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MEOPHAM CHURCH.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER.

My Dear Parishioners,

In our last issue we broached the subject of church attendance, and invited discussion in these columns.

You will find over-leaf a letter signed "A Parishioner."

In his thoughtful and suggestive contribution our correspondent claims independence of religious thought and conviction for the "man in the pew."

This, within all reasonable limits, is a demand which must certainly be accorded,

and to the "man in the street" as well. Concord in creed need never involve narrowness of mind. True unity in religious belief is not attained by all thinking alike.

In reference to the points raised in our correspondent's letter, I do not think I can do better than quote the words of our Bishop in his letter from Hereford addressed to this diocese.

He reminds us that "different schools of thought are really evidence of vigorous intellectual and spiritual life. While the danger of such variety of thought and practice degenerating into partisanship and strife,

may be rendered less likely by intimate intercourse between those who hold such varied views. Intercourse by which we may come to understand and respect one another without any breaking of our hold on our own principles."

"There is always a danger," he says, "of knowing only our own side, and losing that sharpening of thought, and deepening of character which comes from the effort to know and understand those who hold another point of view."

Apart from the Editor's letter box, the following has come to hand.

"I can hear on the wireless better sermons, finer music, and a better rendered service than I should get if I went to Church. Why then should I not stay at home?"

Will some of our readers say what they think of this excuse, which is said to account for a large percentage of absentees.

We want to get at the real feeling in the parish on this subject of church attendance.

With all good wishes for the New Year.

Believe me,

Your very truly,

GERARD W. BANCKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,

In reply to the question "Why this lack of attendance at Churches for public worship?" may one suggest a few reasons. One is because the Churches and the large majority of their potential members are out of touch or understanding with each other. This may be because the average Clergy of Anglican and Free Churches are too dogmatic and

seem unwilling to consider the ideas or thoughts of the "Man-in-the-pew" much less the "Man-in-the-street."

In the middle ages people were willing for the Clergy to do their thinking for them, but in these days the people desire freedom to think for themselves but with the Clergy's help if offered.

Another reason is, in many towns and villages there is an unfortunate bias between Church and Chapel, but here happily that does not apply, as Hartley Parish Church through its Rector and Parish Magazine, is well to the front with its finer breadth of view and is an example to others who might well follow it.

Only in one part of your article, Mr. Editor, would I ask you to reconsider, that is where you write: "This is a serious matter, not for the Churches but for those who disobey the commands of God Almighty." Surely the Churches are instruments for the work of God and if the work is not as effective as it should be it is possible that the Churches are at fault as well as the people. But to make this letter constructively helpful may we suggest two ideas. First, we suffer here by not having a Parochial Hall, but why not hire the Institute Hall occasionally and our Rector and his two Churchwardens could meet by invitation socially the potential men and women Church attendants.

Secondly, allocate a page or so in your Magazine for discussion on Church matters and put it in charge of a layman who would be a sub-editor for that purpose.

With all good wishes, believe me, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

"A PARISHIONER."

MEOPHAM CHURCH.

BY THE REV. G. A. TAIT, M.A.

Of the Saxon Church which existed on the same site in 995 A.D., or that mentioned in Domesday Book, no trace remains. The present Parish Church of Meopham, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, dates in its oldest portions from the early fourteenth century, and was consecrated by Archbishop Walter Reynolds' deputy, Peter, Bishop of Corbavia in 1325. The subsequent history of the fabric is rather involved as it was apparently restored by Reynolds' successor, Archbishop Simon de Mepham,, and largely rebuilt by William Courtenay 1381-86.

Entering the West door one is immediately struck by the ample proportions of the Church, due no doubt to its connection with a Monastic foundation, the Prior and Monks of Canterbury. The tower is a typical Kent one save that the turret stairs are built into the tower instead of the more usual exterior turret. The perpendicular battlements are modern and out of keeping with the period. These were added during a nineteenth century heightening of the tower, as at Dartford, where they have lately been removed. The belfry contains six bells, five dating from 1648 to 1679 and the sixth an addition in memory of King Edward VII.

Of the old Rood Loft nothing remains but the oak beam which may be seen under the tower, where also is a very ancient oak bench possibly of the fourteenth century. A western gallery was removed some eighty years ago.

