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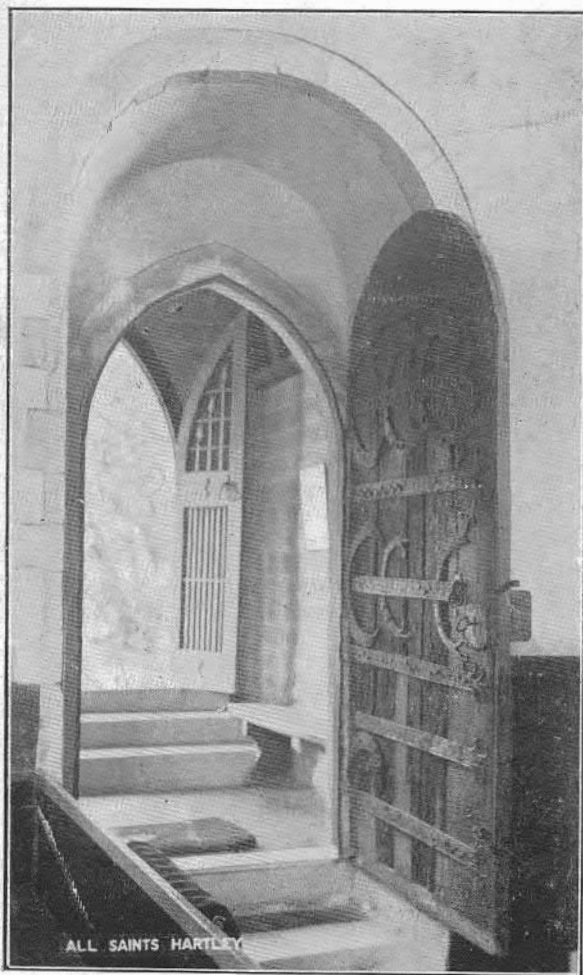
THE RECTOR'S LETTER.

Hartley, June, 1936.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I have been greatly encouraged in my work at Hartley already by the splendid congregations at the Festivals of Easter and Whitsunday, as well as a steady increase in the weekly attendances on Sundays. We are grateful to the ladies who undertook the decorating of the Church for the festivals. Your generous Easter Offering to me is indeed an indication of your loyalty, and I trust that my work in your midst, that of preaching the Gospel of Christ, may be of some help to you all.

There is some bad news about our beautiful old church, for it is feared that the bill for structural repairs may be heavy. At the time of going to press we are still waiting for an architect to make a detailed examination and to advise us what needs immediate attention. The Church has stood the test of time well, standing as it does in an exposed position at the top of the hill, for the last important restoration work carried out on the exterior of the Church was in 1893, when the Rector at that time, the Rev. W. Whitton Allen repaired the West end of the Church and restored the belfry, according to a resolution in the Churchwardens' account Book, which records the thanks of the Parishioners to Mr. Allen for his care of the Church. Unfortunately the present Rector is unable to make history repeat itself, but with the co-operation of all we can once more make our Church safe for the next generation. Compared with some of the



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new parishes in the diocese we are fortunate in having a Church to worship in, and to possess such an ancient House of God is a priviledge.

I am leaving some good news till the end of my letter, but, to continue with our needs, we have to report that the Church of England School at Hartley also wants some attention in order to make it more efficient, and we should be grateful if all those who value the elementary schools would help us in this task. A few brief notes on schools is not out of place here when we consider the Hartley School in particular. In 1811 a handful of Church People banded themselves together in their work for the welfare of the children of the working man, and formed the National Society for the education of what we will call the children of the man-in-the-street, at a time when Parliament would have nothing to do with education, and established schools in different parts of the country. It was not until 1816 that Parliament appointed a Commission to inquire into the state of the education of the children of the poor, and 22 years after the National Society began its work, Parliament confessed that after all the Church had been right about the people's education. Our own Schools, built in 1841 (and enlarged many years later) have had a long unbroken record of Hartley's care for the children and we would wish that that concern for the children is shown in some tangible form, so that the work of teaching the children may go forward unhindered.

In spite of our many difficulties there is a bright side to somethings, and I am very glad to say that the old Rectory has now been sold after being empty for over two years. The size of the old Rectory was out of all proportion to the income of the Benefice, and the lack of such necessities as company's water only added to its unsuitability. Seven acres of Glebe land with a frontage to the main road still remain to be sold.

Some more cheering news is that the Jumble Sale in aid of the Organ Fund held on June 8th has realised £13 8s. 3d.

Many problems seem to arise in Hartley as elsewhere, and I am reminded of a thought which I read somewhere—We can either pray about our difficulties or worry about them.

