

ALL SAINTS', HARTLEY,
Parochial Magazine.

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EDITED BY J. WELLS THATCHER.



HARTLEY CHURCH IN 1806.

The Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

We all know how many and great have been the changes in our parish during the past ten or twelve years.

Some of us remember it with its few scattered cottages and two or three big houses, when there was no company's water, or telephone wires, and when the present wide highways were pretty country lanes.

What a small circulation our magazine would have had in those days !

But in by-gone ages there have been other and more extensive changes still in the great natural transformations that have succeeded each other.

Could we behold this spot as it was when yet in the outskirts of the great Anderida forest, our landmarks would indeed be lost. Or, at an earlier age, when the high ground on Hartley Hill gave foothold for unweildly beasts that waded about among the tree-ferns in the surrounding swamps. Once upon a time we should have been living here in the midst of tropical fauna and flora. And at another epoch, in a land of perpetual ice and snow.

But nearer to our own times there must have been an age when, wandering up Church road to the corner of what we now call Hartley Hill, we should have found ourselves on the bank of a wide river.

How altered might have been the history of our village if that river had flowed on to this time! Hartley might have been an even more important place than it is to-day.

We complain of the dangers from modern traffic in our country roads, and of the risks to life and limb to which present day existence exposes us, but life on that river bank must have been more risky still when savage beasts came out of the forest to drink. And when the little dark haired men, almost as fierce, dwelt in the chalk shelters which they dug out of the hillside skirting Foxborough wood, and who have left behind them in the soil proof positive of their presence here in the weapons and tools of stone which they made and used.

On the whole we may be glad that Hartley Bottom is now a green and pleasant valley, and that in place of the rude cave dwellings we have a long row of elegant bungalows springing up along the site of the old river bank.

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I referred some time ago to the Domesday survey of 1086 as containing the oldest historical reference to our village. "Radulph fili Turaldi ten de epo Erlei." But there appears to be an earlier mention of at any rate one portion of the parish in the Anglo Saxon Chronicles 150 years before.

This occurs in the testamentary deposition of Byrhttric and his wife Aelswith—"Et Siredo Haeselholt."

The Saxon name Heortlea I believe applied at first only to one part of the village, while the old Celtic Hoes or Hoseland clung to the more Northern portion. Haeselholt is

probably a late Saxon version of Hoes or Hoseland. I believe it was not till the 11th Century that the name Heortlea was applied to the whole of what we now know as the parish of Hartley.

Byrhttric and his wife were owners of much landed property in this neighbourhood and lived at Meopham. They possessed besides Haeselholt estates at "Langanfelda," "Meapaham," "Daeraenlan," "Fealcnaham," and "Bromleah."

In Byrhttric's will we have one of the earliest recorded instances of will making in England. The custom is said to have been introduced by St. Augustine from Rome, but few instances are known before this document of the 10th century.

Consent of the over-lord was apparently necessary for the due execution of a will dealing with real estate, and for his good graces Byrhttric leaves to the Lord gold and horses, two belted swords, two hawks, and all his tall deerhounds. And to the Lady a bracelet of gold and one steed, "for her mediation that the will might stand." There are nine witnesses to the will including Wulfstan, and Wulfsie his brother, Sired Aelfred's son, Wulfsie the Black, Wina the Priest, Aelfgar of Meapaham, and Bishop Aelfstan.

For the good of his soul he left, among other bequests, land at Denton and Longfield to the Monastery of St. Andrews at Rochester. Property at Darenth to Byrhtwaru for her life, and land in this parish to Sired, and two days' provision to St. Andrews. "And be it between them and God," the will continues, "if they do it not. Let him have to account to God who violates it, and may God be ever merciful to him who will observe it."

It is interesting to us to know that our own and neighbouring parishes are mentioned in almost the oldest English will on record.

Has it ever occurred to you that our Church is the one and only thing in the village that has weathered the storms and withstood the vicissitudes of a thousand years? There are only a few houses in the parish any portions of which are as much as 300 years old. Manor house, farm house and cottage, one after another have been erected, and

very same edifice that crowned the high ground of Hartley a thousand years ago.

I think it was early in the 11th century that the first stone church was built here, replacing perhaps a wooden structure.

It was at this time that a great and sudden impetus had been given to Church building in solid masonry. The coffers of the Church were full to overflowing with the



"THE BLACK LION," IN PRE-MOTOR DAYS.

crumbled into dust. Few of the most ancient trees are more than two or three centuries old. At least forty lords of the manor, since Saxon times, have lived and died. Generation after generation of parishioners have peopled the village. But through all this never ceasing change and decay the Church has remained.

