

October 1917

CONFIRMATION.- A Confirmation will be held in S. Barnabas Church, Linslade, in December. Classes for the preparation of candidates will be held, for girls on Tuesdays at 5.30, for boys on Fridays at 7.30. The Vicar and Mr. Baynes will be glad to see any to whom they have not yet spoken and to arrange for their preparation at times most convenient for them.

THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING.- Our Harvest Thanksgiving was held on Thursday, September 27th, in real harvest weather. Would that its genial sunshine and cloudless sky had come many weeks earlier, for the winds and rains which have generally (though not universally) prevailed over the British Isles during the last eight weeks have sadly marred the crops and interfered with their garnering. The potatoes which two months ago looked so well and promised such abundance are disappointing and the disease has made great ravages among them. It is too early to form an opinion of general results throughout the country, but we must hope that the harvest of 1917 may prove not too much below the average. We certainly need more than ever before every ounce of food our ground can produce, and we shall have to exercise the strictest economy (of that there is in no doubt) if a famine is to be averted. For the service the Church was tastefully, though, as was natural, sparingly decorated-indeed we would not have had it otherwise. To grow flowers when the ground is so urgently wanted for vegetables and when labour is so short-handed would have been wrong at such a time. The Rev. J. H. Firminger, Vicar of Fenny Stratford, who had kindly promised to preach at the service, was prevented by illness at the last moment, and his place was filled by the Vicar. The "company of the preachers" is not great now-a-days, and the difficulty of travelling is. It was cheering to hear our bells again; the ringers gave us a peal both before and after the service. The anthem "Rejoice in the Lord" (Berthold Tours) was excellently sung. There was no public tea (that of course would be under present conditions both illegal and impossible) but the so-called tray holders in spite of their temporary misnomer were as numerous as ever. The children of the Choir were regaled at the Vicarage before, and the elder members and the bell-ringers after, the service with ration refreshments. The services were continued on Sunday, the octave of S.S. Michael and All Angels, October 1st. We had an unexpected pleasure in a visit from the Rev. E. G. Muschamp, assistant Curate of Wing, 1900-3. Mr Muschamp has for some years before the war worked in Tasmania. He came over as Chaplain to the Australian Contingent; for some months he was stationed in Egypt but for the last 18 months in France, and is enjoying a short leave at home, and came down from town on Sunday afternoon to take a flying look at his friends in Wing. It was a great joy to see him, and still greater to hear him again, for he most kindly (though at such short notice) preached in the Church in the evening. Unfortunately few knew that he was here and still fewer that he was likely to preach. We all remember his stirring and eloquent addresses of old, and it was good to hear him again. The collections on the two days amounted to £9 0s. 5d. and are given to the Royal Bucks. Hospital, Aylesbury. The tray money, £11 0s. 0d., is divided between the above and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society. Names of tray-holders, 1917:- Mrs. Adams, Mrs. H. Bandy, Mrs. Baynes, Miss Biggs, Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Bridgmont, Mrs. Cleaver, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. A. Collins, Mrs. Chignell, Mrs. Christie, Lady E. Cotes, Mrs. W. Doggett, Mrs. B. Fountaine, Mrs. Fulford, Miss Gates, Mrs. J. B. Gates, Mrs. W. Green, Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. A. Heley, Mrs. E. F. Heley, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. James, Mrs. Jennings, Miss Lampard, Mrs. Laurence, Mrs. W. F. Manning, Miss Mould, Mrs. Oakeley, Mrs. Olney, Mrs. A. Page, Mrs. W. Page, Mrs. Pantling, Mrs. Piper, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. de Rothschild, Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. Southam, Mrs. Tarver, Mrs. Tatham, Mrs. F. Walker, Mrs. Whitman, Mrs. Windmill, and Lady Yarborough.

IN MEMORIAM JAMES ALLDER.- We mentioned in the Parish Magazine of September that Mr. James Allder was seriously ill. With sincere sorrow and sympathy for his wife and daughters we now record his death; he passed away after much suffering most patiently borne on September 11th, aged 65 years. We shall not soon forget our friend and his good and useful life during the many years he lived among us. He came to Wing from Lincoln in 1888, when the late Vicar, Rev. Lewis Loyd, remodelled our Parochial Schools and secured the assistance of Mrs. Allder as mistress of the Girls' School. Of Mrs. Allder's admirable work and influence during the 25 years of her office we do not now speak. Mr. Allder was a tailor by trade, never very robust in health, but always keen and ready to help in every good work. He was a consistent churchman and communicant, and his knowledge of music and excellent voice made him a valuable member of the Church Choir. His services (most of them gratuitous) as Secretary of the National Deposit Friendly Society, of the Wing Horticultural Society, which owed much of its success to his management, of the Wing Choral Society, and of the C.E.M.S., were highly valued, and neither do our cricketers forget his kindness in acting as Umpire at the Ascott matches in the happy days of yore. On Mrs. Allder's resignation, in 1911, he removed to Southall, where his two daughters were engaged in teaching, and there he died.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

Sept. 12.- John Ronald, son of John and Mary Eleanor Edgar, of Ascott.

" 23.- Ronald William, son of Ernest and Florence Margaret Rickard, of Wing.

BURIAL.

Sept. 19.- Eliza Smith, of Littleworth, aged 79.

OFFERTORIES.

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Sept. 2.- 13 th S. after Trin.	1	14	10	Sick and Needy.
9.- 14 th " "	1	13	9	Church Exps.
16.- 15 th " "	1	2	2	" "
23.- 16 th " "	1	18	11	" "
27.- Harv. Thanksg.	4	18	3}	Aylesbury Hospital.
30.-17 th S. after Trin.	4	2	2}	