

ALL SAINTS', HARTLEY, Parochial Magazine.

(It is hoped to publish this Magazine quarterly.)

Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

With this number our magazine starts on its second year of life, and I hope of usefulness.

I think you will all agree with me that our best thanks and congratulations are due to our Editor. He has exercised his office with a literary skill and discernment which we must all appreciate.

for the safeguarding of the parish possessions.

The Commissioners found, for a little village, quite a lot of nice things among the Church treasures. Here are some of them: "A vestment of cruell and thred with an alb, two candlesticks of latten, a pix of latten, a cross of copper and gilt, a red damask vestment, a cope of cruell and thred, three vestments all cruell and thred with their albs, two corporals of lymen, four altar cloths, a



In April last we had a visit from the Rural Dean. He asked, among other things, to see our inventory of Church Goods, but I was obliged to confess that we had nothing up-to-date. Of course we ought to have this full and complete, and the matter is now in hand.

This reminds me that an inventory was taken in the sixth year of King Edward VI, but it was made by the King's Commissioners, and I am afraid more with the object of seeing what could be taken away to help pay the King's debts, than out of concern

cope of green satten, a chalice with the paten of silver weying 5 ounces."

All these things, with many other parish belongings, have long since disappeared. There used to be, besides the two bells in the steeple, a hand-bell, and there was a three-branched candlestick, but this was sold to pay for "necessary reparacions of the Parish Church."

Later on we hear of handsome silver vessels for the Holy Communion, but these are also gone. None of these things we can hope to see again, but there are some lost

possessions of more recent times which a little careful search might bring to light. There is that old Josin-block which the Churchwardens purchased in 1746, and which fifty years ago was still in its place in front of the Churchyard gate. That is probably somewhere in the parish. So also, I have little doubt, is the ancient slab of stone which in olden times formed the altar in our Church. This was replaced in later days by the deal board which we still possess, but which in its turn made way for a more dignified structure.

And where is the "curious wooden box" which only a generation ago is said to have been standing "in the south-west part of the chancel"? Then there is the Churchyard Cross, and probably many a stone and timber relic from the Church, or the Chantry which once stood on the Ash-road side of the parish.

Sometimes objects of value lie hidden for many years in unsuspected places. It may be so here, and a little careful search may bring to light some of these interesting links with the past.

But there are other things we have lost besides Church goods. I am thinking of the many forgotten details of local history. These, like more material things, may sometimes be recovered with a little care and trouble. There is at any rate one invaluable source of information which will usually well repay investigation. I mean the local field names.

How much we should know of the past history of this parish if we could discover the origin and decipher the meaning of all these names. Some of them must date from very remote times, and perhaps carry us back to the Norman manor, or the Saxon village. Names are seldom meaningless. They are nearly always records of the past, and very often speak when written history has nothing to say.

Our local names should tell us much. They ought to indicate, for instance, the site of the old common lands which were gradually enclosed. They should give us much interesting information respecting past possessors of the soil, of natural features of the land, of long-forgotten habitations, of events, customs, crafts and industries, and many other things connected with the social and religious life of the parish.

Some of our field names are very curious, and it is difficult to guess their origin: Chuckle Field, Little Pickle Yard, Harry Saw, Roundabout, Great Gunner's Land, and Little Gunner's Field, Gossy Croft, Cating Craft, Great Stirrup, and Little Stirrup, Crab's Bottom, Little Crab's Bank.

There is a meaning, we may be sure, in all of these, which if we could only trace, would tell us many things we should like to know. In some cases the import is not difficult to discern. There is the Well Field; but we must not here too hastily assume that we have found the site of the old village pump, for I believe "well" is a corruption of weald or clearing, and probably in this place meant a spot where the wood was cut down. For the meaning of Hogg's Dean we have not far to seek, for in Saxon times the dens or deans in the wood were the pastures of the swine. Perhaps the Stirrup Field was where the Hunters met. Kitchen Cratt, I think, was where the vegetables for the Big House were grown. I cannot help wondering what Harry saw on the spot where now Bundoran stands. Of the meaning of Middle Farm I think there is no doubt, for it is just half-way along the old main road of the parish. Crab's Bottom and Little Crab's Bank I picture covered in the springtime with the bloom of the wild apple and cherry, which formed the original stock of all our modern improved varieties. Of the Little Nether Field I know nothing of the past, but in the future I fancy it will have literary associations. This reminds me that there is a Poem Field—I wish we knew why.