Of course it has been renovated here and buttressed there, but it is substantially the

gifts and bequests of the faithful. There had been a widespread belief throughout Christendom that the year 1000 A.D. would witness the end of the world. And when the 11th century dawned and it was found that this expectation was not fulfilled the Christian world awoke to new life, and began with great energy to fill the land with Churches. Within little more than a hundred years seven or eight thousand were built in this country.

In succeeding ages there have been many alterations and changes in the interior of our Church. Even a hundred years ago it must have appeared very different with the old square pews, and the gallery at the West end. But picturing it, say in the 14th century, more striking differences would meet our eye.

Entering through the old south porch, at a much lower level than the present one, or through the west door which was then in existence, we should have found an earthen floor strewn with rushes. It was nearly always so before church floors were paved. In some churches the rushes survived till the middle of the last century, and, in fact, I believe there is one church in the North of England where they are strewn at the present day. How often they were renewed I do not know, but items such as this appear in the Churchwarden's accounts "For rushes against All Hallows Day 4d."

Then, we should have found *no pews*. The congregation in those days when they were not kneeling, stood. There was no necessity for seats till the sermon became one of the chief objects of attendance. I believe that even in the 16th century in some dioceses not more than one in ten of the clergy were licensed to preach. Our present pulpit is not older than the 17th century. If in some churches a few seats were to be seen they were intended for the old and infirm.

In our Church at this age we should have found a wooden screen at the entrance to the chancel, you can see the holes in the stone work where it was fixed to the arch. There was almost certainly a stone altar, and the walls of the Church were bright with fresco

painting. Traces of colour may still be seen where the plaster has been removed in the splay of the little blocked up low-side window in the north wall of the chancel.

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How intimately has the Parish Church through the ages past been bound up with the lives of the people. Here they were baptised, received into the communion of the Church, married, and finally laid to rest in the Churchyard outside.

In times of common joy and sorrow it was here they assembled to keep fast or festival.

And that the pre-eminence and importance of the Parish Church has been appreciated in the past we know because in most parishes, as in our own, it is the one building that has survived the ravages of time. While all others have been suffered to fall into decay this sacred structure has been jealously preserved and safeguarded.

One generation after another of parishioners have seen to it that the fabric, at any rate, has been maintained and preserved and handed on to posterity in as sound and decent a condition as perhaps the times and circumstances permitted.

It has been due to the revered care and solicitude of our predecessors in this parish that our Church has been maintained through a thousand years and handed down to us in as fair a condition as we find it to-day. We may well shrink from being the first in this long continuity to break faith with those who will come after us.

It is no wonder that our Church Parochial Council in the new financial scheme, is anxious to make adequate provision for the preservation of the church fabric.

In the days of old it was the mount or the hill or the highest spot upon which the temple was built. And thus it was that our predecessors fixed upon the particular site on which our Church is built. It was the highest spot in the parish.

And I do not think that our Christian forefathers were the first to worship upon our Holy Hill. Whatever people in the past lived here we may be almost sure that they would have chosen this same spot for their place of worship.

In early Saxon times it is safe to say that there would have been found here an altar to Thor or Odin. And this, no doubt, replaced an early Christian shrine. The Romans in the 3rd and 4th centuries set up hereabouts, as we know, many an altar to Jupiter, Apollo, Juno or perhaps to Mithras, and there may have been one here.

In Celtic times I think it would have been under the oak trees on this spot that a Druidical altar would have been found. And in the Neolithic age, the circle of stones which served as the temple of the Iberic people who dwelt hereabout.

Again, there is ample proof in the dwellings and burial places of Paleolithic man that they were accustomed to express their religious faith in outward rites and symbolic worship. And they too have left in the soil proof positive of their sojourn here.

And so, I think we may believe, without indulging in too improbable a flight of fancy, that in one form or other, God has been worshipped upon this spot where our Church now stands, not only for one thousand, but for a hundred thousand years.

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.

Parochial Church Council (elected under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921).—Council for 1926: The Rector (who is Chairman by virtue of his office), Miss Bancks, Mrs. Oldrey, Mrs. F. W. Tate, Miss Fiddis, 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.

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, Miss N. Newcombe, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Oldrey, Miss Parkin, Mrs. Symons, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Gray, Miss M. Marrington, Mr. and Mrs. Keen, Mr. C. E. Cuff, Mr. Frank Tate, junr., and Miss Green.