There are five bays in each side of the nave and the original clerestory windows, the glass and tracery of which, however, are modern. The only ancient glass remaining is in the two west windows of the south wall,

one containing "quarries" of the original glass, and the other being a skilful reconstruction of ancient fourteenth and fifteenth glass which had long lain in boxes in a loft at the Court. The figures of St. George, St. Thomas of Canterbury, and St. Catherine are practically complete, their piecing together having been made possible by drawings preserved in the British Museum.

The organ, a modern one, took the place of a mechanical barrel organ playing some sixty tunes, which may now be seen, and possibly heard, at Trottescliffe Church, near Wrotham. A feature of the church is the Jacobean pulpit, dated 1682, which came from St. Margaret's, Westminster. The then Vicar seems to have combined his duties with that of a Master in Westminster School, which probably accounts for its presence here. A fine Cromwellian table in the nave, and Chippendale style table, elaborately carved, should also be noticed. In the chancel are a "high-side" window, and probable remains of a "low-side" one; also the fragments of a destroyed stone altar canopy.

Of brasses, Meopham possesses but one, that of John Folsham, Vicar, who died in 1455, and the matrix of a very fine one of which parts of the inscription but no name can now be deciphered. There are several sculptured monuments.

The Priest's Door on the south side of the chancel is a good specimen of the "flat headed" or "shouldered" or "Camraron" door. It has been damaged on its interior face, but the exterior is in perfect condition, and possibly unique in Kent. A hagioscope, with iron grille, opens out from the (then) Lady Chapel; the glass is modern. In the vestry may be seen the recently restored

rood-loft steps, in excellent condition, despite having been turned in a utilitarian age into a cupboard for oil cans. Its opening will be seen from the nave, just above the pulpit.

The east windows of the chancel and vestry appear in several standard works on architecture, the latter containing the earliest known example of the cinquefoil.

These are very brief notes, but in the Church the visitor will find copies of an interesting booklet by Mr. C. H. Golding-Bird, F.R.C.S., an old resident and capable historian, which goes into greater detail than we can here.

Apart from the fabric of the church, there is a notable example of the continuity of the church in the list of Vicars. Except for the resignation of Edward Burnell on the accession of Mary, there was no dislocation during any of the troubled days of the 16th and 17th centuries. William Marshall (1524-50) experienced the Act of Royal Supremacy, the Six Articles, and the First Prayer Book of Edward VI. Martin Haggard was throughout incumbent when Mary re-united the Church to Rome, and when Elizabeth was excommunicated by the Pope, and for some years after. William Gibson was Vicar in Charles I's reign, throughout the Commonwealth, and at the Restoration.

Doubtless they may appear to some as early Vicars of Bray, but it seems to show that in many churches work and worship went on without interruption, and that whatever may have been the roughness of the towel with which the Church's face was washed, any idea of "out with one Church and in with another" remained for modern controversialists, and was not apparent to the country

clergy and their flocks. However that may be, and it is a matter for legitimate argument, the church at Meopham seems to have gone quietly on its course undisturbed, though we trust not lethargic, through the centuries. Long may it continue to do so.

G.A.T.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

Our Harvest Festival on October 12th was delightful. Fruit, vegetables, and flowers were displayed with skill. The music in the evening was inspiring. Mr. Chisholm will tell us all about it in another paragraph. The Girl Guides and Boy Scouts came in the morning, their youthful presence cheered my heart. Mrs. Andrus took the gifts to Livingstone Hospital, Dartford, on the day following.

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On November 11th.

Our little service at the memorial was, like the day itself, beautiful and calm. There was a large attendance. The children led the singing. Wreaths were placed at the foot of the cross. The Rector conducted the service and Captain Webster read out the names of our dead.

The decoration of the memorial site was wonderful. Captain Webster excelled himself; such taste, such skill, and such patient labour won the admiration of every one of us.

