

ALL SAINTS', HARTLEY, Parochial Magazine.

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EDITED BY J. WELLS THATCHER.



The Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Hartley, as you know, gave a very remarkable jump at the last census, for the population exactly doubled itself in the ten years between 1911 and 1921.

It is interesting to compare the present progress of the parish with that of the past. Available statistics enable us to compute the population of Hartley in the 12th Century at about 110. Some advance, but not much, was made by the end of the 16th Century. There could not, at that time, have been more than about 20 houses and 140 people. Two hundred years later the census of 1801 gave 24 houses and 151 population. In 1811 the figures were 30 and 185.

In 1821 there were 31 houses and a drop to 161 in the population. At the beginning of the present century there were 42 houses and 250 people.

Thus the parish, marching with the ages, had taken 800 years to double its households, and a little more than double its population. But in the decade succeeding 1911 a rapid advance was made, and at the present time there are 200 houses, and well over 600 people.

We may take note that while Hartley, in numbers, has increased twofold in 10 years, the population of the world is doubling itself in 60 years. This is a rate of increase which, so the prophets tell us, will hurry on the time when there will not be standing room on the earth for its population, to say nothing of the food supply.

But progressive Hartley need not be unduly alarmed, for I believe it is a fact that at the present time all the inhabitants of the earth could find foothold on the Isle of Wight. The area of the island is 92,931 acres, and the world's population 1,623

millions. You can work the sum out for yourselves. It allows, I think, about three square feet per person.

When the tithe rent charge was assessed in this parish by the commissioners in 1856, thirty-nine small plots were made tithe free. Most of these mark the sites of the labourers' cottages of that date, but some are old chalk pits.

This reminds me that, from time immemorial and till comparatively recently, these chalk holes served as dwelling places for a more or less roving population. There are some in the parish who will remember more than one of these houseless members of the community.

I think the last of them was "Old Mary." For many years she was a familiar figure in the parish. The light of her fire could often be seen at night behind a hedge along Church Road, or Hartley Hill, when not "at home" in a chalk hole or old barn.

There was a mystery about her which no one ever solved. Rumour had it that she had run away from home in early life, and that she was the daughter of a Scotch landowner of good family. It was even said that once upon a time she had lived in a castle—but perhaps it was one of the aerial sort. At any rate, there was little doubt that she had seen better days. Her speech bewrayed her, and there was something about her which suggested a higher circle of society than that of the homeless wayfarers of the country side. Her garments may have been in tatters, but she always wore a spotless kerchief round her neck, fastened with a little brooch which looked like a good one.

When occasion required she gave the name of Mary Mukle, but whether authentic no one ever knew. She fell a victim to asthma and bronchitis, and was taken to the Union, where she died.

Then there was "Chaffy," a strange old man whose usual dwelling place was the chalk hole by Foxborough Wood. I believe the big can in which he carried water from the pond still lies in the hole, for there has been no Spring cleaning there since his time. The company's water was not laid on to his abode, so he dipped from the wayside pond, and let it settle. He lived to a good old age, but there came a day when he took to his bed,

such as it was, and there one morning he was found, and carried to the hospital. Not long after they brought him back to be buried.

Peter was another of our wayside dwellers. For some unknown reason he was called "the painter." The chalk pit in Church Road was his usual shelter. He disappeared as mysteriously as he came.

Before Peter's time there was another old man in the parish who "lived rough," though I believe he was once, for a short time, induced to go into a cottage. Some of you will remember him, his name was John Middleton.

From 1750 onwards one Nicholas Middleton was assessed at a small sum for the church rates of Hartley as an "Out-bounder." Whether John was a relative or not I do not know. Life in the open seems to have agreed with him, for he died and was buried in our Churchyard five-and-thirty years ago at the age of 103.

William Washington never wandered far from Hartley Hill. There was a handy pump at New House Farm, and William prided himself upon his morning wash. I hope it was not in derision, but among his confrères he was called "Clean Bill."

David Jones and John Tills were Hartley nomads in the days of long ago. And there were houseless parishioners before them. We know, at any rate, of one who, to us, is nameless. And nameless he was buried in our Churchyard, as the register testifies.

By the way, at one time there were two cottages right inside the chalk pit down Steep Hill.

Some time ago I mentioned the walnut tree that used to spread its branches over what was once our village green. I am told on reliable authority that it did not die of old age. I believe it did blow down in a gale, and broke Mr. Wm. Elcome's garden fence, but life was then already practically extinct. And there was a reason why. The fact was that everybody round the green who killed a pig brought it out and hung it up on the walnut tree to scald it, and continual doses of boiling water did not agree with the tree.

At any rate, it was not hot water that has killed the grass.

On Armistice Day we planted an oak near where the old walnut tree had stood, but that did not long survive. There seems to be a fate against green things on this spot.