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; Miss N. Goss, Infant School Mistress.

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. Walker.

February—Miss Bancks.

March—Mrs. Boulger.

April—Mrs. Chisholm.

May—Mrs. T. J. Clark.

June—Mrs. Green.

July—Mrs. Elliott.

August—Mrs. Andrus.

September—Mrs. Isaacs.

October—Miss Robertson.

November—Mrs. Ralph Day.

December—Mrs. Snow.

Church Collections.

1926.		£	s.	d.
s. June	6.— <i>h.c.</i> , 19/9; <i>e.</i> , 7/7 ...	1	7	4
s. „	13.— <i>h.c.</i> , 1/19; <i>m.</i> , 17/9; <i>e.</i> , 6/- ...	1	5	6
s. „	20.— <i>h.c.</i> , 14/1; <i>e.</i> , 15/8	1	9	9
s. „	27.— <i>h.c.</i> , 1/6; <i>m.</i> , 18/7; <i>e.</i> , 12/2 ...	1	12	3
s. July	4.— <i>h.c.</i> , 14/10; <i>e.</i> , 15/7	1	10	5
s. „	11.— <i>h.c.</i> , 2/3; <i>m.</i> , 20/10 <i>e.</i> , 6/- ...	1	9	1
s. „	18.— <i>h.c.</i> , 15/6; <i>e.</i> , 15/2	1	10	8
s. „	25.— <i>h.c.</i> , 5/6; <i>m.</i> , 20/8; <i>e.</i> , 12/10 ...	1	19	0
s. Aug.	7.— <i>h.c.</i> , 21/3; <i>e.</i> , 10/10	1	12	1
s. „	8.— <i>h.c.</i> , 2/4; <i>m.</i> , 17/4; <i>e.</i> , 6/1 ...	1	5	9
s. „	15.— <i>h.c.</i> , 14/5; <i>e.</i> , 13/10	1	8	3
s. „	22.— <i>h.c.</i> , 3/3; <i>m.</i> , 24/-; <i>e.</i> , 9/10 ...	1	17	1
s. „	29.— <i>m.</i> , 15/10; <i>e.</i> , 14/3	1	10	1
s. Sep.	5.— <i>h.c.</i> , 20/2; <i>e.</i> , 14/5	1	14	7

Baptisms.

July 18.—Lilias Minnie, daughter of William and Minnie Naomi Field.

Aug. 15.—[REDACTED] of Reginald Arthur and Minnie Crouch.

Burials.

July 31.—Harry Treadwell, aged 69.

Editor's Notes.

I am impressed by the charming way in which our ladies arrange the flowers in Church. This way of decoration with blossoms from Nature's garden is so beautiful. Flowers are the gracious handiwork of God.

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Useful work was done at the last Church Parochial meetings reported in this issue. The Free will offering scheme was advanced

October.

3rd—18th Sunday after
Trinity.10th—19th Sunday after
Trinity.17th—20th Sunday after
Trinity.

18th—St. Luke, Evangelist.

24th—21st Sunday after
Trinity.28th—St. Simon and St.
Jude, App. & Morn.31st—22nd Sunday after
Trinity.

November.

1st—All Saint's Day.

7th—23rd Sunday after
Trinity.14th—24th Sunday after
Trinity.21st—25th Sunday after
Trinity.28th—1st Sunday in
Advent.30th—St. Andrew,
Apostle & Martyr.

December.

5th—2nd Sunday in
Advent.12th—3rd Sunday in
Advent.19th—4th Sunday in
Advent.21st—St. Thomas, Apostle
and Martyr.

25th—Christmas Day.

26th—St. Stephen the first
Martyr.27th—1st Sunday after
Christmas.St. John, Apostle and
Evangelist.

28th—Innocent's Day.

a step. I hope it will soon be in operation in our growing community.

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The Sunday School treat was such a happy little function. Tables for four were set in Fairby Hall and the children arranged themselves for their gorgeous tea. Such lovely tarts and cakes! All made by dear ladies of our village. One thing delighted me. Lucy—you all know Lucy—gave half a gallon of milk and a pound of butter.

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After tea there was a dip in the bran tub. The smallest child to have first dip. The Rector and Miss Bancks had been to Dartford and Bromley to buy the presents and had taken no end of trouble, bless them! Then there were games in the field in which the grown ups joined. How they had to run! One little child piped out when she saw the lay reader a running "He can't run because he is so fat!" Everybody laughed except the lay reader, because his *nascent embonpoint* (not a word for children) is a sorrow to him.