Many of the names, by the way, in this and the adjoining parishes conclusively show that all this countryside in the olden times formed part of the great forest that covered the Weald of Kent and Sussex for more than a hundred miles.

I will conclude with a few more of the field names of the parish in the hope that some of you will don the thinking cap and try to unravel their hidden meaning—Hatt's Field, Haddocks, Little Gudger's Field, Care Field, Culvy Downs, Platt Field, Stuley Field, Parish Cratt, Headings Field, E. Eolly, East Haws, Bridence.

Yours very truly,

GERARD W. BANCKS.

Church Information.

Rector—Rev. CHARLES GERARD WINSTANLEY BANCKS, M.A., appointed 1902.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Matins, 11 a.m. Evensong, 6.30 p.m.

Holy Communion, 8 a.m., on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in each month; at 12 noon on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays in the month.

BAPTISMS.

- Mar. 1. [REDACTED] of Thomas Edward and Alice Rootes.
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 " 23. [REDACTED] of John Alfred William and Edith Wansbury.
 " 30. [REDACTED] of Walter George Keverne and Phoebe Elsie Benson.
 Apr. 6. [REDACTED] of Thomas and Doris Anne Elliott.
 May 4. [REDACTED] of Frank and Daisy May Day.

BURIALS.

- Mar. 11. Mary Lucy Jessup.
 Apr. 17. Ivy Rose Rogers.

Churchwardens.—Mr. William Henry Daniel and Mr. John Wells Thatcher.

Parochial Church Council (elected under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921).—Council for 1924: The Rector (who is Chairman by virtue of his office), Miss Bancks, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Daniel, Miss Fiddis, Miss Sale, Mrs. Wells Thatcher; Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. A. Cox, Mr. A. L. Farrow, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mr. W. Nash, Mr. F. W. Tate, Mr. W. H. Walklate, with the Churchwardens by virtue of their offices.

Committees—Standing Committee: The Chairman and the Churchwardens. Finance Committee: The Churchwardens and Miss E. O. Barton. Tithe Rent Charge Committee: Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mr. F. W. Tate and Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

Sidesmen—Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. A. Cox, Mr. W. Nash and Mr. W. H. Walklate.

Organists.—Mr. Roy Chisholm, L.R.A.M., Mrs. Oldrey and Mrs. Clark.

Choirmaster.—Mr. D. T. R. Gray.

Members of the Choir.—Mrs. Balchin, Miss L. Bancks, Mrs. T. J. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. R. Gray, Miss N. Newcombe, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Oldrey, Miss Parkin, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Symons, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm, Miss Chisholm, and Mr. Roy Chisholm, L.R.A.M.

Sunday School.—Mr. W. H. Walklate, Superintendent. Teachers: Miss E. Rodwell (summer), Miss A. Sale (winter), Mrs. Gray (the whole year). Number in School: 30. Course of graduated lessons: "On the King's Side." Time: 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Affiliated to C.M.S., supporting C.M.S. boxes. Two prizes each class to be given. Children's magazines circulated in the Sunday School.

Church Parochial School.—Miss Fiddis, Headmistress; Miss Porter, Infant School Mistress.

School Managers.—The Rector, Mr. D. Elphick, Capt. Copus, Mr. J. Stuart.

Bell Ringer & Organ Blower—Mr. Rogers.

Churchyard Keeper.—Vacant.

Church Cleaner.—Mrs. Cox.