Here is the Hartley School roll of 95 years ago. If to this list of names, dated 1831, there be added those of the landowners of that time, it would be well representative of the inhabitants of the parish a hundred years ago.:

William and James Martin, Charles Day, William Day, Mary Martin, Eliza Longhurst, John and William Ware, Anne Hayes, Thomas and Charlotte Packman, Jane Longhurst, Richard Day, Mary Day, Hester and Emma Ware, George and Isaac Outred, Thomas Deane, William Mitchell, Henry Day, Henry Packman. These have all "gone hence." But some of their descendents are still in this and the neighbouring parishes.

It may interest some to know that Thomas Deane was the good boy that year who won the prize, given annually at midsummer. When he grew up he became a carpenter and wheelwright, at first in a small way. But Thomas prospered, and went on gaining prizes all his life. He won an estimable wife, a good business, a nice house, and I think, the esteem of all his fellow parishioners. But he lost his only son aged 21.

Thomas Deane was responsible for most of the carpentry work at the Church for 50 years. In 1859 he put up a new gate, and the following year altered the pews. I do not suppose it was his fault that pitch pine was substituted for the fine old carved oak. He died at Bay Lodge, and was buried in 1901, aged 68 years. His tombstone is a feature of our Churchyard, the stone obelisk surmounted by an urn. It commemorates also his wife and only child. You can see it in the picture on the front page.

There are few parish records that do not reveal some curiosities, at any rate in peculiar names. Here are a few from our own baptism and marriage registers:

In 1730, Hacket Bat was baptised. Later on we find Mary Mugg and Catherine Pully-bank. There is also an Ann Bang, a Mary Goodwine, and a Catherine Gotobed.

In the marriage register, under date 1758,

is an entry that is somewhat puzzling: The banns of marriage were published for the third time on October 15th, of Thomas Woodin and Mary Loft, but four days later, when Mary Loft was married, one Thomas Goodwin signed the register as bridegroom!

I have known a best man to repeat the responses right through the service while the real bridegroom stood by and said nothing, but even if the mistake had not been discovered in time to put the matter right, I doubt if he would have allowed his proxy to sign the register and carry off the bride!

Yours very truly,

GERARD W. BANCKS.

P.S.—As this is going to press I am able to add just a word about something that may prove very interesting. Mr. Dennis showed me a bit of red tile, and I went to look at the hole from whence it was dug on his land adjoining Chapel Wood. I told him that I thought he had struck a hypocaust, or heating furnace of a Roman dwelling house. Anyhow, I have asked experts from the Kent Archæological Society to come and look at it, and if they find this supposition correct, it is safe to say that you will hear a great deal more about it, and perhaps by the time this magazine is in your hands.—G. W. B.

STOP PRESS.

Archæological experts, including Col. Howley, the excavator of Stonehenge, and Mr. Dibley, F.G.S., Director of the Eastgate Museum at Rochester, have paid us a visit. Excavations are going ahead. All the world will hear of Mr. Dennis' chicken run.

G. W. B.

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.

BAPTISM.

Jan. 31. — Brian Hugh, son of Oliver Frederick and Frances Christina Delf.

Parochial Church Council (elected under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921).—Council for 1925: The Rector (who is Chairman by virtue of his office), Miss Bancks, Mrs. Oldrey, Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mrs. Farrow, Miss Sale, Mrs. Wells Thatcher, Miss Green, Hon. Secretary; Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. A. Cox, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mr. W. Nash, Mr. F. W. Tate, Mr. W. H. Chisholm, with the Churchwardens by virtue of their offices.

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

Churchwardens.—Mr. A. Lambert Farrow and Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

Sidesmen—Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. A. Cox, Mr. W. Macaulay and Mr. W. Nash.

Organists—Mr. W. H. Chisholm and Mrs. Oldrey.

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, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Oldrey, Miss Parkin, Mrs. Symons, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. Farrow, Miss N. E. Gray, Mr. Leslie Gable, Mr. Frank Tate, jr., Mr. E. J. Cuff, Mr. and Mrs. King and Miss N. Newcomb.

Licensed Lay Reader—Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

Sunday School.—Miss Sale, Superintendent. Teachers: 1st Class, Miss Sale; 2nd Class, Mrs. Gray; 3rd Class, Miss Parkin. Time: 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.

Church Parochial School.—Miss Fiddis, Headmistress.

School Managers.—The Rector, Mr. J. Green, Capt. Copus, Mr. J. Stuart, Mrs. G. B. Davies and Miss Rodwell.

Bell Ringer and Organ Blower—Mr. A. Rogers.

Churchyard Keeper—Mr. A. Rogers.

Church Cleaner—Mrs. Grant.

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.

Altar Flowers.

January—Mrs. Farrow.

February—Miss Bancks.

March—Mrs. Boulger.

April—Mrs. Chisholm.

May—Mrs. T. J. Clark.

June—Mrs. Green.

July—Mrs. Elliott.

August—Mrs. Farrow.

