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NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE.- As the time for the Mission approaches, our prayers need to ascend to God for his blessing on it. It is hoped that all our people, especially our communicants, will remember the Mission daily in their prayers, the Collect for the nineteenth Sunday after Trinity will be found suitable to use in connection with the Mission. Let us remember that the Mission is a call to each one to bear witness to Christ in his or her life, and this can only be done through the aid of the Holy Spirit. The witness of a true repentance and that of a steadfast hope are both needed, if the nation is to be won back to God. It rests with the Church to bear loyal witness to our Divine Lord. May God help us by his Grace.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.- This was held in ideal summer weather on Thursday, July 27th, in the Vicarage Garden. Tea was the first item on the programme, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the children, and later on by teachers and parents. Numerous games and races were then indulged in by the children, while the parents appreciated sitting in the shade, which was welcome on this hot day. A threatened thunderstorm kindly left us alone, and the afternoon, which was enjoyed by everybody, was brought to a finish by the distribution of prizes.

THE WAR.- It is with much regret that we have to record the death of William Pease, whose name is added to the list of those who have fallen in their country's service. Also that Frank Pickering is reported to be wounded and taken prisoner. Many of our Wing men are now at the front, and need our daily earnest prayers. It is hoped that more will endeavour to attend to intercession service on Friday evenings at 7.30. We must remember that there is "a praying line" at home to keep up, as well as a fighting line at the front.

Thomas Green passed to his rest after his long and trying illness on August 23rd. His death removes from our midst one who was well-known to us all as a consistent and sincere Christian man, who carried out his religious convictions in the manifold duties and activities of his daily life. He was in Mr. Rothschild's service and for many years (in fact till his health broke down), as driver of the Ascott "float", and was to be seen every day to and fro on the Leighton Road with his cargo of school children or packages. He was an industrious worker and always had "many irons in the fire," and, amongst others, he developed the picking of blackberries into quite a "Wing industry." It was mainly to his energy and perseverance that the so-called "New Road," which was for so many years a blot on our civilisation, became the well and truly laid "Rothschild Road," as we now know it. More than two years ago his illness began, and from that time his life was one of continual suffering and failing strength. We shall not forget his simple faith and the unfailing patience and cheerfulness he showed in face of all the pain and weariness that he was called upon to bear.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH.- There will again be no public tea in the Hall, but I trust that our goodly list of "tray holders," though there will be no trays to hold, may be undiminished; it was so last year, and I am confident that it will be so again. The "tray" money is divided equally between the Royal Aylesbury Hospital and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. The collection in Church is given entirely to the former. The Thanksgiving Service in Church will be held on Thursday, September 28th (eve of SS. Michael and All Angels) at 6 (or 6.30) p.m., and there will be a celebration of Holy Communion on Friday at 8 a.m. The preacher will be the Rev. R. F. Rumsey, M.A. Rector of Calverton, Stony Stratford.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

Aug. 6th.- Hilda Florence Bandy, daughter of William and Amy Bandy.

6th.- Olive Rose Carter, daughter of Percy and Emily Carter.

13th.- Edith Mary Bray, daughter of Herbert and Laura Bray.

18th.- Kathleen Nancy Frost, daughter of Charles and Annie Frost.

MARRIAGE.

Aug. 19th.- Oscar Remington and Sarah Emily May Pitchford.

BURIALS.

Aug. 1st.- Fanny Woodward, aged 72.

26th.- Thomas John Green, aged 52.