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O GOD OF BATTLES.

A hymn for use in time of war.

O God of Battles, God of grace,
Turn not from us Thy mercy's face;
Our sins forgive-our prayers receive,
Hear Thou in Heaven Thy dwelling place,
And when Thou hear'st our cry, forgive.

O God of Faith, we trust in Thee,
That as of old, Thy help will be
With us, who in Thy care believe;
Hear Thou in Heaven Thy dwelling place,
And when Thou hear'st our cry, forgive.

O God of Hope, in Whom alone
We trust for victory to be won,
And bring our dear ones home to live;
Hear Thou in Heaven Thy dwelling place,
And when Thou hear'st, forgive.

O God of Love, give peace again,
Comfort and rest to those in pain,
The wounded soothe, the sick relieve;
Hear Thou in Heaven Thy dwelling place,
And when Thou hear'st, forgive.

To him who for his country dies,
An entrance grant to Paradise,
Tho' dead to us-in Thee alive;
Hear Thou in Heaven Thy dwelling place,
And when Thou hear'st, forgive.

This hymn, composed by the Rev. Hon. B. P. Bouverie (brother of Lady Edith Cotes and the Hon. Kenelm Bouverie), Canon of Salisbury, is sung every Sunday evening in Church. We hope our readers will use it also in their own private devotions during this time of national distress and anxiety. We are thankful that so many are realizing the serious condition of our affairs and have offered or are offering themselves freely to their country, but there are still some who deserve the curse of Meroz, and we must pray that we may *all* soon be found working together as one man.

The Bishop of Oxford in the Diocesan Magazine of this month, writes:- "That men ought always to pray and not to faint," is a divine direction which we greatly need in our prayers concerning the war, both public and private. The enemy has been behaving with incredible disregard of accepted

international obligations such as restrain brutality in warfare. We are exasperated and embittered. At home there has been a good deal of complaining and mutual recrimination. Our temper is strained and our power of holding together. Whatever else the Christian Church can do, it ought to be importunate and earnest in prayer. We need to pray with all our soul. (1) For our country and all classes in it, that they may behave worthily and in a spirit of thorough self-sacrifice; and that the spirit of penitence for our common and personal sins be deepened in our approach to God; (2) For the good hand of our God upon us in the areas of war, guiding our leaders, inspiring the men, protecting them in danger, granting us victory; (3) for the wounded, the prisoners and the bereaved; (4) for our enemies, and especially for the German-speaking Church, that it may open its heart to the spirit of God; (5) let us commend to God those who have fallen, that He will so deal with them in the unseen world, 'that they may find mercy of the Lord at the great day.'"

The Wing men who are now serving in various capacities at home and abroad and on the high seas number 120. Among them recently joined are William Watson, William Green, Maurice White and Bertie Bolton.

We are in great anxiety about Lieut. William George Garfoth, Scots Guards. He gained his commission in January, and after a few weeks' training in London went to the front, where he has seen much service. He was reported "missing" some two weeks ago, and no further news of him has yet come to hand.

FRENCH WOUNDED EMERGENCY FUND.- We have received an urgent application for help in the French Hospitals either money or material. The necessaries for one bed are: One pair of blankets, 2 pair of sheets and pillow cases, 2 night shirts, 2 pair of socks, 1 shirt, 1 vest and 1 bed jacket. Any contributions will be gratefully received and forwarded by Miss Tatham.

VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.- The Wing Company has been for some time very diligent in drilling under Sergt. Laurence. On Whit Monday 22 members in the charge of Mr. A. S. Heley and Section Leaders H. Gates and F. Walker marched to Cheddington for inspection by the Earl of Buckinghamshire. They went through rifle and foot drill under Mr. J. R. Tarver, Company Commander, in conjunction with the Wingrave, Linslade and Stewkley sections. The inspector congratulated the officers and men on their efficiency.

THE RURIDECANAL CONFERENCE, of which we gave notice last month, was held in the Hall on Thursday, May 6th, and was well attended. Some 70 members were present, and all the parishes of the Deanery were represented. The Chairman, in resigning his office of Rural Dean of Ivinghoe after a tenure of 22 years, spoke of the many who had passed away during that time, and welcomed his successor, the Rev. T. Harvey. He said that many of his friends when he had told them of his impending retirement had been kind enough to express their regret, but he had noticed that they always brightened up when they heard who his successor was to be. Mr. Rowe, of Cheddington, proposed a vote of thanks which was seconded by the Rev. W. Francis. The Chairman then called upon the electors from the several parishes to come to the front row and elect their representatives for the Diocesan Conference. The Deanery of Ivinghoe has five lay representatives, and the following were nominated: Mr. A. A. Buckmaster, of Horton, Ivinghoe; Mr. William Jeffs, of Linslade; Major Stewart Jenney, of Drayton Beauchamp; Mr. George Pratt, of Marsworth; and Mr. Henry Rutherford, of Linslade.

MOTHERS' UNION.- The quarterly meeting will be held at the Vicarage on Wednesday, June 30th. An address will be given by Miss Mary Tatham. Tea at 3.45, in the Vicarage garden.

EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES.- The village is suffering from a severe outbreak of measles. The infant school was closed on May 17th. The three schools were to have opened after the Whitsun holiday on June 1st, but upward of 90 cases were reported. Dr. Scruby visited us on May 31st and the committee have ordered the closing of the whole school till June 21st.

There is universal sympathy felt for Amos Corkett and his family, who has lost two children-Leonard, aged 4, and Arthur Claud, aged 2, on successive days.

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY FESTIVAL.- This will be held in High Wycombe on July 14th. The Festival Service will be held in the Parish Church at 12; preacher, the Bishop of Lichfield, and at 3 a meeting in the grounds of Wycombe Abbey. Wycombe is somewhat difficult access of from Wing, but the Vicar begs any who wish to attend the Festival to communicate with him, and hopes that many who cannot attend in person will at any rate remember the cause by their prayers and offerings. Like everything else in this year of storm and stress, missions are suffering from want of both workers and of funds.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS.

HOLY BAPTISM.

May 9th.- Arthur George, son of William and Kate Richard.

23rd.- Nancy Louvain Hilda, daughter of Mary Jane and Walter Dodd, R.E.

BURIAL.

May 24th.- Mildred May Corkett, of Dormer Place, Wing, aged 6.

We much regret that the burial of Elizabeth, wife of David Gardner, of George Street, Wing, was not recorded in our May number. Mrs. Gardner died in her 74th year on March 26th, and was buried on March 30th.

COLLECTIONS.

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May 2 (4 th S. aft. Easter)	4	11	6	Diocesan Fund.
May 9 (5 th ")	1	13	9	Sick and Needy.
16 (S. aft. Ascension)	1	11	4	Church Expenses.
23 (Whit Sunday)	3	8	11	" "
30 (Trinity Sunday)	1	12	4	" "