September—Mrs. Isaacs.

October—Miss Robertson.

November—Mrs. Ralph Day.

December—Mrs. Snow.

Church Collections.

s=Sunday.

h.c.=Holy Communion.

m=Morning

e=Evening.

		£	s.	d.	
1925-6.					
s. Nov. 29.—h.c.,	12/3; e., 9/9 ...	1	2	0	
s. Dec. 6.—h.c.,	13/1; e.,				
	£1 5/11 ...	1	19	0	
s. ,, 13.—h.c.,	1/-; m., 7/6;				
	e., 11/3 ...		19	9	
s. ,, 20.—h.c.,	6/7; e., 7/- ...		13	7	
s. ,, 25.—Christmas Day, h.c.,	13/4; m., £1 5/2	1	18	6	
s. ,, 25.—Special Gift for School Funds	1	0	0	
s. ,, 27.—h.c.,	1/-; m., 12/10;				
	e., £1 7/9 ...	2	1	7	
1926.					
s. Jan. 3.—h.c.,	10/2; e., 7/- ...		17	2	
s. ,, 10.—h.c.,	2/-; m., 11/8;				
	e., 17/7 ...	1	11	3	
s. ,, 17.—h.c.,	6/-; e., 8/4 ...		14	4	
s. ,, 24.—h.c.,	1/-; m., 17/10;				
	e., 14/9 ...		1	13	7
s. ,, 31.—h.c.,	15/4; e., £1 1/-	1	16	4	
s. Feb. 7.—h.c.,	7/7; e., 16/8 ...	1	4	3	
s. ,, 14.—h.c.,	2/-; m., 11/9;				
	e., 8/6 ...		1	2	3
s. ,, 21.—h.c.,	13/2; e., 11/6	1	4	8	
s. ,, 28.—h.c.,	1/4; m., 15/-;				
	e., 11/3 ...	1	7	7	

April.

2nd—Good Friday.
 4th—Easter Day.
 5th—Monday in Easter Week.
 6th—Tuesday in Easter Week.
 11th—1st Sunday after Easter.
 18th—2nd Sunday after Easter.
 25th—3rd Sunday after Easter. St. Mark, Evangelist.

May.

1st—St. Philip & St. James
 App. and Mm.
 2nd—4th Sunday after Easter.
 9th—5th Sunday after Easter.
 13th—Ascension Day.
 16th—Sunday after Ascension.
 23rd—Whit Sunday.
 24th—Monday in Whitsun Week.
 25th—Tuesday in Whitsun Week.
 30th—Trinity Sunday.

June.

6th—1st Sunday after Trinity.
 11th—St. Barnabas, Ap. and M.
 13th—2nd Sunday after Trinity.
 20th—3rd Sunday after Trinity.
 24th—St. John Baptist.
 27th—4th Sunday after Trinity.
 29th—St. Peter, Ap and M.

s. Mar. 7.—*h.c.*, 10/3; *afternoon*,
 Children's Service,
 9/6; *e.*, 10/3 ... 1 10 0

NOTES.—The Collections on Christmas Day were given to the Given-Wilson Institute, Plaistow; on December 27th a portion was given to the Hartley and District Band; on January 31st, to Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance; on March 7th, the Collection at the Children's Service was sent to the Livingstone Hospital, Dartford.

Church Parochial Council Meeting.

A meeting of the Council was held in the Schoolroom on Friday evening, March 5th last. Present: Rev. G. W. Bancks, M.A., chairman; Miss Bancks, Mrs. Farrow, Mrs. Oldrey, Mrs. F. W. Tate, Miss Sale, Miss Green, hon. secretary, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mr. W. H. Chisholm, Mr. A. L. Farrow, and Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

After prayer the minutes were read and signed. Mr. Farrow suggested that a weekly free-will offering should be instituted, in which all the residents might be asked to take part. This was agreed to. A small committee was nominated to prepare the scheme, the names being the Rector, Mr. Farrow, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Chisholm.

A letter was read from Miss Fiddis desiring to retire from the Council. The resignation was accepted with regret.

It was agreed, on the motion of Mr. Gray, to give a guinea from the Church funds towards the testimonial picture of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

Editor's Notes.

What an old-fashioned air the world had last Christmas morning as I went to early service! The fields were covered with snow. The scene was just like one of those frosty Christmas cards which you and I used to receive. It delighted the Rector and his Churchwardens that there were so many communicants at both morning services. We were all charmed to have young Mr. Chisholm with us at the organ. It was a happy, joyful day for us all, both at our venerable old Church and at home.

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On Sunday evening, December 27th, we had a delightful service. The Choir were in full force; Mr. Chisholm, Senr., was at the organ. The west end of the Church was filled by the Hartley and District Band, conducted by Mr. T. F. Tate. The Church was full of worshippers, and the Rector preached one of his appropriate sermons. The Choir sang carols. Mr. Gray took the solo in one of them. We should like to hear him more often. Then the Band and organ led the congregation in the famous carols "Good King Wenceslas" and "Noel." Dear old

Christmas hymns were sung, and everybody went home happy and uplifted.