Yours sincerely,

L. G. W. LENTON.

#### SALE OF WORK.

One of the first things that the newly-elected Parochial Church Council did on taking office was to appoint a Sale of Work Committee, whose members are anxious to form a working party. Any lady who cares to join will be welcomed. Names of those who will help should be given to Mrs. Lenton. The proceeds of the Sale of Work which we hope to hold in the autumn, will be for the repair of the Church.

#### STRAWBERRY TEA.

Several gentlemen are arranging to hold a "Strawberry Tea" during the next few weeks. Further details will be given later on. This is the men's summer effort for the Repair Fund and looks like being a very enjoyable affair.

#### BANCKS MEMORIAL.

The Parochial Church Council has decided to close the appeal for the Bancks Memorial Fund, as our other appeals for Church and School repairs are so important.

The net amount received and/or promised is about £25, and the Committee is now asking for designs. The final results will be announced in our next issue.

#### Church Information.

Rector—THE REV. L. G. W. LENTON, A.L.C.D.,  
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#### Churchwardens—

Mr. F. F. TATE, "Brendon," Ash Road (Rector's Warden).

Mr. CHAS. APPLETON, "The Stoep," Fairby Lane (People's Warden).

#### CHURCH SERVICES.

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

**Holy Communion**, 8 a.m., every Sunday and 12 noon on the first and third Sundays

*Sunday School*—At the Church, 3.0 p.m.: Mrs. Lenton, Superintendent. At the Church Schools, 3.0 p.m.: Mrs F. E. Todd, Superintendent; Assistant: Miss Sale.

*Hartley Parish Magazine*—Acting Editor: Mr. W. H. Chisholm, "Restharrow," Church Road. Hon. Secretary: Mr. F. F. Tate, "Brendon," Ash Road.

*Parochial Church Council* (elected under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure, 1921) —Council for 1936: Mr. B. Alexander, Mrs. Appleton Mrs. Balchin, Mr. and Mrs. Cuff, Mr. W. H. Chisholm, Mr. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Ewbank, Mr. H. Groom, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Keen, Mrs. Lenton, Miss Ling, Mr. and Mrs. Parkins, Miss Sale, Mrs. E. A. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Todd. *Hon. Treasurer*: Mr. F. F. Tate. *Hon. Secretary*: Mr. F. E. Todd.

*Representatives to Diocesan Conference*—Mrs. Lenton and Mrs. Tate.

*Representatives to Ruri-decanal Conference*—Mrs. Balchin and Miss Sale.

*Churchyard Keeper and Bell Ringer*—Mr. A. Rogers. *Cleaner*—Mrs. Rogers.

#### THE 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 Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure, 1921.)

#### Altar Flowers.

*July*—Mrs. Elliott.

*August*—Mrs. Andrus.

*September*—

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT AND PARISH OUTING.

JUNE 16TH, 1936; TO

WHITSTABLE-ON-SEA.

All parishioners are invited and welcome to this Outing on Tuesday, the 16th June. Coaches leave the Day Schools at 8.15 a.m., and will arrive back at about 8.30 p.m. All children attending Sunday Schools will travel free of charge and be provided with a tea. Any other children who wish to come may do so on paying 2/6 towards the

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It is necessary to book seats at once to facilitate transport arrangements, either with the Rector, the Sunday School Superintendents (Mrs. Lenton and Mrs. Todd), Miss Fiddis, Miss Sale or Mr. Todd.

### THE DAY SCHOOLS.

Empire Day was kept by Hartley Church of England School on Monday, 25th May.

After saluting the Flag—the Union Jack—the children of Class I. recited poetry composed by themselves on the particular bit of the Empire chosen by each, bringing in historical, geographical or topical facts.

Class II. recited poetry suitable to the day, and all made an effective tableaux with their flags and names and emblems drawn and painted by themselves.

The Infants sang Empire songs; the whole School sang songs of countries of the Motherland, and Miss Farrow and Joyce Jarrett sang "Land of Hope and Glory."

The Rector said some appropriate words, and then read Earl Beatty's message.

Then the children gave a pledge of their loyalty to King and country, with three hearty cheers, after "God Save the King" was sung.

A good number of mothers and friends were present, who joined heartily in the songs.

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Two of our Scholarship children have been called up for oral examination.

We regret to lose Ralph Sizmur, who has been called to Messrs. Hall's, Dartford, and wish him success.

### HARTLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Among the various branches of activity which attract Hartley women to the W.I., three or four outstanding events have occurred during the past quarter. In Music, we have to congratulate the Choir, trained by Mrs. Keen, who brought home the Banner for Unison Singing from the West Kent Federation Triennial Musical Festival, where they entered as a "Novice" Choir, *i.e.*, one that had not previously been entered for any competition. Mr. Arnold Goldsburgh, in his remarks as adjudicator, wrote: "This is a promising Choir, and, as soon as it begins to forget that it is at a competition, will sing beautifully."

