

## July 1917

The funeral of our late lamented friend and benefactor, Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, took place at the Willesden Burying Ground on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, and there was, as might be expected, a large attendance of relations, including his two sons, Major Lionel and Cap. Anthony (Major Evelyn Rothschild arrived home from Palestine three days later), friends, tenants and principal servants. A Memorial service was held on the following Thursday at the Synagogue in Great Portland Street, at which Mrs. Rothschild was present. Though it was impossible for any Wing people other than the above to testify their sorrow and respect and sympathy by their *personal* attendance either at Willesden or in London, there was a universal desire to give expression of our feelings in some way, and it was arranged to hold a short Memorial Service in the Parish Hall after Evensong on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Vicar conducted the service, and there must have been quite 500 present (among them 36 of "Mrs. de Rothschild's Own Scouts" with their bugles). After the singing of the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," he reminded them of the solemn occasion of their meeting together. They were assembled there, he said, to thank God for the noble life and good example of their departed friend, to pray that his soul might be received into the blessed rest of Paradise, and that comfort and strength might be given to his bereaved wife and family. He then read the ninetieth Psalm (which forms part of the Jewish as well as the Christian Burial Service), and offered prayers, particularly one very beautiful prayer which had been used at Willesden (or, rather the English version of it, for at the funeral itself it had been said in Hebrew). The service was closed with the benediction and the singing of our version of Psalm 23: "The King of Love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never."

The prayer mentioned above is as follows: "O Lord and King, Who art full of compassion, in Whose hand is the soul of every living thing and the breath of all flesh. Who killest and makest alive, Who bringest down to the grave and bringest up again, receive, we beseech Thee, the soul of Thy servant who has been gathered unto his people. Have mercy upon him: pardon all his transgressions, for there is not a righteous man upon earth, who doeth good and sinneth not. Remember unto him the righteousness which he wrought, and let his reward be with him and his recompense before him. O shelter his soul in the shadow of Thy wings. Make known to him the path of life; in Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore. Vouchsafe unto him of the abounding happiness that is treasured up for the righteous as it is written. Oh how great is Thy goodness which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee, which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee before the children of men! O Lord, Who healest the broken-hearted and bindest up their wounds, grant Thy consolation unto the mourners, put into their hearts the fear and love of Thee, that they may serve Thee with a perfect heart and let the latter end in peace. Amen."

With reference to a letter of condolence from our schools which owe so much to the unceasing care and interest of Mrs. Rothschild, the teachers have received from her a very kind and touching reply.

**"OUR DAY"**.- Grove did nobly on behalf of the Red Cross. On Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup>, a Garden Party was held by Mrs. Warren at the Farm, and Miss Downer, and, in spite of a somewhat threatening sky which frightened early visitors away, the programme was carried through in its entirety. As the weather improved there was quite a good attendance in the evening at the concert and the dancing. Including donations and a collection made at the Church on June 10<sup>th</sup>, the handsome sum of £42 was realised, and has been forwarded to Mrs. Tarver, Deputy President for the Bucks. Branch. At Wing,

too, we did well. The collection in Church produced £6 4s. 3d.; Empire day at the School, £1 10s. 9d.; the Rummage Sale at the Hall, £35 10s.; Sale of Cinema tickets, £15 10s.; total £58 15s.

**POTATO SPRAYING IN GARDENS AND ALLOTMENTS.**- The Wing Horticultural Society has now purchased two spraying machines, and on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, the Hall was opened to receive applications from allotment holders and others. The spraying of the leaves of the potato plant not only prevents disease, but increases its powers of production. The grower who neglects to spray is a danger to his neighbour, for the disease, when once started, spreads rapidly from one plot to another. The Food Production Department's circular makes the following statement:- "It is not too much to say that if all the small growers of potatoes in England and Wales spray their crops, 100,000 tons of potatoes will be added to the food supply of the nation. The estimated cost of spraying works out (including labour and materials) at about 4d. per rod. Application should be made to Mr. R. Ayres, Secretary of the Horticultural Society.

**EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.**

**BAPTISM.**

June 17.- Anthony Francis Garth, son of John and Helen Tarver.

**MARRIAGE.**

June 2<sup>nd</sup>.- Harry George Edwards to Hilda Florence Baker.

**WING PROVIDENT DISPENSARY.**- The annual collection for the Dispensary will be made at the Church on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and at the chapels on that, or (if not convenient) on another Sunday in the month.

**THE CHURCH ACCOUNTS, EASTER, 1917.**- The cost of a new drain to the Church, £12 13s. 6d., insurance of the fabric against air raids £5, and certain extra expenses, tuning the organ, etc., left the Churchwardens with an adverse balance of £4 8s. 2d. This has now been met by subscriptions as under:- Mr. B. F. J. Gates, Lady Edith Cotes, the Vicar at £3, £9; Lady Yarborough, Messrs. H. Adams, J. Gates, W. Manning, A. Merry, J. Tarver at £1, £6; Dr Chignell, Mr. and Mrs. Fountaine, Mr. F. Heley, Mr. J. Jennings, Mrs. Manning, 10s., £2 10s.; Messrs. Bradshaw, Collins, W. Green, A. Page, T. Whitman, 5s; Mrs. James, 3s.; A. Lane, M. Woolhead, A. Ayres, E. Cleaver 1s., £1 12s.; total £19 2s.

**WAR SAVINGS.**- The Wing War Savings Association has now been at work for two months. The Hall is open on Monday evenings 7.30-8.30, for receiving payments. The Association has made a good start, but we should be very glad to see many more members, particularly young people. We hear of neighbouring villages with a far smaller population that have taken it up much more keenly than we have done at present. We hope Wing will not be outdone by others in great measure, by which we can at once help our country and benefit ourselves.

**OFFERTORIES.**

	£	s.	d.
June 3 <sup>rd</sup> .- Trinity Sunday	5	16	7 Dio. Fund
10 <sup>th</sup> .- 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. after Trinity	1	14	1
17 <sup>th</sup> .- 2 <sup>nd</sup> " "	1	18	3
24 <sup>th</sup> .- 3 <sup>rd</sup> " "	1	9	8