The Entertainment given by the Hartley Musical Society at the Constitutional Hall on Thursday, January 7th, was a great success. I was going to say "top hole," but as that term is too light for a parish magazine, I will refrain.

Mr. Roy Chisholm was the talented accompanist, and his respected father was the conductor.

The feature which appealed to me was the community singing; the Society and the audience gave themselves up to perfect enjoyment of the choruses, and so did the conduc-

tor. The soloists, grave and gay, were Mr. G. R. Jones, Miss Winnie Vaughan, Mr. E. V. Cliff, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, and Mrs. Symons. The Hartley School Song was sung for the first time, and made a good start in life. Yes, a delightful entertainment, and we were all in it.

The School children came to Church on Ash Wednesday. Miss Fiddis took charge of the organ, and the Rector conducted the simple service. The children with singing voices formed the choir.

That reminds me. Miss Fiddis is teaching the children to sing the Hartley School Song. I am longing to hear it rendered by them.



A BEAUTIFUL WINTER SCENE.

tor. So well did this part of the programme go that I am told that the Lay Reader was heard singing at the top of his voice on his way home down St. John's Lane. He was a singing:—

"He was mar-ri-ed to a mer-ma-id
At the bottom of the deep blue sea."

I hope this will not get to the ears of the Rector, or of the Rural Dean, or of the Archdeacon, or of the Bishop!

The conductor, Mr. W. H. Chisholm, had taken no end of pains in preparing a free book of words of the choruses for the

audience. During the heavy snow storm early in the year, my friend Mr. Cuff took some charming pictures of snow scenes in our village. One is reproduced in this number.

We are shortly to become much poorer in Hartley when Mr. A. L. Farrow and Mrs. Farrow leave Hartley Court. I cannot speak too highly of the devoted service which Mr. Farrow has given to the Church and Parish. In all his kindly labours he has had a most able and willing partner in Mrs. Farrow.

They have been very busy at the Women's

Institute since our last report. Mr. Wright, of Longfield, discoursed effectively concerning the herbaceous border which all country people love. Mr. J. A. Lee gave a lantern lecture on Persia under the auspices of the Hartley Agricultural Co-operative Society, and Mr. W. B. Dalton, late of the Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts, lectured also.

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In February the ladies celebrated the fifth anniversary of the foundation of their Institute with a tea party. Their tea parties are famous, as I know.

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The Institute is moving in another direction. By the end of April next the ladies hope to have a free lending library for grown-ups and children. Splendid! They will be agents for the Kent County Free Library at Maidstone, from which they will draw their books.

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I was amazed at the musical progress of the Hartley and District Band, whose performance I attended on February 22nd last. Classical music was played, and well played. I observed, with pleasure, how promptly each bandsman responded to the conductor. Willing obedience, good understanding, intelligent interest in the work, and a happy accord between conductor and conducted were all points which I could not fail to note.

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The parish and each individual bandsman owe much to the earnest, able, and continuous work which Mr. T. Fleetwood Tate, the Conductor, bestows upon his exacting office. I was struck, too, by the clever and skilful way in which the ladies and the mere men who helped them quickly served the large audience with simple refreshments admirably prepared.

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Mr. Farrow conducted the children's service in Church on Sunday afternoon, March 7th. Mrs. Clark kindly came to play the organ. It was a happy little service, just after the heart of the conductor. He gave a book to each child. It was a parting gift, for he and his dear wife are going to leave us. I am sure that this little service will have a warm place in my dear colleague's memory. It was such a fine way to say good-bye.

Parish Meeting.

Local government matters have aroused a good deal of interest during the past quarter. A Parish Meeting held on January 25th carried the agitation for lower charges for water a stage further by resolving that other villages in the district should be invited to take part in a joint effort to secure a cheaper supply of water.

"Stones on the Green"—a too-familiar nuisance—also figured on the agenda, and this time the meeting received better news, for Mr. George Day, speaking with authority as Chairman of the Rural District Council, gave an assurance that as soon as the work of re-making Ash Road was completed the Green would be cleared.

The Overseers' Accounts for the year ended 25th March, 1925, were read by Mr. Nairn (Assistant Overseer). This item, however, inspired little enthusiasm, and the meeting then proceeded to consider a letter from the Marquis Camden (Lord Lieutenant of the County) appealing for support from Hartley for the National Playing Fields Association. After some discussion the meeting decided to support the movement, and appointed Capt. Webster as delegate to represent the Parish at a County Conference at Maidstone.

An awkward question arose next regarding "Stack Road," for while general agreement was expressed with the views of those who described this roadway as being dangerous and dirty, there was a distinct conflict of opinion as to the remedy. In the end the matter was referred to a Committee, comprising Mr. Nairn, Rev. F. Hoare and Mr. Symons, with the chairman *ex officio*, to "explore" the problem.