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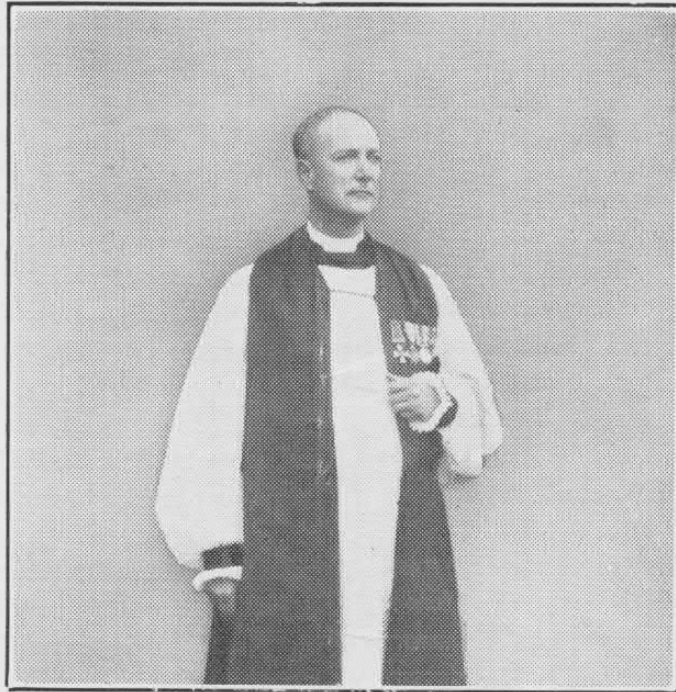
I went to Rochester Cathedral on November 12th, last for the enthroning of our new bishop, the Right Reverend Martin Linton Smith, D.D., D.S.O. It was a noble and striking ceremony. The most striking aspect of it was the great crowd of men and women who filled every part of our ancient mother church.

Those who took part in the procession made a brave show; the Mayors and Aldermen, the clergy, lay readers, the dean and chapter, the Archdeacon of Canterbury, the Dean of Hereford, our Archdeacons (Rochester and Tonbridge), the Canons, officers of high rank in the army and navy, the King's Scholars and their Head Master and the choristers in their scarlet cassocks.

Afterwards there was a reception at the Corn Exchange but the crush was so great that by the help of a kindly policeman I got away from it. I shall never know you, dear policeman, but I thank you!

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I realised the might, majesty, and power of the Church of England, not in the proces-



THE RIGHT REV. M. L. SMITH, D.D., D.S.O.,
LORD BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

"The Bishop will knock thrice at the Great West door," and then the Archbishop's mandate was read to him. Later the Bishop took an oath to maintain the rights of "this Church." The Bishop was then placed in the episcopal seat by the Archdeacon of Canterbury.

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Later the Dean of Rochester promised Canonical obedience, so did all the other dignitaries attached to the Cathedral. All the Clergy promised in the self same words.

sions, noble as they were, but in that vast concourse of intelligent men and women who had come to receive their new bishop.

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All through this summer I have much admired Mr. Brown's front garden. He lives near the Church and produces the most beautiful effect with dahlias, "mums," phloxes, and other garden treasures. I congratulate you, Mr. Brown, and am proud to live in your vicinity.

I attended a meeting of the Hartley Football Club recently. What struck me was the business-like way in which the members present managed their affairs. Their balance sheet for 1929-30 shows the following receipts: Brought forward, £1 18s. 2d., fees and donations, £9 16s. 4d., Total, £11 14s. 6d. Payments, £9 2s. 1d., balance in hand, £2 12s. 5d. The members do what they can in the way of carpentry and general labour so as to save expense. John Ballard, Hartley Green is the Hon. Secretary. Send him a donation if you have not done so already.

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The dinner of the Hartley Cricket Club was a great success. General Andrus presided. Mr. Hoadley stood me a drink and said I was a decent sort of fellow. The *Black Lion* put a mighty dinner upon the table, a real *English* dinner. That's a joke, but don't mention it. Young Mr. Tate has promised to give me full details.

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Our new Bishop is a fine upstanding man. His face suggests that he is a natural leader of men and he possesses the gift of humour by which men are often won. The decorations which he is entitled to wear are eloquent of fine service rendered at the front during the great war. I do not know if there is another bishop who holds the Distinguished Service Order as our bishop does.

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Messrs. Parrett & Neves of Chatham have kindly lent me a picture of our chief pastor. It appeared in the Rochester newspapers which they publish. Dr. Smith is a fine scholar, wide minded and tolerant. I hope members of our parish church will try to go to Rochester Cathedral and see and hear our new bishop when engaged in his high calling.

Mr. Chisholm has alarmed me. Yes, I am really frightened. He says that when the bill for this December number is paid we shall be twenty pounds in debt. This will not do! For nearly eight years we have paid our way with difficulty. It is quite impossible for a little periodical like this to pay. I wonder that it has done as well as it has. Now, my dear readers, what are you going to do about it? Can you find this twenty pounds between you? If not, this little magazine must cease to live.

