

### April 1917

**THE SCHOOLS.**- Wing School, like every other institution throughout the country, has been affected by the war. During Miss Baldrey's absence on hospital work at Liverpool, from September, 1915, to May, 1916, Mr. Long was directed to take charge of the girls as well as of the boys' school. All head teachers are required by the Board of Education to be certificated. When, to our dismay, Mr. Long was called up for service last spring, Miss Baldrey had to return and was put in command of the two schools. This arrangement has not been quite satisfactory in many respects. She has resigned her post and has been appointed to another at Birmingham. The Managers have recommended for appointment in her place Miss Monk, who comes to us from Harborne, near Birmingham, with excellent testimonials, and will take up her duties at Wing on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The County Education Committee are sending as a supply teacher Mr. Dawson to take charge of the boys'. In the infants school Miss Mabel Strong (now Mrs. Lionel Cutler) has been absent on account of her mother's serious illness since November. Her place was supplied at first by Mrs. Brown, of Leighton, and lately by Mrs. Groves of Cheddington. The elder boys and girls are now employed for part of the day in preparing school gardens and part of a field for potatoes.

**REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.**- The Diocesan Inspector visited the schools on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. He reports as follows:-"Notwithstanding war conditions, I think all three schools to be in a thoroughly satisfactory condition. The work throughout was well known, and the answering prompt. I was pleased to observe that the teachers were keenly interested in the work of religious instruction, and this interest was clearly reflected in the pupils themselves. The written work was uniformly well done, and the reverence all that could be desired."

Boys' School.- Division I: Bishop's prize, Dudley Phillips; certificates, Willie Haynes, Edward Pease; commended, Reginald Gates, Fred Cutler. Division II: Certificates, George Baker, Harry Dimmock; commended, Harry Tearle, Lewis Walker, Herbert Rimington, George Woodward. Division III: Commended, Joseph Brand, Jack Tuckwell, George Randall, Bernard Robinson, Gerald Dimmock, Frank Brody, Leslie Pitchford.

Girls' School.- Division I: Bishop's prize, Kathleen Gates: certificates, Annie Corkett, Annie Woodward; commended, Daisy Rawlins, Constance Rolfs, Willie Cutler. Division II: Certificates, Kate Pease, Amy Redrup; commended, Norah Hammerton, May Woolhead, Ella Lovell, Myra Haines. Division III: Commended, Elsie Groves, Ivy Richardson, Nellie Bandy, Dorris Summocks, Annie Brown, Marian Baker, Millie Fountaine.

Infants' School.- Class II: Commended, Joan Dewar, Louise Bolton, George Corkett, Gladys Lovell, Percy Dimmock, Lewis Mortimer. Class I: Commended, Cecil Corkett, Robert Fountaine, Cyril Groves, Albert Badrick, Kitty Corkett, Doris Lovell.

We have to record three deaths that have occurred recently. Henry and Jane Langley passed away within a few moments of one another. "In death they were not divided." They will be much missed. And Jane Green, who after a brief though painful illness passed away on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. May they rest in peace.