The meeting closed with resolutions relating to the muddy condition of Church Road and the unsuitability of St. John's Lane for heavy motor traffic.

On February 8th an unusually important Parish Meeting took place, having been called in response to a demand for an opportunity to discuss the desirability of establishing a Parish Council in the village. A very large number of parishioners attended, and the momentous nature of the occasion was marked by the presence of Press representatives.

The Chairman (Mr. F. W. Tate) read the memorial which had given rise to the meeting, and correspondence regarding the subject in hand. A letter from the Clerk of the County Council was read giving particulars of the procedure of the Council in connection with the setting up of parish councils. Mr. H. Sims then moved: "That in the opinion of this meeting the time has now come to apply to the Kent County Council for the establishment of a Parish Council for Hartley." Mr. Sims gave his reasons for organising the memorial, and said he claimed that the people should have their rights, and that Hartley had grown so large that a Parish Council was necessary. Mr. J. F. Butler formally seconded.

Opposition to the proposal was opened by Mr. A. W. Cromar, who said that experience of local affairs for many years convinced him that a Council could do no better for Hartley than a Parish Meeting. Mr. Nairn also opposed. He moved an amendment to the effect that the Parish Meeting should con-

tinue but that it should be held at least once a quarter. Mr. Burt seconded.

Replying to a question concerning the terms of the Local Government Act (1894), the Chairman said that he could not go beyond the letter of the Clerk of the County Council—the authority to whom the decision of the meeting would have to go.

A further question arose as to the length of notice of the Parish Meeting, the Chairman stating that his information was that seven days' notice was required, and this had been given. If it were true that a longer period was necessary, their proceedings might be invalid, but no doubt much would depend upon the result of the voting—a decisive majority one way or the other would show the feeling of the parish.

Mr. Benson spoke strongly in favour of the resolution. He believed a Council could do better work than a large meeting. He objected to charges against parish councillors. He had been chairman of Longfield Parish Council, and had never heard a harsh



Special attention is called this month to the following :

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Spraying Fluids and Spraying Machines

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New Stock of Domestic Ironware and Crockery.

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C.W.S. FAMOUS SEEDS.

SEED POTATOES.

word. He was certain that Dartford Rural District Council dreaded Longfield Parish Council, but they did what they liked with Hartley, as their treatment of the Green showed.

Mr. Nairn having withdrawn his amendment, the Chairman put the resolution, expressing his hope that, in giving their decision, the parishioners would be guided only by what they believed to be the best interests of the parish, without regard to personal considerations.

On a show of hands, 17 votes were cast for, and over 50 against, the resolution, which was therefore lost.

A vote of thanks to the Chair closed the meeting, which had certainly been stenuous, but, on the whole, good-tempered throughout.

Ur of the Caldees.

The lecturer began by describing the general objects of archæological excavation, namely, the acquisition of knowledge concerning not only the history, but the thoughts and the life of ancient peoples, as well as their artistic attainments and the manner in which they faced the various problems of life. Ur was a city that had been one of the earliest centres of a civilization which was itself among the first triumphs of mankind, and which had contributed to all subsequent ages a number of elements of culture never afterwards lost. The situation and character of the ruins were then described, and something was said of the modern Arab inhabitants of the land, whose desert surroundings were contrasted with the recorded fertility of the country in ancient times, when it was reckoned one of the granaries of the world. This contrast was due to the destruction of the elaborate irrigation-system which the early inhabitants had created. The connection of Ur with Abraham must be reckoned only a comparatively early event in the city's history, since he is generally held to have lived there during the reign of the great Babylonian King Hammurabi, which was some time after the period of Ur's greatest power. Some of the earliest antiquities had been obtained from the site of a small temple of the Mother-goddess which lay outside the walls. Slides were shewn of the remarkable

C. W. NAIRN, BUILDER AND DECORATOR.



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GOOD WORK.

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HARTLEY, LONGFIELD.

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Fresh Milk :: Cream

—Butter—

AND

New Laid Eggs.

figures of men and animals, both in stone and copper-work, which had adorned this building; in particular, the marble foundation-tablet of King A-anni-padda, of the First Dynasty of Ur, who reigned about 3,200 B.C. Other pictures displayed the imposing ruin of the Ziggurrat, or temple-tower at Ur, both before and after excavation, and its significance as a symbol of the supposed structure of the universe, and its use in cult and ritual, were explained.

[Mr. C. J. Gadd has kindly supplied me with the above notes of his admirable lecture given in Hartley a short time ago.]

Hartley and District Band.

The annual band supper was held on December 16th, when the members and friends of the Band spent a most enjoyable evening at the club-room of the "Black Lion." After full justice had been done to the excellent supper provided, an impromptu concert was given, and many a rousing chorus was sung. Mr. Benson's humorous stories were a special feature.