Sexton & Grave Digger.—Mr. J. Crouch.
 WORK OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

"It shall be the primary duty of the Council of every parish to co-operate with the Incumbent in the initiation, conduct and development of Church work both within the parish and outside."—(Section 2 of the Measure.)

NOTICE.

Members of the Church of England, resident in the parish, are requested to sign the parochial Electoral Roll if they have not yet done so.

Editor's Notes.

Mr. Gray has given to the Church a very fine galvanized rain water tank. It will supply the ladies who clean the Church with rain water and will be useful to those who come to tend the graves of their beloved dead. It will be specially useful for the

church boiler, rain water being so much better than hard water. I am much impressed by this valuable and unexpected gift. The thanks of the parish are due to you, Mr. Gray.

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On Sunday, March 16th, the second Sunday afternoon Children's Service was held—such a simple, beautiful little service. The Rector and the Reader took it; Mr. Roy Chisholm and Mr. Black were at the organ. What delighted me was that there were two baptisms afterwards. All the children stayed and took the keenest interest in the christenings. Mr. Walklate was to have given the address, but he was kept away by important duties.

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That reminds me, Mr. Walklate has applied to the Bishop to be licensed as a lay reader. He is well suited for the office by the earnestness of his mind in holy things and by his strong desire to be of service in the direction he seeks. He is already rendering valuable aid to the Rector of Longfield, the Rev. Edward Smith, M.A.

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Our Evening Service on Sunday, May 18, was really beautiful. Mr. Roy Chisholm, L.R.A.M., presided at the organ, and he brought with him a friend, Mr. Alexander Kirk, who played violin solos with organ accompaniment. Both young musicians possess the divine afflatus. The singing and responses by congregation and choir were fervent and devotional.

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I congratulate Mr. Chisholm on his degree and all his talented family for their splendid help in the choir.

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The Parochial Church Council have done a fine thing for the Church in electing Mr. Alfred Lambert Farrow as Treasurer. He is a keen and able man of business, and an earnest Christian. The way in which he prepares his reports and agendas is a delight to me. He is a man who will get things done.

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Miss E. Barton will prove to be an able successor to Miss Fiddis as Hon. Secretary.

I have shown you in another part of this issue the cost of the Magazine for one year. There is a loss on each issue of £2 3s. od. Unless this loss can be made good we must cease to print the Magazine, or I must ask you to allow me to hand it over to some abler and more persuasive scribe. I do not like to be associated with anything which does not pay its way.

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I am indebted to a capable and kindly friend for the excellent report of the concert of the Hartley Musical Society. Mr. T. F. Tate is a valuable neighbour, as is his brother. I am glad my correspondent mentioned Miss Burr, whose distinction as an accompanist I have noticed myself.

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That reminds me. We want more male voices in our choir at All Saints. I know there must be men in Hartley with fine voices. It must be so, seeing that we all live in such beautiful air and in surroundings which conduce to song.

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I am very happy that we have made a start with the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts. Mr. Gray kindly lent Fairby Barn on May 10th last, when Mr. O. F. Delf spoke to the lads and lasses. He was so quiet, so sure, so earnest, so convincing that he won the hearts of his young hearers. Major Boucher (R.D.C.), the Rector, Captain Webster, and Mr. Wells Thatcher supported the speaker. The two soldiers know all about Scouting, and promised to give the boys and girls as much teaching as their time will allow.

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Two or three meetings have been held since, training is going on, and it is hoped that we shall be able to report ourselves to Headquarters in due time and get our troop put on a regular footing. Mr. Gray kindly offered the free use of the barn for instruction. Good for you, Mr. Gray. But what we want is a young man to be Scoutmaster and a lady to take charge of the girls. Now, who is going to step into this post? Do let me know, and that right early.

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It was suggested to me that it would be a convenience to our neighbours to know the

times when Dr. Gruner can be seen at his surgery. The doctor kindly gave me the information. Here it is: 9-10 a.m., 6-8 p.m., week days. No surgery on Wednesday evenings.

