gladly receive applications from any at Wing who could possibly volunteer for this excellent work. The pay is £20 a year and allowances. After August 14th application should be made to Miss Newman, Perth House, Linslade:- "Owing to the very urgent calls on us from military hospitals, the list of our V.A.D. members for nursing duties is exhausted. The War Office is calling for many more and is willing that we should now take women who do not hold first aid and Home Nursing Certificates. The age also is now between 21 and 48. Will you please do your best to obtain applications from those of suitable character and good health in your district. These may be temporarily attached to the local detachment until they are qualified to join. Candidates should fill in the present qualifications form, which should be signed by you and countersigned by the County Director. The applications will be brought before the Selections Board, and all suitable women may count on an early appointment.- Ranfurly, Director, Ambulance Dept."

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.- The Vicar and Mrs. Tatham entertained this children of the Church Sunday School on Thursday, July 27th. About 130 children were present, and several parents came later. After tea came races and games. The prize-giving at the end was hastened by a threatening thunderstorm (which fortunately went off elsewhere).

We have no christenings, or marriages, or burials, to record for the month of July.

OFFERTORY RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	
July 2 nd S. after Trinity	1	19	0	Sick and Needy.
9 3 rd S. after Trinity	4	1	1	Wing Provident Dispensary.
16 4 th S. after Trinity	1	6	4	Church Expenses.
23 5 th S. after Trinity	1	8	9	Church Expenses.
30 6 th S. after Trinity				