During the festive season the Band played appropriate music on several nights, and collected over £8 for the band funds.

On Sunday, December 27th, at evensong, the Band attended at Hartley Church and played a number of Christmas carols.

The Band were also invited by the Southfleet Football Club to play at a match held at Southfleet on February 20th.

A Concert was given at the Constitutional Hall on February 22nd, and the remarkable progress made by the Band during the last twelve months was very noticeable. Solos were given by Mrs. Frank Tate and Mr. E. J. Cuff, recitations by Mrs. Symons, and stories grave and gay by Mr. Wells Thatcher. All were greatly enjoyed, and the event was an outstanding success in every way. Special praise is due to Mrs. T. Tate and her able band of helpers, who provided refreshments for all present.

By a recent alteration of the rules, the entrance fee for new members under the age of sixteen has been reduced to one shilling. Already several new members have joined, and others will be welcomed.

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HARTLEY.

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WYANDOTTES

WHITE, BLACK AND
GOLD LACED.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCKS

UTILITY AWARDS, 1924-25, include
the following Classics:—

Dairy Show.
Crystal Palace.
National Utility Poultry Society.
Tottenham N.U.P.S.
Leicester National.
Olympia International.

LAYING TEST AWARDS, 1924-25:—

1st & Silver Cup, Tottenham N.U.P.S.
(Wyandotte).

Wye College, N.U.P.S. Diploma
(Buff-Rocks) 1922-23.

Wye College 1st (Buff Rocks) 1924-25.

SITTINGS FROM 10/- AT FARM.

Hartley Women's Institute.

The Bazaar held in December in aid of the Building Fund was a great success, realising the splendid total of £75.

A house-to-house collection for the Gravesend Hospital organised by the President, brought in £12 for that institution.

During January a whist drive was arranged for St. Dunstan's, and, as a result, £10 was sent to that deserving charity.

The members celebrated their fifth anniversary in February with a birthday tea, generously provided by Mrs. Gable.

The following interesting lectures have been enjoyed during the last three months:

Miss Evans on "Cheerfulness and Esprit de Corps."

Mr. Wright on "Herbaceous Borders."

Miss Cooke, on "Books."

In connection with the lecture last mentioned, we are able to announce that a branch of the K.C.C. Library will be opened at the Institute in April. The books will be at the disposal of all residents in Hartley, without payment, and a special section will be provided for children. Mrs. Balchin and Mrs. Costen have agreed to act as joint librarians.

A fine clock has been presented to the Institute by the late treasurer, Miss Oake.

A very successful dressmaking class is held on Monday afternoons.

Meetings are now held fortnightly, on first and third Thursdays, at 3 o'clock.

The officers for 1926 are:—President, Mrs. F. Tate; vice-president, Mrs. Balchin; secretary, Mrs. Clark; treasurer, Mrs. Hamilton; committee: Mrs. Fred. Crouch, Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. Costin, Mrs. Gable, Mrs. Tate, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Tubb, Mrs. Jackson, Miss Bancks, Miss Browne, Miss Robertson.

"The Young Person in Pink."

This comedy was presented by the Hartley and District Amateur players at Fairby Hall, Hartley, on Friday and Saturday, December 11th and 12th last. The proceeds were given to the Hartley School funds.

The acting was most excellent. It would be invidious to single out any performers for special praise when each one did so well. This was the cast:—Leonora, Edith Evans; the woman with balloons, Peggy Farrow; chair man, Eric Green; Mrs.

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Mr. and Mrs. Shepperson and Mrs. Oldrey rendered musical selections. The producer was Charles Gain, and the Stage Manager was A. Lambert Farrow, who must be specially praised for the tremendous amount of work and trouble he rendered in filling his office.

Two Interesting Lectures.

The January lecture in the series arranged by the Co-operative Society was given by Mr. W. B. Dalton, A.R.C.A., late Principal, Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts, and Art Inspector to London County Council. Mr. Dalton's subject was "Illustration: a comparison of the work done in the 16th and 19th centuries," and his address proved both informing and attractive. The development

of illustration was traced from the famous Aldine books, and the work of the draughtsmen of England and Germany contrasted with the delicacy and skill of Italian craftsmen. Mr. Dalton then made a rapid survey of English illustration during the last century, emphasising the special contribution of each artist.

Lantern slides, many giving reproductions of rare examples of engraving, were freely used, and with these Mr. Dalton demonstrated his points with the sure hand of an expert. A warm expression of thanks was accorded to the lecturer at the close.

In February, Mr. J. A. Lee, who lived for several years in Persia, spoke on his experiences in that country, his remarks being illustrated with lantern slides. Mr. Lee's account of life among the Persians, of crowded bazaars and empty deserts, roused great interest, while the contrast between Eastern and Western civilisation provided him with amusing anecdotes, of which he made good use.