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At my request Mr. H. T. Jennings Clark has written a short note about our Horticultural Society. Do not miss it, and back up my enthusiastic correspondent.

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On Sunday afternoon, May 18th, Mr. Walklate and his devoted teachers brought the Sunday School children to Church for a Children's Service. The Rector and the Lay Reader took part. Mr. Chisholm, Senr., played the organ, and Mr. Farrow talked to the children. It was a beautiful talk, all about that little Hebrew maid, and Naaman, the great captain, who was a leper. It was good to be in our dear old Church that afternoon. There was a collection. Oh, yes, we must have a collection! It came to 5/1, I think.

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Mr. Walklate has sent me a little note showing how the Sunday School children have collected for missionary purposes. You will find it in another column. Now, don't you think we are really getting on in Hartley—in a humble way, I mean; but we are getting on now, are we not?

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Whilst Miss Fiddis is away on an extended vacation, Miss Porter, at the School House, will take charge of the distribution of this Magazine and receive subscriptions therefor.

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I met Mr. P. J. Hickmott, of Longfield, on the railway platform. He said that he was charmed with this little Magazine, and gave me 10/- towards the expenses. That kind act made me feel very happy.

Parochial Church Council Annual Meeting.

The Schoolroom on 23rd April last was the scene of an interesting gathering. It was the occasion of the Annual Church Meeting, attended by twenty members of the Electoral Roll, who were busy for over an hour dealing with important matters of business.

Mr. Daniel and Mr. Wells Thatcher were re-elected Churchwardens, and Messrs. Walklate, A. Blackwell, A. Cox and Nash were re-elected Sidesmen. All the members of the Council are to continue in office with one new member, *i.e.*, Mr. A. L. Farrow.

Expressions of regret were made in that Miss Fiddis had resigned the position of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to her for the services she had rendered in this capacity.

Miss E. Barton was appointed Honorary Secretary, and Mr. Farrow was appointed Honorary Treasurer, and it is confidently expected that their combined efforts will maintain the high standard of efficiency we have experienced in their predecessor.

The new Honorary Treasurer submitted his Report and Accounts, and struck a note of praise and thanksgiving for what had been attained during the past year. He mentioned that the Church had been repaired and renovated at a cost of £73 18s. 4d., and which we must agree was a big undertaking. Thanks to Mrs. Daniel and her many helpers in making this possible, for without the proceeds of the Fête held at the Manor in August last, the Church would be still wanting repair or we should be hopelessly in debt.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Gray for the gift of a large water tank which has been erected in the Churchyard, and to Mrs. Oldrey, Mrs. Clark and Mr. Roy Chisholm, L.R.A.M., for their valued services at the organ, also to Mr. Wells Thatcher for his very able services as Editor of the Church Magazine.

Parochial Church Council.

Minutes of the meeting held in the Hartley Schools on May 21st, 1924:—

Present: Rev. G. W. Bancks, Chairman; Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Daniel, Miss Fiddis, Miss Sales, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mr. W. H. Walklate, Mr. W. H. Daniel, Mr. A. L. Farrow, Mr. J. Wells Thatcher, and Miss E. O. Barton, Hon. Secretary.

Repairs to the Church.—Reported by Rogers that heating apparatus needs overhauling before next winter. Matter to be attended to by the Standing Committee.

Resolution, re Mr. and Mrs. Daniel. Proposed by Mr. Wells Thatcher, seconded by Mr. Farrow: "This meeting of the Hartley Church Parochial Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Church by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel, and to express the earnest hope that they will continue to perform respectively their official and kindly duties."

Carried unanimously.

Insurance of Church Property.—The Treasurer, Mr. Farrow, submitted a report on the insurance of the Church, etc., which was read and accepted. The Treasurer then said, in his opinion, the present insurance was not adequate, and he suggested that the amount be raised. After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mrs. Barton, and carried, that if premium did not greatly exceed the sum of £10 per annum, the Treasurer's proposed alterations be carried out. The Treasurer agreed to attend to this matter.

