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EDITED BY J. WELLS THATCHER.



ST. JOHN'S, HORTON KIRBY.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

It was in the month of June in 1923 that our Magazine made it's first appearance and so, with this number it enters upon the eighth years of its memorable existence.

I have been glancing through the early numbers—what a modest little leaflet was number one with its single sheet and no "Editor's Notes."

Since those days we have run into 18 or 20 pages, and the "Notes" have become a feature we should sorely miss.

And how much those early pages have to say to us to-day.

I note, for instance, that so long as seven years ago Mrs. Oldrey was already being thanked for past services at the organ.

For so many years then, we have been indebted for her kind assistance.

Mrs. Clark, too, was helping then, and very soon came Mr. Chisholm, and his son, for whose invaluable help we cannot be too grateful.

Seven years ago Capt. Webster was being thanked for keeping the War Memorial neat and trim—and through all the succeeding years his devoted labours have never flagged.

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Of course, there are others, past and present, to whom our thanks are due.

In fact our Editor, in an early number says, "Really, everybody in Hartley is so good and kind and helpful that it makes me feel a very happy man."

Yours very truly,
GERARD W. BANCKS.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH,
HORTON KIRBY.

CONTRIBUTED BY
REV. W. E. SPENCER, M.A., VICAR.

The noble cruciform church of Horton Kirby, dedicated to St. Mary, has undergone many changes through its eight centuries of history or more. There was a

villa found centuries ago, as there is ample evidence of Roman occupation of this fair valley. The list of vicars carries us as far back as 1299 and are in very regular succession. There was also a chantry in the church to the Virgin Mary, with its endowed priests, of whom five, between 1449 and 1523, are recorded.



church here in Saxon times, which paid the usual nine denarii chrisms fee to Rochester Cathedral. But the oldest parts of the present fabric are Early English, dating from the 13th century. There is pavement in the church believed to be Roman, apparently taken from the remains of some Roman

[Photo by Rev. W. E. Spencer]

The transepts thus had their own separate service as chapels before the Reformation. Each had its piscina, of which one remains. The chancel was longer originally, but when shortened had its east window replaced. Such an alteration to the fabric of a chancel is very unusual. The 18th century rebuild-

ing of the tower and one of the transepts was in brick work, generally much inferior to the more ancient work.

The arches of the transepts are ancient, giving three types, the pointed recessed arch, the round splayed arches, and the round arch. The south doorway is pre-reformation, the north is now blocked up. The absence of aisles detracts from its dignity, but of fine elevation, and a church of much ancient history, it is peculiarly impressive. As at Eynsford this church has a stone coffin with a floriated cross, of uncertain age, but very old.

The church has had many vicissitudes in its advowson. In the reign of Richard II, Sir John de Cobham, with approval of Simon Sudbury, Archbishop, gave the church of Horton to the Master and Chaplains of the chantry of Cobham, founded by him.

A bull of Pope Gregory XI confirmed this grant. There was first a pension to the Archbishop of one mark per annum. There remained then, for the vicar, a competent habitation, as the vicars were of old accustomed to inhabit, with all its rights and appurts, also all oblations made in the church or elsewhere in the said parish; and the obventions and offerings that should be made at the altar of the said church and also that the tythes of flax, hemp, milk, cheese, butter, cattle, calves, lambs, geese, ducks, pigs, eggs, wax, honey, apples, peas, pigeons, fisheries of pond, rivers, lakes, fowling, merchandising, trade, herbage, pastures, feedings, mills, all the herbage of the churchyard and all other small tythes whatsoever, arising within the said parish. These to be the vicar's portion for ever, without any deduction or diminution whatever, all which he then taxed at seven marks.

