

May 1917

EASTER DAY.- The morning of Easter Day (April 8th) was blessed with bright sunshine and something like spring weather in the most backward of years, and we were glad to see so many making their Communion in the early hours of the day. There were 160 communicants altogether, and the services were well attended. We did not forget our dear ones, either those who are gallantly facing the perils of war at the various fronts or by sea or in the air, nor those who have passed to their rest; though for a while we see them not, they are still one with us, and the glad tidings of Easter helps us to believe this, and "to bate no jot or heart or hope but still bear up and steer right onwards."

WING WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.- A public meeting was held in the Hall on April 3rd, and after a stirring and practical address from Miss Helen Fraser, it was unanimously decided to establish a Branch Association at Wing without delay. A committee has been formed: Mr. Tarver (Chairman), Dr. Chignell (District Secretary), Mr. Edgar (Local Secretary), the Rev. A. E. Haynes (Treasurer), Messrs. R. Ayres, T. Guess, C. H. Hammerton, Piper and Miss H. B. Tatham. The first payment will be made at the Hall on Monday, May 7th, between 7.30 and 8.30 p.m., and on succeeding Mondays it will be open for this purpose at the same time. The object of the Association appeals to us all. It is to get victory for Britain, to save the lives of our sailors and soldiers, to hasten the day to peace, and to avert distress and poverty after the war. We can do this by saving and lending (not giving) our money to the nation. Prices are high, but earnings are good. We are safe at home; others are offering their lives, while thousands have lost their all. It is not necessary to put in the same amount each week, but all are asked to save, if possible, at least 6d. a week (i.e., 1d. each working day). Most could save 1s. a week regularly. Richer persons are asked to put out by 15s. 6d. a week to support this effort. A coupon will be given for each 6d. paid in.

MR LEOPOLD DE ROTHSCHILD.- We announce with very deep regret and sincere sympathy the serious illness of our Squire and kind friend, Mr. Rothschild. We must all pray that our Heavenly Father will support Mrs. Rothschild and her sons in their great anxiety. We like to recall his last appearance among us at the recent agricultural meeting on the 19th (a meeting arranged by Mr. Rothschild himself for the allotment holders to receive the advice and hear the address of Prof. Keeble), when, though evidently far from well, he said in brief and touching words, "We have lived together, we have played together, our sons are fighting side by side together, and now let us work together for the great cause that we all have so much at heart."

MARRIAGE.- The wedding of Mr. Bernard Fountaine and Miss Lucie Gates, on April 19th, excited much interest, and there was a large attendance in the Church. After "the long winter of our discontent," the sun shone out bravely on the happy pair. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. B. John Gates, and was attended by her niece, Miss Katherine Gates as bridesmaid. The Vicar performed the ceremony, and gave a brief address at the end. He spoke of the blessings of the holy estate of matrimony if entered (as he believed their union was) in the faith and fear of God and in the spirit of mutual service and sacrifice. As they regarded each other that day they might say:

"Beloved let us love so well,
Our work shall still be better for our love,
And still our love sweeter for our work,
And both commended for the sake of each."

He urged them to seal their union by receiving Holy Communion together at the first possible opportunity.

THE EASTER VESTRY was held on Monday, the 9th. There was, as usual, a somewhat sparse attendance, only 12 being present. Messrs. B. F. J. Gates and W. F. Manning were re-appointed Churchwardens for the year, and Messrs. B. John Gates, R. Ayres, H. Caves and E. Cleaver sidesmen. The accounts for the year were read and passed. Two exceptional items cannot be met by our ordinary Church funds, and it is hoped that they will be paid for by a general subscription. They are: (1) extra insurance against air raids, £5; (2) repairs to spouting, new drain to stoke hole, manhole, etc., £12 13s. 6d. The statement of accounts in full we hope to publish in next month's Magazine, and also the Grove accounts.

LOSSES AT THE FRONT.- Three times in the month of April our Church bell has tolled for Wing men who have given their lives in the war, viz., Pte. Frank Bryant, Northants. Regt., who was killed at the beginning of the recent advance. Gnr. Joseph Brand, R.F.A., died in hospital at Rouen. Pte. Sidney Guess, Australian Contingent, was missing eight months ago, and is now officially reported as "killed." This is the same also in the case of Pte. Frank Pickering.

THE ROGATION DAYS.-These are the three days immediately preceding Ascension Day (May 14th, 15th, 16th). From very early times the religious services have not been limited to the walls of the Church, but perambulations were made round the parish to mark its boundaries, and more especially to ask God's blessing on the land and its fruits. I should have like to hold short services on the different allotments, but this year we must content ourselves with special intercessions at the 7 o'clock Evensong. The Bishop of the Diocese also directs that the nine days between Ascension and Whitsunday should be a Novena dedicated to special intercessions in connection with the war.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS.

MARRIAGE.

April 19th.- Bernard Whitehall Fountaine, of Lower Wingbury, to Lucy Florence Gates, daughter of Baron Fredk. John Gates, of Wing Park.

BURIALS.

April 10th.- Frederick Rose, of Burcott, aged 82.

" 21st.- Thomas Woolhead, of Burcott, aged 84.

Both these men were specimens of the hardy, industrious English labourer. F. Rose was for many years in the employment of the late Mr. Philip Hart, and then Mr. Vallentine. T. Woolhead was shepherd to the late Mr. Prentice.

OFFERTORIES.

		£	s.	d.	
April	1 st .- Palm Sunday	1	3	8	Sick and Needy.
	8 th .- Easter Day	6	6	0	Easter offering.
	15 th .-1 st S. aft. Eas.	1	14	0	Ch. Expenses.
	22 nd .-2 nd " "	2	4	5	"
	29 th .- 3 rd " "	1	11	5	"