Appointment of Hon. Secretary.—The appointment of Miss E. O. Barton was confirmed. Proposed by Mr. Wells Thatcher; seconded by Mr. Daniel.

Carried unanimously.

Organ.—A report had been received from Mr. R. Chisholm to the effect that the organ needed attention. Mr. Farrow (Hon. Secretary, *pro. tem.*) stated that he had communicated with Metzler, who had formerly repaired the organ. Their reply was read and discussed. It was decided to ask the firm to send representatives to meet Mr. R. Chisholm at the Church on May 27th, as suggested in Metzler's letter, to decide what repairs were necessary.

Psalters.—Mr. Gray made a request that additional Psalters be purchased in order to facilitate Choir practices at his house.

Church Collections.

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| Sun., Feb. 24—Holy Communion, 1/6; Morning, 19/2; Evening, 5/10 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Sun., Mar. 2—Holy Communion, £1 0/11; Evening, 9/7 | 1 | 10 | 6 |
| Sun., Mar. 9—Holy Communion, 2/7; Morning, 12/3; Evening, 9/10 | 1 | 4 | 5 |

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| Sun., Mar. 16—Holy Communion, 19/9; Evening, 9/1; Children's Service, 6/11 | 1 | 15 | 9 |
| Sun., Mar. 23—Holy Communion, 3/6; Morning, 8/11; Evening, 16/- | 1 | 8 | 5 |
| Sun., Mar. 30—Holy Communion, £1 0/7; Evening, 8/8 | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| Sun., Apr. 6—Holy Communion, 17/9; Evening, 11/11 | 1 | 9 | 8 |
| Sun., Apr. 13—Holy Communion, 1/6; Morning, 14/10; Evening, 15/6 | 1 | 11 | 10 |
| Sun., Apr. 20, Easter Day (57 Communicants)—Holy Com- munion, £1 2/6; Morning, £1 13/5; Evening, £1 10/10... | 4 | 6 | 9 |
| Sun., Apr. 27—Holy Communion, 1/9; Morning, £1 1/6; Even- ing, 7/6 | 1 | 10 | 9 |
| Sun., May 4—Holy Communion, 13/4; Evening, 13/5 | 1 | 6 | 9 |
| Sun., May 11—Holy Communion, 3/6; Morning, 18/-; Evening, 6/9 | 1 | 8 | 3 |
| Sun., May 18—Holy Communion, 15/9; Children's Service, 5/1; Evening, £1 1/10 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| Sun., May 25—Holy Communion, 3/6; Morning, 15/5; Evening, 11/8 | 1 | 10 | 7 |

The Sunday School Does Something.

The Sunday School has for the last year keenly supported the Church Missionary Society. I am glad to report that, as a result of the last six months' collections, we have been able to send £1 16/11 to headquarters.

Analysis of collecting:—School Box for General Missions, 6/1½; School Box for Medical Missions, 14/5½. Private Boxes—Doris and Gladys Parkin, 8/2; Willie and Mary Sale, 6/6½; Ernest Blackwell, 1/7½. An increased number of Boxes are in circulation this time. I am very pleased to see the children take such interest in this all-important branch of Church work.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Altar Flowers.

January—Mrs. Farrow.
 February—Miss Bancks.
 March—Miss Newcomb.
 April—Mrs. Chisholm.
 May—Miss Barton.
 June—Mrs. Green.
 July—Mrs. Elliott.
 August—Mrs. Farrow.
 September—Mrs. Isaacs.
 October—Miss Bancks.
 November—Mrs. Ralph Day.
 December—Mrs. Snow.

Hartley Parish Magazine Account.