The monuments in the church are not numerous, for so ancient and historical a church. They include a memorial of the Norman de Ros family, which obtained Horton at the Conquest, and Lady Lora, last of the race. The ancient tower of the church was spired, unlike the present, with corner turret. The early Bathursts are commemorated in the church and several of the Brownes of Reynolds' Place, a knightly family, of whom one married a daughter of Launcelot, the first Bathurst in Franks.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

I am going aboard in the hope of getting quite well. I have had a short and sharp illness, but I have been well doctored by Dr. Marsden and well nursed by Nurse Weaver. My esteemed Rector is going to see this redoubtable magazine through the press and Fred Rogers will kindly deliver to the distributors for whose amended lists I am much beholden.

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I was so sorry to be absent from the Annual Meeting of the Nursing Association. It is doing a great work and I was so grateful for the assistance of Nurse Weaver when I was what is vulgarly called a "wash out." Everybody must subscribe to the Nursing Association in accordance with their means. It was so kind of Mr. Gayler, Rector of Longfield to take the chair; I have a great admiration for him and for the work that he is doing.

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You will read about the ancient Church of Horton Kirby with much interest. My Rector and I hope to put before you all the interesting Churches in our neighbourhood and beyond as opportunity offers. We are indebted to the Rectors and Vicars whose

churches have already appeared in this superlative magazine. These gentlemen have supplied us with pictures and admirable descriptions.

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It is reported to me that the Hartley Players excelled themselves at their last performances. I could not be present owing to slight illness at home.

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I am very sad that the efforts of the Committee to get playing fields for Hartley have met with no success. I hope they will try again. In my view every village in our country should have a playing field. Not only is it necessary for children but far more necessary for young men and women who are earning their living. Those who play well will work well. On the village play fields of England the victories of peace are won.

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I am indebted to Dr. Welch and to Irene Starkey, aged 11, for their contributions to the children's page this quarter. I am sure that Hartley children will read these two contributions with much pleasure.

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Our services on Easter Day were well attended. It delights me also to see the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts at regular intervals.

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Miss Green tells me that our Electoral Roll this Easter numbers 140. Splendid!

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Mrs. Oldrey did a fine bit of work for the Church Army; it is reported elsewhere. I have been concerned that her health has not been quite up to the normal lately; she is a fine worker; whatever she does she does well.

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I congratulate the parish for electing Mr. Frank Tate as people's warden, a perfect choice!

BAPTISMS.

May 4th.—[REDACTED] of Archie and Rhoda Cheary.
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MARRIAGE.

April 19th.—John James Mallard and Aileen Topsy Officer Moore.

Church Information.

The Lord Bishop—THE RIGHT REV. JOHN REGINALD HARMER, D.D.

Archdeacons—THE VEN. DONALD TAIT, M.A. Archdeacon of Rochester.

THE VEN. LEONARD SAVILL, M.A., Archdeacon of Tonbridge.

Dean of the Cathedral—THE VERY REV. REGINALD THOMAS TALBOT, D.D.

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

Churchwardens—Mr. F. W. Tate and Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

CHURCH SERVICES.

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

Holy Communion, 8 a.m., on the 2nd Sunday in each month; at 12 noon on other Sundays.

Parochial Church Council (elected under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921).—Council for 1929-30: The Rector (who is Chairman by virtue of his office), Mrs. Eric Green, Mrs. Oldrey, Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mrs. Adams, Miss Sale, Mr. R. Adams, Miss Green (Hon. Secretary), Miss Rodwell, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. F. W. Tate, Mr. W. H. Chisholm, Mrs. Balchin, Mrs. Keen, Mr. Eric Green (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. B. Alexander, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Chisholm, Mr. and Mrs. Ball, Mr. Marrington, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Day, with the Churchwardens by virtue of their offices.

July.	August.	September.
6th—3rd Sunday after Trinity.	1st—Lammas Day.	7th—12th Sunday after Trinity.
13th—4th Sunday after Trinity.	3rd—7th Sunday after Trinity.	14th—13th Sunday after Trinity.
15th—St. Swithun.	6th—Transfiguration of our Lord.	Holy Cross Day.
20th—5th Sunday after Trinity.	10th—8th Sunday after Trinity.	21st—St. Matthew, A. E. & M.
25th—St. James Ap. & M.	17th—9th Sunday after Trinity.	14th Sunday after Trinity.
27th—6th Sunday after Trinity.	24th—St. Bartholomew, Ap. & M.	28th—15th Sunday after Trinity.
	10th Sunday after Trinity.	29th—St. Michael and All Angels
	31st—11th Sunday after Trinity.	