The Drama Group is known to be rehearsing, but what, is a secret, only to be revealed when the curtain rises at the evening meeting on June 18th, at 7.45.

A new subject was opened by Mrs. Doust, J.P., on May 7th, "The Work of a Woman Magistrate."

Mrs. Alexander gave one of her unrivalled Gardening Talks on May 21st. This happened to be her last engagement before going to America as delegate to the Congress of the Associated Countrywomen of the World, and we were privileged to send our own greetings, and photographs of one of Hartley's beauty spots—Hartley Hill cottage.

July.	August.	September.
5th.—Fourth Sunday after Trinity	2nd.—Eighth Sunday after Trinity	6th.—Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
12th.—Fifth Sunday after Trinity	9th.—Ninth Sunday after Trinity	13th.—Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
19th.—Sixth Sunday after Trinity	16th.—Tenth Sunday after Trinity	20th.—Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
26th.—Seventh Sunday after Trinity	23rd.—Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	27th.—Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
	30th.—Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	

An enjoyable afternoon was spent on Wednesday, April 29th, when a number of folk dancers from Stanstead joined the Hartley team at their weekly practice. Mrs. Hunt kindly acted as leader in the absence of Miss Chisholm. The visitors were afterwards entertained to tea.

The visit of the Musical Society is referred to by the Editor in his notes.

Whist drives have also been held in aid of Social Service funds.

#### HARTLEY GIRL GUIDES AND BROWNIES.

An excellent gymnastic and country dancing display was given in the Institute Hall on Saturday, May 23rd, under the leadership of Miss Edwards, Captain of the Guides, and Miss Parkin, the Brown Owl. The display was well supported, a large number of parents and friends being present.

Prizes for jumping were awarded to Guide [redacted] and Brownie [redacted] at the close of the proceedings. Mrs. G. F. Oldrey, who was at the piano, was presented with a beautiful bouquet of Spring flowers by the girls, and Miss Edwards, who is shortly leaving the district, was presented with a leather dressing case from the members of the Girl Guides' Local Association.

#### NOTES AND NEWS.

We use as frontispiece for this issue Mr. Wise's fine photograph of the splendid old Church door, said to have swung on its iron hinges for over 600 years. This picture has always appealed to us not alone by its inherent loveliness, but also by its symbolism of the ever-open door to the calm and beauty of our dear old Church and all that it stands for.

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We heartily congratulate our Free Church friends on the attainment of their heart's desire—a pipe organ.

Mr. Ellerby has told us all about it in his notes, and his words do even less than justice to the instrument and its case, and to the care and skill involved in its removal and erection. Long may it serve its high purpose.

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As reported elsewhere, the Women's Institute Choir has at last overcome its shyness and blossomed into a "winner," and its teacher and conductor, Mrs. Keen, is to be congratulated. May we be allowed to say "Bravo!"

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The Hartley Musical Society was invited to the evening meeting of the Women's Institute on Thursday, April 16th, and gave under the direction of its conductor, Mr. Worsley, a most enjoyable evening of glees and part songs.

Solos were sung by Mrs. Todd, and some effective trios by Mr. Worsley, Mr. C. Worsley, Jr., and Miss Jill.

On behalf of the Institute, Mrs. Gates expressed cordial thanks, and said: "Come again." (If she did not say it, she meant it.)

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In our last issue we referred to the work of the Parish Council, and the report of the meeting on April 17th surely justifies our comment.

The subjects discussed were all live questions, ranging from the disposal of unburnable rubbish (most important) to the temperature of the Day Schools (no less important).

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The "tidying" of the Churchyard, requested by the Archdeacon on his "visitation," has been pushed along by our energetic Rector, and the result is apparent for all to see—creditable to Rector and willing helpers alike.

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This Magazine becomes patriarchal, and we can refer to our issues of X years ago, like some of our daily contemporaries.

Ten years ago, June, 1926, was recorded the finding of Roman remains in Chapel Wood.

Also the inauguration of our Freewill Offering Scheme.

With regard to the latter, I have asked the Treasurer to give me some figures to assist in a revival of interest, which has, alas, waned.

The Roman remains we must leave to the antiquarians.

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We are all glad to know that Ida Keen also is making progress, and we would like Mrs. Keen also to know how her friends—and they are many, and admire her brave spirit—are wishing her well.

#### FREE WILL OFFERINGS AND COLLECTIONS.

In 1927, the first complete year of the F.W.O. Scheme, there were 43 Subscribers, who gave £77 12s. 6d. In 1935, the Subscribers had fallen to 23, and total given to £31 13s. 11d.