Dr.—To printing four quarterly issues—June, September, December, 1923, and March, 1924 24 16 0

Cr.—Donations, £12 18/6; Sales, £1 6/7; Annual Subscriptions of 1/- £6 4/0; Advertisements, £5 15/0 26 4 1

Less cost 24 16 0

Balance in hand 1 8 1

Advertisements owing at date of making up this statement 2 19 0

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Total income 26 4 1

Less donations 12 18 6

13 5 7

Add due for advertisements 2 19 0

£16 4 7

Cost 24 16 0

Receipts, less donations 16 4 7

Loss on the four issues £8 11 5

This works out at a loss of £2 3/- per issue. We accepted an estimate from Dartford printers (Snowden Bros.) for issues No. 5 and onwards, which we hope will reduce the amount of the loss per quarter.

Annual Parish Meeting.

A large number of Hartley parishioners attended at the School on March 31st, when a series of subjects of local interest came up for discussion and decision.

On the motion of Mr. J. Wells Thatcher, the retiring Chairman, Mr. F. W. Tate, was

re-elected; and Messrs. Humphrey and Boucher were re-appointed as Overseers. In view of the possible departure of the former from the Parish, Mr. Gray was also appointed an Overseer, in order to avoid the occurrence of a vacancy during the year. Mr. Humphrey has served as an Overseer for several years, and the efficiency of his work in that capacity deserves the thanks of his neighbours.

Postal facilities in the village have long been a subject of criticism. Two points recently raised with the G.P.O. were dealt with in a letter from the authorities. In regard to the late morning delivery, which causes so much inconvenience, the P.O. Surveyor declared that "no acceleration is at present possible"; but the request of the Parish for a letter-box at Hartley Hill had been met.

Protest was at once made from the meeting that the letter-box had that day been removed to a less suitable spot, and the Chairman received instructions to ask for the replacement of the box at Hartley, at the same time urging for a reconsideration of the arrangements for the morning delivery.

A letter was read from Dartford Rural District Council agreeing to improve the War Memorial Corner and St. John's Lane, "provided the necessary arrangements for procuring the land can be made."

The request of the Ministry of Agriculture that the Parish Meeting should provide allotments was discussed, and it was agreed on the motion of Dr. Welch that notices should be displayed inviting applications for allotments.

Fawkham Station formed the subject of a discussion, which resulted in two resolutions.

- (1) Asking the Southern Railway to provide direct access from Ash Road to the "up" platform; and
- (2) Requesting the Company to erect a foot-bridge between the station platforms.

Footpath obstruction, a long-standing Hartley grievance, having been mentioned, a resolution was carried informing the local authority (Dartford Rural District Council) that the parishioners desire the re-opening of the obstructed footpaths, and asking for a visit from the Council's surveyor. The Chairman explained the steps previously taken in the matter, both locally and at

Dartford, and it was suggested that the recent appointment of a new surveyor to the Council might enable some real progress to be made.

Mr. Benson inquired whether the meeting knew of proposals to develop the Ash Road into a main thoroughfare, and after some discussion a resolution was moved by Dr. Welch, Mr. Newcomb seconding: "That the Dartford Rural District Council be informed that this Parish Meeting is strongly opposed to the construction of a main road through the village." The motion was carried without dissent.

Hartley Women's Institute.

As everybody in Hartley knows, the Women's Institute is an active concern, with a special liking for helping good causes. And as everybody also knows, Mr. Wells Thatcher, our genial Editor, devotes much time and energy to the Given-Wilson Institute, a charitable organisation working in the crowded district of Plaistow, East London.

A suggestion to the Women's Institute in January last that useful work could be done for some of the Plaistow poor was heartily received, and on April 10th Mr. Thatcher was handed by Mrs. E. A. Tate, the President of the Women's Institute, a considerable number of garments to be distributed through the Given-Wilson Institute.

Mr. Thatcher had been invited to the Pavilion of the Old Downs to address the Women's Institute, and had entertained the meeting with some original literary work, which was much enjoyed. Rising at the close to express the thanks of the Women's Institute, Mrs. Tate said that great as was the pleasure Mr. Thatcher had given, the members believed that he would himself be equally cheered by what had been done for the Given-Wilson Institute, for which he worked so splendidly. In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Thatcher said it gave him great joy to know that the members of the Women's Institute had such kindly thoughts for the poor people in whom he was interested. He would undertake to see that all the garments were suitably distributed.