Committees—Standing Committee: The Chairman and the Churchwardens. Finance Committee: The Churchwardens, the Treasurer and Miss Green.

Sidesmen—Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. J. Green, Mr. B. Alexander, Mr. R. Adams, Mr. L. Harris.

Organist and Choirmaster.—Mr. W. H. Chisholm.

Members of the Choir.—Mrs. Balchin, Mrs. Eric Green, Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. T. J. Clark, Miss Gray, Miss E. Green, Mrs. Keen, Miss Chisholm, Miss E. Parker, Mr. G. F. Oldrey, Mrs. Oldrey, Mrs. Symons, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mr. Frank Tate, junr., Mr. G. G. Marrington, Miss V. W. Emmott.

Diocesan Lay Reader.—Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

Sunday School at the Church Parochial School.—Teachers: Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Adams and Miss Alexander. Time 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.

Church Parochial School.—Miss Fiddis, Headmistress; Mrs. Nickalls, Infant School Mistress; Miss Vera W. Emmott, Assistant Mistress.

School Managers.—The Rector, Mr. J. Green, Capt. Copus, Miss Rodwell, Miss Harry and Mrs. Reilly.

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Churchyard Keeper.—Mr. A. Rogers.

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WORK OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

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Altar Flowers.

January—Mrs. Walker.

February—Mrs. Eric Green.

March—Mrs. Parker.

April—Mrs. Isaacs.

May—Mrs. T. J. Clark.

June—Miss Green.

July—Mrs. Elliott.

August—Mrs. Andrus.

September—Mrs. Chisholm.

October—Miss Robertson.

November—Mrs. Ralph Day.

December—Mrs. Newton.

PARISH MEETINGS.

At the end of March the Annual Parish Meeting dealt with a number of local matters. The retiring Chairman, Mr. Frank Tate, was re-elected, and the outgoing Rating Representatives, Messrs. Nairn and Oldrey, were also re-appointed, though Mr. Nairn hesitated to accept the position by reason of his dissatisfaction with the methods followed by the Rating Authority in connection with assessments in Hartley.

Interest was aroused by a communication from the Ministry of Health to the effect that the parish would receive a bequest of £45 at the death of the Board of Guardians under the Derating Act of 1929.

A resolution of thanks to the District Nursing Association was carried, in response to the action of that Association regarding the provision of transport of the nurses in bad weather. This question had been raised by the previous meeting.

Electricity and gas supply were mentioned, letters being read from both the companies concerned, indicating developments which would include Hartley in the near, but not immediate, future.

Several road matters came up for discussion. Mr. A. H. Edward made an announcement as to the position of negotiations between the Southern Railway and Dartford R.D. Council, and there appeared every likelihood that the request from the parish for direct road access to the station would be met. A resolution was carried asking the District Council to give prompt attention to various road defects, but a further demand for the provision of footways alongside the Ash Road was rejected.

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A Special Parish Meeting, held on April 14th and called for the purpose of considering a report on the question of providing a parish playing field, attracted an attendance that filled the Women's Institute Hall. Mr. Frank Tate, who presided, read the report which had been prepared by a large committee representing various parish organisations. After a careful inquiry, in which the Kent County and National Playing Fields Associations assisted, the Committee recommended the purchase of 10½ acres of land adjoining the Church Path, between Ash Road and Church Road, at £40 per acre. The total cost of the Committee's proposals amounted to £550, towards which grants from the Playing Fields Associations had been promised, making the nett liability rather more than £400. This sum the Committee recommended should be borrowed on the security of the rates, repayment of principal being spread over a long period. It was estimated that a penny rate each half-year should be sufficient to meet the liability of the parish. For the development of the playing field the Committee looked to voluntary effort by those chiefly interested.