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I cannot be burdened now with anxieties. I am old and weary and rather feeble. You must help us over this crisis or you must get another and better editor, for I want to cry out with the apostle: "henceforth let no man trouble me!"

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As I hope to go to France about the middle of December, Miss Chisholm has kindly promised to see this Magazine delivered to the distributors. Fred Rogers will take the parcels like the good fellow he is. Miss Robertson has kindly promised to take my "round" in future.

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"Parishioner" has written an admirable letter upon church attendance which I commend to your serious notice. Our attendance is not so good as it ought to be. I regret it. Our services are, to my mind, most hearty and inspiring.

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BAPTISM.

Nov. 30.—Roland John, son of Horace and Emily Edith Day.

BURIAL.

Sept. 15.—Phyllis Vera Webster, aged 19.

| January. | February. | March. |
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| 1st—Circumcision of our Lord. | 1st—Septuagesima. | 1st—2nd Sunday in Lent. |
| 4th—2nd Sunday after Christmas. | 2nd—Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. | 8th—3rd Sunday in Lent. |
| 6th—Epiphany of our Lord. | 8th—Sexagesima. | 15th—4th Sunday in Lent. |
| 11th—1st Sunday after Epiphany. | 15th—Quinquagesima. | 22nd—5th Sunday in Lent. |
| 18th—2nd Sunday after Epiphany. | 18th—Ash Wednesday. | 25th—Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. |
| 25th—Conversion of St. Paul. | 22nd—1st Sunday in Lent. | |
| 3rd Sunday after Epiphany. | 24th—St. Matthias Apostle. | 29th—6th Sunday in Lent. |

Church Information.

The Lord Bishop—THE RIGHT REV. MARTIN LINTON SMITH, D.D., D.S.O.

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 Council (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.

Representatives on the Ruri-Decanal Conference—Mrs. Balchin and Mrs. Keen.

Representatives at the Annual Diocesan Conference—Miss Green and Mrs. Oldrey.

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 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 (Retired).—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, Mrs. Balchin, Miss Rodwell, Miss Harry and Mrs. Reilly.

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The local Secretary of that most deserving cause the Church Army (our popular and enthusiastic Mrs. Oldrey) has again been successful in giving a highly satisfactory entertainment—on Saturday evening, the 18th October, in the Constitutional Hall—resulting in an amount of £7 being sent to Headquarters and gratefully acknowledged.

This time the best thanks are due to Mrs. Bell of Stanstead, who most generously employed the willing and gratuitous services of the "Evergreen Concert Party" to entirely provide the several items of the programme. Each performer gave a highly finished and much appreciated number; everyone present expressing the hope of an early repeat performance. It is a matter for thanks to be recorded not only to the artists but also to the numerous friends and sympathisers for many larger and smaller donations. A programme of the details is appended.

Opening chorus by Party; violin solo, Mr. A. Kerr; songs, "Sink Red Sun," and "Bird Songs at Eventide," Mrs. David Thomson; songs, "Shipmates o' Mine," and "Friend of Mine," Mr. Gwynne; handbells.

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N.S.P.C.C.

In order to revive local interest in the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, a nicely attended meeting was held on Oct. 23rd in the Women's Institute, presided over by Mrs. Croften, at which the District Organiser, Miss Hilary from Headquarters, gave an interesting and explanatory account of the aims and objects of the Society, particularly stressing the fact that this movement was not so much intended to interfere with the parents and children as to stir their interest for the general public by inviting them to work for the Society in reporting and alleviating distress where cases of deformed mentally weak and particularly neglected children are affected.

Local collectors have been appointed who will shortly solicit your financial and other aid, and to impress upon all the advisability of reporting to, and seeking the intervention of the Society, any cases warranting it to the newly appointed local Secretary, Mrs. R. E. Oldrey, at "The Limit," Ash Road, Hartley, who will actively interest herself in any case so brought to her notice.

We feel sure this object deserves everyone's willing assistance.

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Subscribers are asked to pay their subscriptions to these ladies when the same are due. Here is an S.O.S., dear subscribers: Double your subscription, if you can afford it, and delight the anxious heart of my friend, Mr. Chisholm. He tells me that subscriptions show a marked decrease from previous years. That's serious: Perhaps we had better change the Editor! What do you think?