Mr. Lee received a cordial vote of thanks at the conclusion of his address.

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Hartley Musical Society.

The Society's second concert of the season will be given on Friday, April 16th, 8 p.m., in the Constitutional Hall.

Choral works by Mendelssohn and Parry will be accompanied by a contingent of the orchestra of the Gravesend Choral Society, for which thanks are due to its conductor, Mr. David J. Thomas. There will also be numbers for community singing, and friends are asked to provide themselves with Sir Walford Davies's "Fellowship Song Book."

The concert will conclude with a sketch entitled "Playgoers," given by the Hartley and District Players.

The Conductor and Committee hope the community will turn out *en masse* and enjoy itself, and, incidentally, replenish the Society's funds.

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Parish Information.

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Rural District Councillor and Poor Law Guardian—Mr. W. T. Boucher.

Overseers—Mr. D. T. R. Gray and Mr. J. Green.

Assistant Overseer—Mr. Clifford W. Nairn.

Parish Nurses—Nurse Weaver and Nurse Bishop.

Women's Institute—President, Mrs. F. W. Tate; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Clark.

Hartley Musical Society—Conductor, Mr. W. H. Chisholm. Secretary, Mr. D. T. R. Gray.

Hartley Football Club—Mr. H. G. Green, Secretary.

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Longfield Halt to Gravesend West:

Week Days—A.M., 6.43, 7.26 (S.O.), 7.31 (N.S.), 8.41, 10.12; P.M., 12.48, 2.18 (S.O.), 3.17 (N.S.), 4.38, 6.9 (N.S.), 6.19 (S.O.), 7.18 (S.O.), 8.16, 9.24 (S.O.).

Southfleet ("Ship")—A.M., 11.25; P.M., 1.40 (S.O.), 3.20 (S.O.), 6.0, 10.25 (S.S.O.).

The 'Bus arrives at Gravesend 15 mins. after leaving Southfleet.

To Ash, Hartley, Longfield and Dartford ("Two Brewers," Lowfield St.):

"White Swan," Ash—A.M., 9.15; P.M., 1.30, 6.0, 9.45 (S.O.).

"Black Lion," Hartley—A.M., 9.20; P.M., 1.35, 6.5, 9.50 (S.O.).

War Memorial, Hartley—A.M., 9.23; P.M., 1.38, 6.8, 9.53 (S.O.).

Railway Tavern, Longfield—A.M., 9.25; P.M., 1.40, 6.15, 9.55 (S.O.).

Railway Tavern, Longfield—A.M., 9.30; P.M., 1.45, 6.30 (S.O.).

"White Hart," Green-Street-Green—A.M., 9.40; P.M., 1.55, 4.10 (S.O.), 6.40 (S.O.).

"Fox and Hounds," Lanes End—A.M., 9.45; P.M., 2.0, 4.15 (S.O.), 6.45 (S.O.).

"Two Brewers," Lowfield Street, Dartford—A.M., 10.0; P.M., 2.15, 4.30 (S.O.), 7.0 (S.O.).

Return Journey:

"Two Brewers," Dartford—P.M., 12.30, 3.45 (S.O.), 5.0, 8.45 (S.O.).

"Fox and Hounds," Lanes End—P.M., 12.45, 4.0 (S.O.), 5.15, 9.0 (S.O.).

"White Hart," Green-Street-Green—P.M., 12.50, 4.5 (S.O.), 5.20, 9.5 (S.O.).

"Railway Tavern," Longfield—A.M., 9.0; P.M., 12.55, 5.30, 9.15 (S.O.).

War Memorial, Hartley—A.M., 9.2; P.M., 1.3, 5.33, 9.17 (S.O.).

"Black Lion," Hartley—A.M., 9.5; P.M., 1.5, 5.35, 9.20 (S.O.).

"White Swan," Ash—A.M., 9.12; P.M., 1.15, 5.45, 9.30 (S.O.).

Note.—This 'bus meets the train from London which arrives at Fawkham Station at 6.24, and takes passengers to Hartley.

To Ash, Hartley, Longfield and Dartford (Railway Station, Hythe Street).

Dartford (Railway Station): A.M., 7.0 (N.S.U.), 9.30, 10.45; P.M., 1.0 (S.O.), 1.30, 2.40, 4.0 (S.O.), 4.0, 5.20, 6.30, 7.30, 8.45 (S.O.), 9.45.

Reservoir—A.M., 7.5 (N.S.U.), 9.35, 10.50; P.M., 1.5 (S.O.), 1.35, 2.45, 4.5 (S.O.), 4.5, 5.25, 6.35, 7.35, 8.50 (S.O.), 9.50.

Sundays—A.M., 8.38, 9.26; P.M., 12.24, 2.20, 3.32, 7.43.