Capt. C. S. Bignell, Hartley's newly-elected District Councillor, moved the adoption of the report and gave cogent reasons for his view that the proposals were conceived in the best interest of the parish. Mrs. Balchin, in seconding, spoke from the standpoint of a mother interested in the welfare of young people.

Two hours' discussion followed and many questions were asked. An amendment by Mr. Nairn, with Major Woods as seconder, to the effect that the scheme should be rearranged on a voluntary basis was rejected by a majority of 5, and the original resolution

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of Capt. Bignell was carried by two votes (36 for, and 34 against). Mr. Nairn claimed a Poll of the parish, and this claim the Chairman agreed must be allowed.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Committee and the Chairman.

The Poll took place at the School on Monday, 28th April, under the supervision of Mr. E. J. Hobbs, the District Returning Officer, who announced the result at the close:

For the Committee's proposals 73

Against 185

Majority Against 112

On May 9th, a further Parish Meeting was held, at which Mr. F. W. Tate resigned from the Chair, on the ground that the recent Poll had revealed so wide a divergence of view between the parishioners as a whole and the Chairman that his retirement was essential. Mr. Tate declined to accept the suggestion that he should withdraw his resignation and Commander Morgan, R.N., was elected as his successor.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The programme has been both varied and interesting during the last quarter. On March 6th we were given expert advice on the care of our feet. In April we were reminded of the aims and objects of the Women's Institute, a movement in which there are no class distinctions, and where all are working for the good of the community.

Something quite new in Vegetarian cookery was demonstrated by Madame Clarke for the May meeting, while Elizabeth Ann delighted us all with her "Word Pictures" on June 5th.

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Members are meeting on the third Thursday in each month to help with the needlework for Gravesend Hospital. One parcel of children's garments has already been dispatched and a letter of thanks received from the hospital.

A whist drive was held in aid of the British Empire Cancer Campaign on June 14th, which realised £8. A second whist drive for the same good cause will be held on July 19th, at 8 o'clock, in the Institute.

The next meeting will be held in Miss Robertson's garden on July 3rd, 3 o'clock.

ENTOMOLOGY—

CHIEFLY FOR CHILDREN, NO. 2.
HATCHING OF A HAWK MOTH.
BY FREDERICK D. WELCH, F.Z.S.

(Fellow of Zoo).

You were told, children, in the first article, Winter Entomology, that a moth, although alive in its winter home, could not fly. How does it get its wings ready to fly? The wings during the winter are then very small and shrivelled up. If, for instance, the moth is in a large pupa case and is an Eyed Hawk Moth, it will break out of its case, usually very early in the morning, one day in May or early June. Each sort comes out (more or less) to an appointed time. All such moths when just hatched at once try to climb up some tree stem, or fence or other place, and there hang by the legs, sitting with body downwards, head upwards. The wings are then very small, only about a fifth or less of their future size!

But as the moth sits there, the body juices flow into the wings so quickly that if you watch a moth you can easily see the wings grow, in half or three quarters of an hour,

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As these grow they are held over the moth's back and tail, but when fully dried, in about an hour and a half, the moth turns them to the side of its back and tail—now ready for flight as night approaches and comes on. A sort of mysterious knowledge born in it, called Instinct, is what tells the moth to at once climb up something. Such is natural—but even so, the mysterious knowledge seems wonderful!

If anyone who reads the above would like to see what an Eyed Hawk Moth is like, I may add that there is, in Rochester Museum, a mounted one on the wall in a case in room next to the Bird Room which was hatched in Hartley village a few years ago, top wings rich brown, lower wings with large bluish black round mark from which it is called Eyed. After being hatched as described and its wings fully grown, in early morning an Eyed Hawk sits with top wings covering lower, and hiding the eye-spot till evening (unless disturbed by man or birds); and as dusk comes on, it usually sits rapidly shaking its wings for a minute or longer before rapidly darting away in flight into the darkness of the night. So the moth which could not fly during winter (see page 12) can fly now!