HARTLEY

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NOTES.

The Annual Church Business Meeting on October 25th, 1930, was attended by 21 members. Reports on the past year's work and finances proved highly satisfactory. A special note was made of the very friendly relationship maintained with our preachers, with the Kent Congregational Association, with the Congregational Churches of the Chatham District, and at home with the good friends of All Saints' Church, Hartley. Officers and Council for the coming year were elected. Chairman, Mr. A. H. Edward; Secretary, Mr. S. H. Ellerby. Mr. F. Wise did not wish re-election as Treasurer, but kindly agreed to act temporarily in that capacity.

COUNCIL.—Mesdames K. Gable, G. Lynton, A. Shambrook, Miss Kirk, Messrs. F. Comont, F. Parkin, C. Sizmur, ex officio.

The offer of the sale and transfer of a Church building from Strood, by the Kent Congregational Association was declined.

An application for Church membership from Mrs. Glidewell was accepted with great pleasure. We are again indebted to Mr. T. F. Tate for auditing the Church accounts.

The Church Building Fund is "marching on." The amount raised in twelve months is £155. Our ladies have a special genius in organising sales of goods, which bless those that give and those that receive. We hope to maintain the present rate of progress. Every subscription brings nearer the desired Church Hall.

Harvest Thanksgiving services on Sunday, October 5th, 1930, remain a pleasant memory. Mr. G. W. Neal, of Beckenham, in the afternoon addressed the young people and friends. Though the address was based on a tear-bottle found in an ancient grave, his argument was that life's end is joy, not sorrow.

In the evening, to a large congregation, Mr. H. E. Andrews, of Sittingbourne, very forcibly demonstrated that life passes through forms of death before it is perfected.

We are grateful to all friends—many not directly interested in our work—for the Harvest-tide gifts.

The day was overcast by the news of the appalling destruction of R101, but the lessons of the day, and the beauty of the Hartley flowers and fruits, produced by sunshine and storm-cloud, brought assurance that the Earth was good and the Heavens were kind.

We thank Mr. Leslie Gable for delivering the fruit and vegetables to the Salvation Army Hall at Gravesend.

We support wholeheartedly the appeal for Church attendance by our Rector and Editor. Attendances at Sunday evening services have been especially encouraging during the past quarter. Many of our preachers come from long distances, and are men of scholarship

and exceptional ability. It is heartening to know so many business and professional men who devote their leisure to teach the Christian Ideal.

Thoughts taken at random from sermons during the last few weeks are perhaps the best appeal for Church attendance.

Mr. E. H. Andrews, Sittingbourne. "I have come here to ask you to die—to die to the lower and baser self—to live for the higher, truer self."

Mr. S. Wycherley, Bromley. "A wonderful thing to be a Christian—to be unreservedly known by, and consciously linked to the Eternal God and Father."

Mr. E. W. Taylor, Rochester. "The Cross of Jesus is the heart-ache of God for reconciliation with His erring human children."

Rev. S. Morgan, Greenhithe. "As soon as men knew right and wrong, the presence of an Ideal was evident, which involved the existence of the God of that Ideal, which Christianity explains, and history proves."

Mr. A. H. Diplock, Bromley. "Christ's Cross was raised on a high road where men passed by, to and from a city. It must come nearer, and be raised in the centre of the commerce, politics, social life of the city. Closer yet, it must be raised in the heart of every professing Christian. Only then will Jerusalem be built in England's green and pleasant land."

Rev. M. Williams, M.A., Erith. "Keep clean the little window of the soul which looks towards the goodly prospect of the Heavenly things. A clear spiritual vision will create every man anew."

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YEAR ENDING 6TH NOVEMBER, 1930.

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Expenditure.—Rent, £10 5s.; Printing, £3 0s. 6d.; Music, £2 1s.; Repairs to instruments, £1 6s.; Donations to Longfield & District Nursing Association, £3 11s. 6d.; Annual Supper, £3 5s. 2d.; Visit to National Band Festival, £2 0s. 10d.; Hire of conveyance, £1; Miscellaneous expenses, 19s.; Balance in hand, £16 13s. Total £44 2s.
F. F. Tate, Hon Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING
6TH NOVEMBER, 1930.

Your Committee have pleasure in presenting their Seventh Annual Report for the year ending 6th November, 1930.

