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WING CHARITIES.- The Trustees, in consequence of the great rise in prices, are unable this year to purchase sufficient sheets for distribution. It was only through the foresight of Messrs. Ridgway and Pledger that the supply for the last two years was forthcoming. The gift will, therefore, this year be distributed in money. The 'old people's' gift will be as usual. The coal money will be given later.

LOSSES AT THE FRONT.- We again are grieved to report the death of our Wing men. During the last month Leonard Oakley, of the Oxf. And Bucks. L.I., was killed instantaneously by a bomb; Harry Gardner, son of Mrs. Gardner at the Handpost, has fallen; and lastly George Woodwards, he emigrated to Canada six or seven years ago, and came over with a Contingent last year. After training in England, he went abroad some months ago, and was killed on Sept, 22, but as the sad news of his death was communicated to his wife in Canada, it has only just reached Wing. His brother, Arthur, was killed on August 16th.

Our wounded men seem most of them to be getting on, some at Base hospitals in France, and some in various hospitals in England, and we are constantly gladdened with the sight of men on leave (if it *only* wasn't so short)! Amongst others, Mr. Long arrived on Oct. 14. He looked very well, and of course had a hearty welcome from his many friends and his boys, particularly from his Scouts.

'DEFENCE OF THE REALM'- We have succeeded on darkening the Church windows in compliance with Police Regulations satisfactorily. The clerestory windows have been "greened," blinds fitted to all the unstained windows, and thanks to the kindness and skill of H. Caves and J. C. Pantling, the large western window has been dealt with in spite of its great height and size. We shall now be able to hold Evensong at the usual hour (6 p.m.) on Sunday, and I am only sorry that I despaired of doing so last winter.

CONFIRMATION.- The Bishop of Buckingham will hold Confirmation at S. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, on Thursday, Dec. 6. Our classes for candidates (not so numerous as we hoped) are formed and already being prepared. There is yet time for more, but we hope, if there be any such, they will see Mr. Baynes, or myself, without delay.

RED CROSS ASSOCIATION.- "Our Day." A very successful Sale of Work by the children was held in the Schools on Thursday, Oct. 25, and was opened by the Countess of Yarborough with a most kind and sympathetic address. The articles for sale were all made by the girls during needlework hours (there would have been more but for the difficulty of getting materials), and there was a brisk trade done on the sale of fruit and vegetables contributed by many kind neighbours. Miss East would have been there to help but for the illness and death of her mother. We all unite in sincere sympathy with her in her loss and sorrow. The sale realised £25. A whist drive is arranged for Nov. 1 in the Hall; the proceeds of this we hope to record next month, and also other contributions which have not yet come to hand. Neither must we forget the splendid effort of gallant little Grove-£16 15s. 8d., and during the last six months it has sent £61 15s. 8d. to the Fund.

MOTHERS' UNION QUARTERLY MEETING.- The service will be held in the Church on Wednesday next, Nov. 7th, at 3.30 p.m., when an address will be given by the Rev. H. A. Skelton, Vicar of Mentmore. A cup of tea and biscuit (1d.) will be provided at the Vicarage for the members at 3.15.

THE following "Thoughts during an Air Raid," may, I think, be a help to some of us:-

- (1) This is our bit of danger; we have suffered very little in our country compared to our Allies, but so long as the enemy is in Belgium we are in the war zone. Let us recognise and be proud of it, and try to show the fortitude at home which our brothers and sons are showing, under far greater dangers, night and day abroad.
- (2) Any sign of fear or panic encourages the enemy. He is 'out' to terrify us civilians, and the calmer we are, the more we defeat him.
- (3) The risk to any individual is very small, if we obey the police regulations and warnings. The sound of firing comes more often from the guns of our defenders than from the enemy bombs.
- (4) "No sparrow falls to the ground without our Father," then no life is unmarked and unwatched by God.
- (5) God is not dead. A little girl in the East London said, when a raid was going on, "I am frightened, but I try and keep it down." Some say there is no God, but I say there must be someone above the devil. And so the world will find "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," saith the Lord.

CHURCH ARMY HUTS FOR SOLDIERS.- The Rev. A. J. Moxon, Vicar of Stewkley, will preach in Wing Church on Sunday, November 4th, and a collection will be made for this very laudable and useful work.

WASTE PAPER.- An arrangement has been made to collect waste paper throughout the village. The collection will be made from house to house by E. Ginger with his barrow and donkey; all are invited to contribute. The first collection will be on Wednesday, November 14th, and Mrs. Tatham will forward it to Croxley paper mills, Watford. The profits will be given to the Red Cross.

S.P.G.- On Thursday evening, November 8th, at 7 p.m., there will be a Lantern Lecture in the Hall by Rev. Leonard Moxon, Vicar of Sibford, Banbury, who worked for 12 years in South Africa.

ST. ANDREWS EVE.- Thursday, November 20th.- a chain of intercessions on behalf of Foreign Missions will be carried on in the Church, as last year. Further particulars will be given later in the month.

ORGAN RECITAL.- On Sunday, October 21st, Mr. Amies, whose masterly playing we remember of yore, paid us a visit and gave a short recital after evensong. He walked from Dunstable and is about to take charge of a Y.M.C.A. Hut in France.

PARISH REGISTER EXTRACTS

BURIALS

Oct. 4th – Emily Staples, late of Wing, aged 67.

Oct. 11th – Eunice Jones, widow, of Wing, aged 77.

OFFERTORY RECEIPTS.

		£	s.	d.	
Oct. 7	18 th S. aft. Trin.	1	16	5	Sick and Needy
14	19 th "	2	4	1	Church Expenses
21	20 th "	5	7	1	Red Cross
28	21 st "		4	10	Sick and Needy
		6	4	7	Darkening windows, etc.