FOR THE CHILDREN, BY A CHILD.
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CLASS I.

Aged 11.

A VISIT TO THE TEMPLE.

We boarded a tramcar which took us to the western portion of the world's largest city, London, on a visit to the Temple. We passed through many shady courts and eventually entered a large cool one in which

stood a glass cabinet containing wigs for barristers, King's councillors, and judges. We then went into a study, containing many books about law, which belonged to Mr. Thatcher's friend and he kindly explained to us the wonderful things they contained. Through a large window, we could see a fountain playing. Here Charles Lamb spent many a happy hour, watching the crystal waters.

After that we went into a building in which was a beautiful library, and as there were too many girls only two entered. They afterwards told us what a magnificent place it was.

When they again joined us we went into the wonderful dining hall. On entering a feeling of awe crept over us.

The magnificent painting of Charles I by Van Dyke, made us realize what a wonderful man he was. We stood on a platform presented by Queen Elizabeth for a play to be acted. Upon this platform was a strong looking table made of the stout English oak. Below this was another table made out of Drake's ship "The Golden Hind." Opposite was a table at which the eight oldest members sat.

We turned and gave our attention to our guide, who pointed out to us some wonderfully wrought stained glass windows. They were made in beautiful colours, and even nowadays the colours cannot be equalled.

When the students enter the dining hall they must be attired in black. They are forbidden to wear light dresses or dresses with light sleeves, and the ceremony before and after the meal is very picturesque. At the end of the room are two beautifully made doors, carved by hand. Beyond these doors, in a passage, a lamp is hanging, and it is

made of coloured glass which forms pictures. During the meal gentlemen and ladies sit at separate tables. After we had visited there we went into the Temple Church. The door was opened by a key which weighed fifteen pounds and was sixteen inches long. Inside are many tombs upon which are knights, some with their legs crossed, others in an ordinary attitude. Around these were Norman pillars decorated with faces carved in stone. Above these was a prison inserted in

the wall. A beautiful organ occupied part of the other end of the church surrounded by beautiful wooden pews. Oliver Goldsmith's tomb was then visited, upon which was written these simple words, "Here lieth the body of Oliver Goldsmith." We then thanked Mr. Thatcher for the pleasant afternoon he had given us, and we then returned home.

[*This clever little girl is going to a higher school. Her handwriting is very good. Ed.*]

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Through the indefatigable energy of our local Secretary of the Church Army, Mrs. Oldrey, another most successful and enjoyable whist drive, was held in the Women's Institute, on the 8th March, resulting in an amount of £6 11s. 6d. being remitted to head quarters and gratefully acknowledged.

Most acceptable prizes were readily given by the following: Rev. G. W. Bancks, Mesdames E. Green, Andrus, Knight, Wild, Morgan, Parker, Isaacs, F. Tate and Crouch, the Misses Barker, Mr. Pankhurst, and a friend.

Contributions to refreshments were given

by Mrs. Alexander, Mr. English and Mr. and Mrs. Parrett. Mrs. Tate gave whist cards. Mrs. Tate and Mrs. Gable kindly gave their help also in attending to the refreshments.

Mrs. Oldrey desires to express her very grateful thanks to all who helped to make the evening such a success and to Mrs. Supple, Miss Green, Miss Parker and Miss Webb for selling tickets. Donations were received from Mrs. Abell, Miss Browne and Mr. and Mrs. Wise.

Mr. F. Tate kindly acted as M.C. and performed his duty with his accustomed skill and wise judgment.

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The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 30th, at 3.15 p.m., at Longfield Village Hall. The members and friends present filled the hall quite comfortably.

The Chair was taken by the Rector of Longfield, who most kindly agreed to fill the place unavoidably unoccupied by Mr. Wells Thatcher, who would have presided but for illness, which was much regretted.