Two people must be specially mentioned because they worked so hard and so long—Miss Bancks and Miss Sale.

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Our organ in Church refused to function recently, it had read about the coal strike. So the choir sat at the West end of the Church leaving the rector and his assistant in lonely state in the chancel. The congregation then discovered what a fine toned harmonium we possess. Mrs. Oldrey was charmed with it. She says she is going to take it in hand and clean it up. It used to belong to our neighbours at Longfield.

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I have heard that our Musical Society and our clever amateur actors are going to devote themselves to raising a bit of money to help to pay the small debt upon this magazine. I am so relieved, I owe the printers about £16 and I don't like it.

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The Lay Reader took the services at Longfield one Sunday in June so that the respected Rector, Revd. Edward Smith, might have a much needed holiday. Mr. Cromar, the en-

thusiastic organist, and his dear wife were so kind to the Lay Reader. By the way, you all know Mr. Cromar, because you give him large sums of money at regular intervals. He tells me that he never knew people "dub-up" with such smiling faces as you do.

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Our Rector desired his Lay Reader to give away the prizes to the Sunday School classes one Sunday last June. They were such nice prizes. Amongst them were children's fairy stories written by the Revd. Gerard W. Banks. I have read them—delightful! And I have sent them to my grand children in Yorkshire and in Australia. These were the prize winners:—Class I: Nellie Gray, Mary Sale; Class II: David Gray, Evelyn Day; Class III: Willie Bevan, David Lyon.

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Young David Gray did something that pleased me very much. He had already read one prize which was given him so he gave it to a girl who had not.

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I have been looking through the back numbers of this magazine. The first number consisted of four pages, the last one, twelve, and the last but one, sixteen. The second number contained advertisements from neighbours which have been constantly repeated. The Editor is indebted to the following for their steady support in this direction. I will put the names in another paragraph all by themselves.

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Campkin Brothers (such nice fellows), Fairby Stores (which includes David), H. T. Parrett (not forgetting Lucy), C. W. Nairn (that canny Scot), Hartley Agricultural Co-operative Society, H. Myers (tamer of wireless waves), F. C. Robertson (the

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mellifluous), Miss Bonsall (whose happy little friends I often meet), Frederick C. Chuter (who whisks me up our hills when I am weary in the evening time), and a new friend who calls at many homes—"The Gravesend and Dartford Reporter."

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You all appreciate the way in which our War Memorial is kept by the skilful and devoted labour of Captain Webster. He wants to have the site surrounded by posts and chains painted white. I do not think this would cost much. Will some kind friend do what the captain wants? By the way before it is done the captain must get the approval of the Rural District Council.

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Our Freewill offering is going to be a success. I want everybody to be in it. The little children of each family can subscribe a farthing, a halfpenny, a penny, or a silver coin every week, according to father's pocket. Each subscriber will have his own envelope. The envelope will be dropped into the collection bag and—there you are!

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Boys, girls, young men, and young women, who are earning their own living can give a little more. Do not forget that what is given in God's service carries a special blessing with it, oh, such a blessing. Nobody but the treasurer will know what each one of us gives.

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The bag will be taken round at all our Church services as usual because we have many friends who visit our Church who are not residents in the parish. This is how the scheme will work. Suppose you only attend one service. In goes your envelope for the week into the bag. Not only your envelope but those of all members of your family who cannot be present.

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The circular about the Free will offering has been sent to all families in the parish by post. I hear that in one or two cases the envelope was unstamped or the stamp fell off. We are all so sorry. Please do not be very cross about it. Will you let us re-fund the post office surcharge?

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The following have made gifts to this Magazine since I last reported: Mrs. Snow, Mr. Sudell, Revd. H. S. Swithinbank, and Mr. Clifford Nairn. Many thanks to all of you.

Minutes of the Church Parochial Council held at the School House Monday evening, July 12, 1926.

Present: The Rector (presiding), Mrs. Oldrey, Mrs. Gray, Miss Bancks, Miss Newcomb, Miss Sale, Miss Green, Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. L. Farrow, Mr. J. Wells Thatcher, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mr. Chisholm and Mr. A. Cox.

Prayer was said.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Free Will Offering Scheme.

Mr. Farrow read the draft letter prepared by the sub-committee and submitted the envelopes and other documents to accompany

it. The letter and enclosures were approved on the motion of Mr. Wells Thatcher seconded by Mrs. Gray.