The number of playing members at the end of the year was 18, as compared with 19 at the end of last year.

The question of attendance at practices continues to be a difficult problem, and the frequent absence of some of the members has been a hindrance to the progress of the band. Various steps have been taken with a view to effecting an improvement, and others are being considered.

The financial position of the Band is excellent.

Some of the Band instruments are showing signs of wear, and will require to be repaired in the near future.

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The whole of the Band instruments, uniforms, music stands, music, etc., is now vested in the Trustees, as required by the Rules.

The following engagements have been fulfilled during the year : 7th November, 1929, Armistice Day Service at Longfield; 13th December, 1929, Concert at Longfield; 12th July, 1930, Fete at Longfield; 4th August, 1930, Sports Meeting at Swanley Junction.

Invitations were also received to play at Ightham, Kingsdown, and Longfield Hill, but could not be accepted owing to the dates being inconvenient.

Carols were played in the district during Christmas, 1929, and half of the proceeds were handed over to the Longfield and District Nursing Association.

Members of the Band who took part in the engagement at Swanley Junction were in-

vited to attend the National Band Festival at the Crystal Palace on September 27th, 1930, their expenses being defrayed out of the Band funds. Nine members accepted, and spent an instructive and enjoyable time.

The annual Band supper was held on February 6th, 1930, and was a complete success in every way.

Solo contests have been held on various occasions during the year, with a view of encouraging home practice by the members. These have been temporarily suspended, but it is hoped to continue them in the near future. The Band is greatly indebted to Mr. A. W. Cromar for acting as adjudicator at these contests.

The thanks of the Band are due to our Honorary Members and Subscribers for their generous support.

We also thank Mr. G. Marrington for kindly auditing the Band accounts.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee, T. F. Tate, Hon. Secretary and Conductor.

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ENTOMOLOGY NO. 4.

GROWTH OF LARVÆ AND PUPÆ.

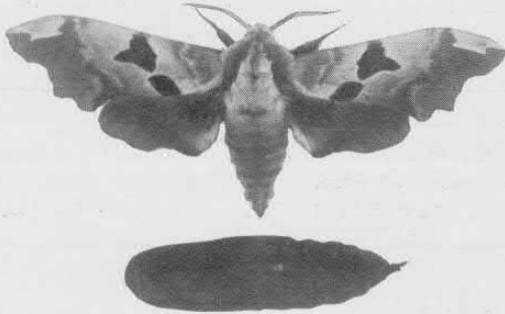
BY FREDERICK D. WELCH, F.Z.S.

In Entomology N. 3, September number, the laying of eggs was described and the question asked, "Would all larvæ which was hatched out reach full growth?" The answer is No—many are killed by birds and insect-enemies called ichneumon flies. When hatched out an Eyed Hawk larva is tiny, about a twelfth of an inch long, with a fleshy horn on its back at the tail end and it soon begins to eat leaves, feeding largely during night as well as day. In a few days it grows too large for its skin which becomes tight,

and then after resting for about 24 hours without feeding, during which a new skin has been growing underneath the first skin, the latter breaks on the neck and the larva walks out with a new (second) skin on it! Larva grows very quickly. At intervals each larva sheds its skin and appears with a new skin; and when full grown in about 5 weeks, is a fat large creature, green in general colour with white strips, slanting along each side, and the tail-horn blue, head with yellow V shaped mark—a mixture of green, white, blue and yellow, quite smooth all over. When feeding this fat creature looks about two and a quarter inches long, but when you see one

stretch out its fore parts, looking for a new leaf to eat, it measures 3 inches.

All its life is spent up a tree until full-fed, when it comes down and burrows under soil. There it lies for some days looking a



shrivelled up creature, during which a pupa is forming within the larva skin. One day this skin breaks at neck, and after a few minutes of wriggling, a pupa wriggles out. This has no legs like the larva stage just

mentioned; and in this pupa stage the future moth lies underground all winter. The dark object in photo is a pupa of Lime Hawk Moth, head to left (smaller pupa than that of an Eyed), the moth above being that of a male Lime Hawk (see September number)—males in these being smaller than the other sex, and both smaller than Eyed Hawks.

Its larvæ are smaller, green with yellowish side stripes, horn on tail reddish, and go through growth and pupate similar to those described above.