Gravesend West to Longfield Halt:

Week Days—A.M., 7.5, 8.23, 9.16, 9.50, 11.26 (N.S.), 11.48 (S.O.); P.M., 1.25 (S.O.), 1.52 (N.S.), 3.2 (S.O.), 3.40 (N.S.), 4.34 (N.S.), 5.25 (N.S.), 5.28 (S.O.), 6.32 (N.S.), 6.44 (S.O.), 7.17 (N.S.), 7.26 (S.O.), 7.50 (N.S.), 8.12 (S.O.), 9.6, 9.50 (S.O.).

Sundays—A.M., 9.50; P.M., 12.48, 2.39, 4.55, 8.40.

MOTOR 'BUS SERVICES

To and from Gravesend and Dartford. (via Longfield).

Gravesend (Overcliffe)—A.M., 9.30, 12 noon (S.O.); P.M., 12.30 (N.S.U.), 1.30, 2.40 (S.O.), 3.45 (S.O.), 4.0, 6.30, 8.45 (S.S.O.).

Southfleet ("Ship")—A.M., 9.48; P.M., 12.18 (S.O.), 1.48, 4.3 (S.O.), 6.48, 9.3 (S.S.O.).

Betsham ("Colyers Arms")—P.M., 12.48 (N.S.U.), 2.58 (S.O.), 4.18.

Longfield ("Railway Tavern")—A.M., 9.58; P.M., 12.28 (S.O.), 12.58 (N.S.U.), 1.58, 3.8 (S.O.), 4.13 (S.O.), 4.28, 6.58, 9.13 (S.S.O.).

Green-Street-Green (Post Office)—A.M., 10.8; P.M., 12.38 (S.O.), 2.8, 4.38, 7.8, 9.23 (S.S.O.).

Lanes End ("Fox and Hounds")—A.M., 10.15; P.M., 12.45 (S.O.), 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 (S.S.O.).

The 'Bus arrives at Dartford 10 mins. after leaving Lanes End.

Return Journey:

Dartford (Railway Station)—A.M., 10.45; P.M., 1.0 (S.O.), 2.40, 4.0 (S.O.), 5.20, 7.30, 9.45 (S.S.O.).

Lanes End ("Fox and Hounds")—A.M., 10.55; P.M., 1.10 (S.O.), 2.50, 4.10 (S.O.).

5.30, 7.40, 9.55 (S.S.O.).

Green-Street-Green (Post Office)—A.M., 11.3; P.M., 1.18 (S.O.), 2.58, 4.18 (S.O.), 5.38, 7.48, 10.3 (S.S.O.)

Longfield ("Railway Tavern")—A.M., 11.15; P.M., 1.0 (N.S.U.), 1.30 (S.O.), 3.10, 3.10 (S.O.), 4.30 (S.O.), 5.50, 8.0, 10.15 (S.S.O.).

Betsham ("Collyers Arms")—P.M., 1.10 (N.S.U.), 3.20, 4.40 (S.O.), 8.10.

"Fox and Hounds," Lanes End—A.M., 7.10 (N.S.U.), 9.40, 10.55; P.M., 1.10 (S.O.), 1.40, 2.50, 4.10 (S.O.), 4.10, 5.30, 6.40, 7.40, 8.55 (S.O.), 9.55.

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Hartley (War Memorial)—A.M., 7.39 (N.S.U.), 10.10; P.M., 2.10, 4.40, 7.10, 9.25 (S.O.).

The 'Bus arrives at "White Swan," Ash, 8 mins. after leaving War Memorial, Hartley.

Return Journey:

"White Swan," Ash—A.M., 8.0 (N.S.U.), 10.55; P.M., 2.50, 5.30, 7.40, 9.55 (S.O.).

War Memorial, Hartley—A.M., 8.8 (N.S.U.), 11.3; P.M., 2.58, 5.38, 7.48, 10.3 (S.O.).

"Railway Tavern," Longfield—A.M., 8.20 (N.S.U.), 9.58, 11.15; P.M., 12.28 (S.O.), 1.58, 3.10, 2.58 (S.O.), 4.28, 5.50, 6.58, 8.0, 9.13, 10.15 (S.O.).

Green-Street-Green (Post Office)—A.M., 8.30 (N.S.U.), 10.8, 11.25; P.M., 12.38 (S.O.), 2.8, 3.20, 3.8 (S.O.), 4.38, 6.0, 7.8, 8.10, 9.23, 10.25 (S.O.).

"Fox and Hounds," Lanes End—A.M., 8.37 (N.S.U.), 10.15, 11.32; P.M., 12.45 (S.O.), 2.15, 3.27, 3.15 (S.O.), 4.45, 6.7, 7.15, 8.17, 9.30, 10.32 (S.O.).

Reservoir—A.M., 8.42 (N.S.U.), 10.20, 11.37; P.M., 12.50 (S.O.), 2.20, 3.32, 3.20 (S.O.), 4.50, 6.12, 7.20, 8.22, 9.35, 10.37 (S.O.).

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