Instructions to Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee was strengthened by the following new members: Miss Green, Mr. Eric Green Miss Bancks, Miss Newcomb, Miss Sale and Mr. Cox with power to add others. The letter and enclosures were to be printed and sent to the Committee after which they were to be posted to every householder.

Sunday School Treat.

This was to be held in Fairby Hall on the first Wednesday in August, members were asked to help with provisions and assistance.

Church Keeper's House.

Mr. Gray suggested that it would be well to provide a cottage for the use of the churchyard keeper. The matter was referred to the sub-committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

Minutes of Parochial Church Council meeting held in the School House, Hartley, Wednesday, September, 1, 1926, at 8.15 p.m.

Present: Miss Bancks, Mrs. Oldrey, Mrs. F. Tate, Mrs. Gray, Miss Sale, Miss Green, Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Eric Green, Mr. Farrow and Mr. Wells Thatcher.

Chairman. The Rector's warden presided in the absence of the Chairman.

Prayer was said.

Minutes.... The Minutes of last meeting were read by Miss Green and confirmed.

The Freewill Offering Scheme.

It was decided to allow a month to elapse

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after the delivery of the circular before following up the matter with a further reminder. *Repairs to the Rectory.*

Mr. Farrow stated that the Rector was required by law to spend £371 upon the Rectory. The Rector's net income from Hartley parish was very small. Mr. Farrow had obtained a promise of 50 per cent of the £371 from Queen Anne's Bounty and a further promise of £30 from the Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance. This latter promise was conditional on the Parochial Council finding another £30. These gifts would leave £155 to be met.

Mr. Farrow suggested that the raising of this sum by the Council be left in the hands of the Finance Committee and that the Council should pay £31 a year for 5 years only if the results of the Free Will Offering should justify them in doing so.

Mr. Farrow further stated that the Rector will be required to pay £46 a year to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in addition to the £371.

A discussion followed in which the under-mentioned took part: Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Oldrey and Mrs. Tate.

Mrs. Oldrey then moved that the plan for meeting the charge on the rectory as explained by Mr. Farrow be adopted on the understanding that the Council can only sanction it if the proceeds of the Freewill Offering should justify them in doing so.

Mrs. Frank Tate seconded.

Carried unanimously.

Other Business.

Open Church.

It was agreed, on the suggestion of Mrs. Oldrey, to recommend to the Rector that the Church door be unlocked during the week days at suitable hours and that Mrs. Boulger be asked to unlock the Church door in the mornings and lock it at Sunset. A notice was to be put on the Church door stating that the Church was open for private worship. *Choir at West End of Church.*

Mrs. Oldrey further suggested that at regular intervals the choir might sing at the West end of the Church as many neighbours had told her how much it had helped them when the Choir did so recently owing to the organ being out of order. This matter was referred to Mr. Gray.

The meeting then adjourned.

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

LAYING TEST AWARDS, 1924-25 :—

Ist & Silver Cup, Tottenham N.U.P.S.
(Wyandotte).
Wye College, N.U.P.S. Diploma
(Buff-Rocks) 1922-23.
Wye-College Ist (Buff Rocks) 1924-25.

SITTINGS FROM 10/- AT FARM.

An Interesting Future Event.

The Hartley Players are presenting "Mr. Pim Passes By," a play in 3 acts by A. A. Milne, on December 9th and 10th next at the Constitutional Hall, Hartley.

Residents are earnestly desired to promise a subscription towards the cost of production as a royalty of five guineas must be paid for each performance.

Mr. Ernest Harry is producing the play, Mr. John Corri Boulger is stage manager, and Mr. Hedley Symons is the business manager and treasurer.

The proceeds of the performances will be devoted to wiping out the debt upon the Hartley Parish Magazine.

Editor's Notes.

I was delighted to have a visit from my friend Mr. Hedley Symons who tells me that our clever amateur actors are going to play "Mr. Pim Passes By" on a date which will be found in another paragraph. You all know how well the players sustain their parts.

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I want everybody to go, not only to enjoy

a delightful play, but for a reason which is special to this Magazine. The players want to devote the profits of the performances to wiping off the debt which I owe the printers for this admirable journal (Ehem!). I think it is most kind of them, don't you?

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It is proposed to found a dramatic society for Hartley. I do not wonder, seeing that we have so much talent amongst us. You will find the particulars in the advertisement column. The proposed society is offering value for money as you will see. So send in your subscriptions immediately, if not sooner.

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