After the business of confirming minutes presenting report and balance sheet, and re-election of committee, an address was given by Lady Fountain. She spoke clearly and helpfully, taking the three points of view of (i) Subscribers, (ii) Collectors, (iii) Nurses; especially emphasizing the statement that there is not a more self-sacrificing profession among women than that of district nurse. To be a good one, she declared, meant that the nurse was a real missionary at heart.

Votes of thanks were proposed, seconded and carried unanimously to:—

(i) The Speaker.

(ii) Mrs. Sleep (retired) and members of Committee still carrying on the good work.

(iii) The Auditor, Mr. Tapsell.

After which the services of Chairman and Secretary were respectively acknowledged.

A most cheering cup of tea followed, and then songs were sung by Mrs. Tate, which Mrs. Oldrey kindly accompanied, and a humorous reading given by Mrs. Eric Green on the subject of a lady wrestling with the problem of a much needed spring-cleaning—which went home to the audience (*not* a male one).

As noted, the social entertainers came from Hartley, Longfield was represented by Mrs. Hicks and other friends; Darenth by Miss Fleet, Fawkham by Mrs. Hassell and Mrs. White (former Committee members); and the new district of Bean by Mrs. Borland.

Proceedings were wound up by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

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PLAYING FIELD FOR HARTLEY.

There was a very large meeting in the Women's Institute during April to discuss this question. Mr. Frank Tate presided and was supported on the platform by Captain C. S. Bignell, R.D.C., and Mrs. Balchin. The Chairman read a luminous report which indicated how hard and how carefully the committee had worked.

The following took part in the discussion: Captain Bignell, Mrs. Balchin, Major Woods, Mr. Clifford, Nairn, Dr. Welch, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Wells Thatcher, Mr. Ernest Harry, Dr. Beadles, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Davis, Mr. Sizmur, Mr. Meddick, Mrs. Benson, Mr. Comont and others. The proposal of the Committee was carried by two votes.

Mr. Nairn demanded a poll which was taken some days later. The figures of the poll showed a large majority against the scheme which the committee had submitted.

HARTLEY PLAYERS PRESENT "THE CHOICE."

On March 13th, 14th and 15th, the Hartley Players presented "The Choice," by Alfred Sutro, dealing with the subject of reconstruction after the war.

Mr. Harry produced the play, but publicly bore testimony to the great help given him by Mrs. Bradley, and they are to be congratulated not only on their success as producers, but also as actors, and the work entailed by both, for they had the most important parts on the stage.

Mrs. Bradley is, we understand, a past mistress of this art, so that it is impertinent of us to offer more than due praise. Mr. Harry seemed thoroughly at home in his part as the strong silent man, just to the point of hardness though with a capacity for affection that

seldom found fulfilment. Mrs. Oldrey made him a very charming mother, though she seemed rather younger than her elder son, of whose character Mr. Boulger mainly emphasised his willing self-effacement in favour of the stronger younger brother, whom he could no longer help though he admired and revered him. Mr. Corfield was pleasing as the irresponsible though delightful father of the fascinated Clarissa, whom he had brought up so carelessly. Mrs. O'Brien as his termagant sister was a joy to behold and hear: though it may sound invidious she was most entertaining when asleep, snoring loudly in an office chair with an amazing hat perched on her amazing red hair. Captain Hale has never been better, and his part needed more acting than the breezy roles that have often been his: at one emotional crisis he made an eyebrow, his chief form of expression, with considerable effect. Miss Burnett as Ann Knapp also deserves mention: she managed her attitude and expression admirably, but her accent kept tending to become too refined for her part.

Again we can sincerely congratulate the Hartley Players on a capital production, perhaps with the greater heartiness in that the play had passages of rather crude emotionalism that might have descended to bathos if unskillfully handled.

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HARTLEY MUSICAL SOCIETY.

Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm requested the pleasure of my company at the Women's Institute on the evening of April 5th last. And it was a real pleasure to me. It was going to be a free and easy social evening among people who love music. We all did great things with community singing, the choir sang sweetly, the women's voices were charming, so were the women. My difficulty was to prevent myself falling in love with them on the spot.

It was delightful to hear the soloists, Mr. Alexander Kirk, violin, Miss Mildred Hawkins, soprano, Mr. Worsley, with his fine voice so admirably managed and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Green in humorous sketches.

I must not forget all the ladies and gentlemen who brought us refreshments, and the ladies who washed up afterwards—no light task. Thank you Mr., Mrs. and Miss Chisholm. Do it again, and don't forget to ask me.

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NOTES.

During the Conference on Church Extension in Kent, at the 138th Annual Meeting of the Kent Congregational Association at Tunbridge Wells on March 30th, 1930, our Delegate reported on the inception and progress of the Hartley Congregational Church. He acknowledged with grateful thanks the help the Association had given to the Free Church people of Hartley.

Less than 20 years ago Hartley comprised some 40 houses and 200 people. Now the village consists of about 250 houses and 700 to 800 people. The increase of residents in such a short period created a religious problem. There was no Free Church for many who desired one. Four years ago an attempt was made to solve this problem. After 9 months of preliminary work, in interviews with leading men, and efforts to arouse interest and gain support, the Rev. John Eames, M.A., Secretary of the Kent Congregational Association, entered heartily into the work, and from that moment progress was assured. The ladies of the Women's Institute were kindly disposed and granted the use of their Hall and piano at a small rent. The Rev. Jn. Eames provided preachers for the first quarter. The first service was held on December 12th, 1926, and on October 3rd, 1927, the Church joined the Congregational Association with a Church Roll of 24 Members. For over 3 years Mr. A. H. Edward has rendered good service as Chairman. Mr. F. Wise has been an enthusiastic Treasurer. We owe much to a hard working Church Council, and the devoted support of many lady friends. We are fortunate in having the invaluable help of Mr. Frank Comont at the piano at the Sunday Services. For the rest,

we hold the happy position of a congregation of 40 to 60 people with at least 16 ministers.

On Monday, February 17th, 1930, we enjoyed another Jumble, Rumble, or Rough and Tumble Sale. Anyone with memories of old rugger scrums will appreciate the occasion. At a given signal the Institute doors open, and the tide of cheerful humanity surges in, Stall-holders stand steady—pale and determined—and meet wave after wave of on-coming bargain hunters. The position resolves itself at once into a dozen scrums—a coat scrum, a hat scrum, a boot scrum, a fine art scrum, etc., questions answered, calculations made, change given, goods change hands and still the scrummage sale goes on. In an hour the stalls are wrecked; the buyers have happily departed and the wearied sellers, devoutly thankful it is over, rejoice in a further £20 raised towards the Church Building Fund.

Congratulations to all our ladies on this excellent piece of work.

The Young People of the Sunday School organised a successful social evening on Sat-

urday, March 22nd, 1930, in the Institute Hall. Entirely a new experiment without any supervision from the seniors. Dancing was the main activity of the evening, and the 50 guests were much pleased with the entertainment. The profit of £1 was given to the Church Building Fund.

A thought from Mr. E. W. Taylor, B.A., of Rochester.

The seven wonders of the Ancient World were (i) The Pyramids, (ii) Temple of Diana, (iii) Pharos at Alexandria, (iv) Colossus of Rhodes, (v) Gardens of Babylon, (vi) Statue of Jupiter at Athens, (vii) Artemisia's Mausoleum.

Seven wonders of the Modern World were (i) Telescope and Microscope (ii) Wireless, (iii) Motors, (iv) Boy Scouts, (v) Aeroplanes, (vi) League of Nations, (vii) Chloroform.

But all these were insignificant in comparison with the wonder of the continued presence and power of Jesus Christ in a human life obedient to His Holy Will.

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