Anyone who wishes to see an Eyed Hawk larva, preserved when full grown, can see one at the writer's residence in his entomology cabinet. Such are full grown about the end of August and early in September.

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CZECHO-SLOVAKIA AND THE LEAGUE.

A public meeting of the L.N.U. on November 17th provided an eye-witness' account of the founding of the Czecho-Slovak Republic in 1918.

The speaker, Mr. H. C. Doggett has made his home in that country, and so is well able to describe its people, its romantic scenery, its up-to-date industrial and social outlook;

and in international relations its attitude emerges as one of enlightened co-operation and support of the League, by which Czecho-Slovakia hopes to gain that security which centuries of the old order have denied to it.

Mr. Brinton, the Kent Branch organiser was absent owing to indisposition, but it is to be hoped he will find another occasion to visit the Hartley Group. Three new members were enrolled.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

The thanksgiving services on Sunday, October 12th, were well attended. In the morning the Scouts and Guides were present with their officers and banners, and in the evening there was also a large congregation.

The singing at both services was hearty, all joining cheerfully in the well loved Harvest hymns.

At Evensong the choir sang the anthem "O Lord, how manifold" and we were also delighted and appreciative of the presence of Mr. Cyril Worsley and his son who sang a duet "Love divine, all love excelling" (Stainer), their voices blending beautifully in the rendering of this old favourite.

The Rector preached at Evensong and all were pleased to note the return of his old vigour which inspired him on this occasion. He has the good wishes of all for his continued good health.

HARTLEY MUSICAL SOCIETY.

The Society held its annual meeting on Monday, November 10th, in the Women's Institute when more than forty members and friends attended.

After brief business formalities, Mr. Raymond Barker gave a most interesting and instructive talk on "The Gramophone and its uses" illustrating his points by playing records on his very fine instrument which he had kindly brought with him for the occasion.

The records played were chosen with discrimination to illustrate the capabilities of the instrument in reproducing the human voice, the organ, the piano, and orchestra and for an hour or more Mr. Raymond Barker's audience was held spellbound.

The Society is planning several more musical evenings during the winter and announcement of the dates will be made to members, and through them to all music lovers in the village whose presence will be welcomed.

THE HARTLEY PLAYERS.

On November 13th, 14th and 15th presented "Aren't We All," by Frederick Lonsdale.

They had severe difficulties to contend with. Just before the dress rehearsal, Monica Mordaunt, a new recruit, cast for the leading lady, entirely lost her voice and was quite unable to play on the first two nights. Mary Beadles, who had been prompting all through rehearsals, very gallantly undertook to do her best as substitute, and at this very short notice acquitted herself extraordinarily well and earned the sincere gratitude of the cast and the audience.

Monica Mordaunt, though still slightly husky, played on the Saturday evening and proved herself a great acquisition to the Society. Perhaps she looked a little too young to be a convincing widow in Egypt, and her description of the moonlit garden there was over-emphasised, though this very emphasis certainly made it stay in the listeners' minds and enabled them to identify her later with Margaret Spalding.

Robert Hale, who took the part of her husband, had to spend most of the play in a state of worry, which must have been difficult to maintain without monotony. Hugh Beadles as the gay though elderly Lord Grenham was as easy as he always is and his part suited him admirably, and May Symons

was as competent as usual as the middle-aged widow, fast but fundamentally pleasing, who annexes him. Henriette Darling, the vamp of the play, was slinky and on the whole seductive, but her languorousness had barely enough force and fire behind it to make her as compelling as she should have been.

The Vicar's wife, Blanche Curwen, was a little stiff and abrupt in her more frigid mood, but in Act III, when she had grown more human, her acting showed more sureness too and the twinkle in her eye was very pleasing. The vicar was Ernest Harry and he was here more different from his everyday self than in the parts he has had lately. He managed the mixture of humility, self-complacency very well and main-

tained the character study throughout, but need the glasses have been on the tip of his nose all the time and the hands so often joined in an attitude of deprecatory prayer? It made the part too much a caricature and obscured some of his good acting.

The whole play went extremely well. Several times, especially near the beginning pauses were used naturally and effectually, but once or twice remarks were aimed too pointedly at the audience from the centre of the stage. E. Snelling Colyer had provided two very pleasing scenes which did not, however, take up any unnecessary space on the very small stage. They were well lit by the new electric light which yet, however, managed on one occasion to give trouble.

Xmas Greetings.

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