

## March 1915

**CHURCH PARADE.**- The soldiers' service at the Parish Church on Sunday was taken by the Rev. A. E. Baynes (Curate). It must be many years since the old Church has contained so many men at a service. The singing of the hymns by men only was very striking. The address to the troops was on prayer, especially personal prayer, and was listened to very attentively. A collection of 19s. 6d. was made on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. Captain Daniels was in charge of the parade.

**DEATH OF A REFUGEE.**- The death has taken place at the Chestnuts of a little Belgian boy, Joseph Weyn, age nine years, the son of M. Weyn, military tailor, of Antwerp, whose family is residing in the village. Great sympathy has been expressed for the parents, whose bereavement must seem doubly hard after being driven so many miles from their native land. The funeral took place on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, the deceased being interred in the Churchyard. The service was conducted by the Rev. Father Long (of Leighton Buzzard), who was accompanied by Acolytes and a censer bearer. A great many of the inhabitants were there to show their sympathy with the family. Several of the Belgians' compatriots from the neighbourhood also attended the funeral. Miss A. Monaghan and Miss T. Monaghan, Mr. A. Somes Heley, Chairman of the local Belgian Relief Committee, also attended. The bearers were six of Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild's Own Boy Scouts. The boys attending the day school were marshalled in line along the Church walk to honour the dead boy. The coffin was of polished elm with brass fittings, and bore the inscription: "Joseph H. T. Weyn, 10 years of age." Several wreaths and other tokens were sent, some in the Belgian national colours with no inscriptions. The children of Wing and the Wing Committee for the hospitality of Belgian Refugees, also sent tokens of regret and sympathy.

**RETURN OF THE WEST YORKS.**- Much excitement was caused in the village on Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, when two companies of the West Yorks arrived here to be billeted. The number of men and officers is about 500, which will mean a great benefit to the village. Much pleasure was shown both by the men and villagers, especially where the troops could go back to their old billets. A special Church parade was held on Sunday morning under Lieut. Norris. The Vicar based his address on I. Peter in. 13:- "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." The address was very reverently listened to by the men. A collection was made for the sick and needy of the parish, and resulted in a sum of 15s. 8d. being obtained.

**SPECIAL LENT ADDRESSES.**- The first Sunday morning service was taken by the Vicar, who has arranged to take the Sunday morning services throughout Lent and preach on the use of the Lord's Prayer in our present troubles. The Curate (the Rev. A. E. Baynes), has arranged to preach on the four marks of the Church, and his first address was given to a big congregation on the parable of the sower.

**BIBLE SOCIETY.**- The annual meeting of the Bible Society's local auxillary was held in the Hall on Wednesday evening. The representative of the Society was the Rev. E. W. G. Hudgell. The Chairman, in welcoming the speaker, said he was sorry there was such a poor attendance. He had attended these meetings for many years now and thoroughly enjoyed them, as they gave a good idea of the world-wide work done by the Society. The local balance sheet, as produced by the Secretary, Mrs. H. Sharman, showed:- Collected at the 1914 Annual Meeting, £1 5s. 6d.; per Mrs. James, £3 3s. 11d.; per Mrs. Sharman, £2 10s. 0d.; hire of the Hall, 5s.; balance £6 14s. 5d. The Vicar said Mr. Hudgell had promised for another year to see if they could fill the Hall by giving an illustrated lantern lecture on the Society's work - Mr Hudgell, in the course of his address, gave particulars of the Scriptures which the Society had printed and distributed to our own troops in the mother tongue of the various units. Copies had also been ordered by the Serbian Government for

their recruits, and for the Japanese, Russian and German prisoners of war interned in the various camps. Since the war commenced they had distributed well over a million copies of the Scriptures. In speaking of the financial difficulties of the Society, the speaker told how through the untold generosity of a highly placed gentleman connected with the Society, who had placed the whole of his resources at their disposal, the Society had been able to pay its printers, colporteurs and others connected with the work of the Society. The Rev. F. H. Tatham, in thanking the speaker, said he hoped that when the great war was over it would bring out the true Christian spirit and bring all together in the same fold.

**MOTHERS' MEETING.**- The Mothers' Meeting will not be held during March, but Mrs. Tatham will be at the Parish Room at 2.30 to receive payment of members.

**CONFIRMATION.**- The Bishop of Buckingham will hold a Confirmation in S. Barnabas Church, Linslade, on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

#### **LENT AND HOLY WEEK.**

Special Service every Thursday evening at 7.30. A course of addresses will be given on "The Four Marks of the Church."

H.C. Thursdays at 8.0 a.m. as usual.

Mattins daily at 7.45 (except Thursday).

Evensong daily at 6.0 (except Thursday and Friday evening when it is 7.30).

Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

#### **HOLY WEEK.**

Holy Communion on Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m.

Mattins on Monday and Wednesday at 8. Tuesday and Thursday, 7.30.

Evensong on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY.**

10.30 Mattins and Ante-Communion.

1-3 Two Hours' service

7.0 Evensong.

#### **EASTER EVE.**

Mattins 8 a.m. Evensong 6 p.m.

#### **EASTER DAY.**

Holy Communion 7.0, 8.0, 11.15.

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

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

Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.- Ernest Norman, son of John and Emily Pugh.

##### **BURIALS.**

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.- Joseph Weyn, aged 10 years.

13<sup>th</sup>.- Frank Bray, aged 62 years.

#### **PAROCHIAL OFFERTORY.**

	£	s.	d.
Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup> .- Sexagesima	1	16	5
14 <sup>th</sup> .-Quinquagesima	1	5	0
21 <sup>st</sup> .-1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	2	16	4
28 <sup>th</sup> .- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent	1	5	8