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THE NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE.- We are about to circulate all round the village a letter appealing for the interest, the prayers and the help of all of our parishioners. I cannot yet announce with certainty the name of our Missioner or the exact date of his visit, but it is to our own preparation beforehand and our own desire to profit (with God's help) by this great opportunity that we look, if it is to do us any real and permanent good. I append a copy of the prayer we use daily in Church, which I would beg you to use, together with your own private devotions.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON THE NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE.-O Lord God Almighty, Who hast brought Thy judgements upon all the earth that the inhabitants of the world may learn righteousness. We entreat Thy Divine Majesty so to turn the hearts of the people of this land, that, sorrowing for our sins with true repentance and trusting in the hope of Thy salvation, we may be renewed to do Thee service, and to show forth Thy praise from one generation to another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER MEETING.- The weekly Prayer Meeting in the Parish Room on Fridays will be held at 3 (not 2.30) in future. It is hoped that others as well as members of the Union will attend.

THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE.- As this is taking place too late in the month (Sept. 28) to record in the October magazine, we hope to give a full account of it, together with the names of the tray-holders next month. The tray money is divided between the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and the Aylesbury Hospital. The collection made in Church at the service and on Sunday, October 2nd, goes entirely to the Hospital.

ALTERATION OF THE CLOCKS.- No doubt it has been generally remembered that all clocks are to be put back one hour on the evening of Sept. 30th, and we shall return to proper time again.

On Sunday, Oct 1st, Evensong at the Church will be held at 5 o'clock and till further notice. As it is impossible to darken the clerestory windows sufficient to comply with police regulations, we shall have, when the daylight shortens, to hold the service still earlier. Of this, due notice will be given. The daily Intercession service will be as usual at 12.15. Matins, 8, Evensong, 6.

THE LOST KEY.- It may be remembered that about 4 ½ years ago the ancient and interesting key of the door of the North Porch of the Church was missing. It had evidently been stolen, and the Vicar took all measures he could think of, advertising in the shop windows and local papers, to trace it, but without effect. He had long despaired of recovering it, but early last week a parcel, small but heavy for its size, arrived, and was found to contain the key, and with it a letter, unsigned and without date or address. The writer said: "I am a London Missioner, and a young fellow in my class has been called up for foreign service. He has one thing on his conscience that worries him greatly and before he goes out into the unknown he wants to set this right. When a lad of 15, he was, with other friends, bicycling through your village, and they went into your Church, and, he assures me, that merely for the fun they took this old key from the door. Until now, he never realised the seriousness of his action, but looked upon it as a joke. He is a splendid fellow, and, I am sure, really honest. I trust, therefore, you will now accept this without further enquiries for his sake." I need hardly say that we all readily accept this frank explanation and forgive him. I am only sorry that I have no means of sending the young man our good wishes for his welfare and safe return, or even thanking the writer of the letter of his good offices.

THE WAR. Almost every week we hear of Wing men, hitherto training in England, being drafter to the Front. Mr. W. J. Long, private, R.E., our much missed schoolmaster, started on September 13th, and Troopers Oscar Rimington, Archibald Pitchford and John Hammerton, of the Queen's Own Oxford Hussars, a few days later. Of our wounded, Pte. Harry Kent is now at Netley Hospital with a severely fractured arm. Pte. Fred Horne is still at the Lincoln General Hospital, and recovering very slowly from his wound. Ptes. Frank Bryant and Horace Willis are both at home for the second time wounded. The former has been wounded three times. Pte. Harry Randall, of the Beds. Regiment, has been in hospital in Egypt suffering from enteric and internal haemorrhage. He has rallied somewhat and hopes to be soon sent home. Lionel Johnson has been recently called up, with others, and is now at Seven Oaks Camp. No news has yet to be received of Pte. Frank Pickering, who was reported "missing" more than six weeks ago. He assisted a wounded comrade back to the lines and then returned to pick up his equipment, and may have been taken prisoner.

CLOTHING CLUB.- We should like to remind the depositors in the Clothing Club that INTEREST this year will not be given on sums exceeding 18s. Notice to this effect was given to all depositors at the commencement of the Clothing Club year, as it was found that with all the generosity of the subscribers a sufficient sum could not be collected to pay interest on a large amount as that now deposited. The cards will be collected on Monday, Oct. 23rd, and the distribution of orders will be on the following Monday, October 30th, at 2.30 in the Parish Room.

MOTHERS' MEETING.- The Mothers' Meeting will be resumed on Thursday, October 12th at 2. The Library will be opened at the same time.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS.

HOLY BAPTISM.

Sept. 24th.- Gwendoline Amy, daughter of William and Lily Taylor, of Littleworth.

Sept. 24th.- Thomas Lawrence, son of Jesse and Gwendoline Jordan, of Wing.

MARRIAGES.

Sept. 10th. - Arthur Pratt, Pte., R.E., bachelor, to Annie Peddle, spinster, both of this parish.

18th.- Charles Thomas Marriott, Pte., bachelor, to Alice Maud Rollason, spinster, both of this parish.

27th.- Harry John Taylor, bachelor, and Annie Jane Lathwell, spinster, both of this parish.

BURIALS.

Sept. 11th.- George Bull, of Wing, aged 77.

14th.- Moses Syratt, of Burcott, aged 79.

OFFERTORY RECIEPTS.

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10 12 th Sun. " "	1	14	9	Church Exs.
17 13 th Sun. " "	1	7	1	" "
24 14 th Sun. " "	1	14	1	" "