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"I was invited to a meeting of the Hartley Women's Institute to receive a parcel of garments made for the children of our poor Plaistow mothers. The things were all laid out on tables—such warm things, made with such skill by loving hands. I must ask Mrs. Prout to tell me the names of the various articles, but there were things knitted and things cut out and sewn together, all for very little boys and very little girls.

It was all most touching, most impressive, One dear little boy came up to me and opened a parcel, which he said was to go to a child in London. It contained a wonderful hairy jumping monkey, a coloured ball to bounce up and down with elastic, and a ball of many coloured wools, which the child had made himself. I want everybody to know his name: it was Harold Greenwood, who will be six in June.

It is right to mention the President of the Hartley Women's Institute, Mrs. F. W. Tate, and the Secretary, Mrs. Clark, invaluable and enthusiastic friends to any cause in which they take an interest.

Mrs. Prout reports that the garments are splendid, so well made and so practical. The dear Hartley ladies had enclosed a list. This is a copy of it: '2 frocks, 2 jackets, 3 boys' suits, 5 pairs knickers, 4 petticoats, 15 vests, 2 belts, 10 pairs socks, 2 boys' jerseys, 4 suits, 2 rompers, 5 overalls, 5 knickers, 8 petticoats, 10 little boys' shirts.'"

The Horticultural Society.

The Editor, ever gracious, has afforded me this opportunity of bringing early to your notice an annual local event which appeals to everybody, namely, the Horticultural Society's Show.

We had a bad day in 1923, which we hope will not be repeated this season, and as there is little harm in being hopeful, a record Show is possible with your support.

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F. W. TATE,

"Amphion," HARTLEY.

We want entries, and may I address my remarks in particular to those who could show as Amateurs.

I do not think I shall be usurping a privilege if I appeal in the same strain for the Ladies' Section.

Exhibit anything you may have, whether for competition or otherwise, and display to all interested spectators that Hartley is a very keen place, capable of producing something of the very best.

Any information will be very readily given on application to Mrs. F. Tate, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, or to the writer, for the sections which they represent.

H. T. JENNINGS CLARK.

Hartley Musical Society.

The above named Society gave its closing concert of the season on Friday, the 11th April, at Hartley School. Those of the audience who had previously partaken of the good fare provided by this Society undoubtedly went with appetites whetted, and yet may be excused, however, if they were unable to anticipate the excellence of every item on the programme.

The work of the Choir as excellent, and it would be invidious to single out any items for praise. It may be said, however, that in the cantata, "The Wreck of the Hesperus," accompanied by organ and piano, and the song "O Happy Eyes," the Choir found its happiest moments of interpretation. The two part songs for sopranos and contraltos were charming, and as an innovation deserve repetition.

Mr. Ernest Wellbeloved, not unknown in Hartley, was at his best, and in his recitals of "The Groom's Story," "Buying a Present," together with imperative encores, gave an all-too-short representation of humour, pathos and clever mimetic studies of child life.

Mr. Alexander Kirk, solo violinist, is new to Hartley, but may safely rely on its faithful allegiance to him for ever. His conception of the simplicity in the "Andante" from Mendelssohn's Concerto was exquisite, and his attack on the "pyrotechnics" with which Sarasati's "Gypsy Airs" bristles aroused the audience to loud acclamations of delight. For the encore Mr. Kirk gave "On the wings of song," by Mendelssohn. With this

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success Mr. Roy Chisholm must be associated, for, as Mr. Kirk's accompanist, he undertook no light task. Mr. Chisholm also gave an excellent rendering on the organ of "Grand Chœur," by Spence. Miss Burr, on the piano, and Mr. Chisholm, on the organ, were the accompanists, and both gave of their best.

Mr. T. F. Tate, the conductor of the choir, deserves great thanks for his efforts, and is entitled to congratulations on the great success of the concert.

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