For the same two years the ordinary Collections were:—

	£	s.	d.
1927	...	...	40 12 11
1935	...	...	59 12 10

#### HARTLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NOTES.

With great pleasure we have made the acquaintance of our new Rector and Mrs. Lenton, and rejoice to hear of the initial success of their ministry. One of our preachers said recently: "Hartley is remarkable to me, because of the friendly relationship between the Parish and Free Churches." We sincerely hope that this comradeship will always exist.

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On Saturday, February 22nd, another Dramatic Entertainment was given by Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Vincent and our friends from Emmanuel Congregational Church, Dulwich. The Institute Hall was full to capacity, the audience numbering 115. This was the 12th delightful evening from our talented visitors. The net proceeds of the twelve concerts amounted to £41, so that we may say this musical effort to help our Church assumes the form of our new Organ. We are very grateful to all the Dulwich friends.

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On our annual Missionary Sunday, March 22nd, we welcomed the Rev. A. H. Jowett Murray, M.A., in the afternoon and evening services.

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Our gift to the London Missionary Society amounted to £7 8s. 6d. We are grateful to Mrs. A. Day for collecting the greater part.

Congratulations to the Ladies of the Women's Guild for organising another successful Jumble Sale on Monday, March 23. Thanks to the many friends who went a-rummaging, and produced such excellent articles for sale. Thanks also to the eighteen workers who, out of this rough-and-tumble jumble produced £10 13s. 6d. for the organ fund.

The work of absorbing interest this quarter has been the purchase, erection, and dedication of a two-manual pipe organ. The cost, some £43, has been quickly defrayed. Mr. H. Dresser has exercised great care and skill in the erection.

On March 28th, Mr. Frank Comont was presented with a Hymnary of enlarged type, and the thanks of the Church for musical services extending over many years.

On Saturday, April 4th, the Dedicatory Service was conducted by the Rev. E. J. Barson, of Penge Congregational Church, supported by twenty-four members of his Choir. The Choir presented a fine appearance in caps and gowns.

Mr. Vernon C. Coombs, the Penge

Organist, tried the capacity of the Organ with selections from eminent composers, and was pleased, as we all were, with the result. The Church decoration of Spring flowers, the lovely singing of our Penge friends, and the simple, warm-hearted greeting of Mr. Barson, left an unforgettable impression, which only a Church Service can give. It was a happy introduction, and augury to a new era of a better appreciation of the beauty of sacred music.

S.H.E

#### AN IRISHMAN LOOKS ON.

The annual meeting of the Hartley Agricultural Co-operative Society, held during April, took a more interesting form than usual, I'm told.

It was really a celebration of another year of record figures. And as the sales in 1935 had gone over the £11,000 mark, there was an ample excuse for a little fling.

How these agriculturalists do enjoy themselves when they get together!

There were orchestral musical items by Mr. and Mrs. Shepperson and Mrs. Oldrey to entertain the large gathering of members and friends, while Mrs. Harold Day's inimitable character studies provided the humorous element.

Then there were the novel interludes by Mr. May, who mysteriously extracted some old and tuneful melodies from a trayful of half-empty tumbler glasses. Have you ever tried it? I've juggled with a few glasses in my time, but never a note of music have I produced.

A hard-worked Ladies' Committee provided a copious supply of refreshments, and after my fifth plateful I could have danced a polka with anyone. (Except the Chairman. Don't boast, Shane.)

I had almost forgotten to mention that there was a business meeting earlier in the evening—an unpardonable omission, because, after all, this was the *raison d'être* (is that spelt correctly, Mr. Robertson?—ED.) of the occasion.

The Chairman told the tale of still greater progress in 1935, and after he had promised that something would be done in the matter of more extensive publicity, the report was unanimously adopted.

But, faith, it was a fine evening.

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## HARTLEY BRANCH NOTES.

Although this is the "close season" for meetings, one cannot comfortably settle down to mere inactivity for six months or so. The Union's task remains, as it has always been, to inform and organise opinion on behalf of the Covenant of the League, and to support our Government in its efforts to get International Law established and respected.

"How Members Can Pull Their Weight," was the subject of a meeting at Maidstone on May 16th, attended by the Branch Chairman and Secretary. Speakers agreed that if we mean business, we may still hope to see the principles we hold, of law and the honouring of obligations, gaining the ascendancy over International Anarchy, in spite even of the latest and most serious

setback on the specific issue. But the ordinary L.N.U. member must give at least a tithe of the thought and energy, to say nothing of money, which he would undoubtedly give to salving as much as possible from the ruins of our civilisation if efforts for peace had failed.

Mr. Wise commends to our attention a few of the statistics on which he likes to dwell:—

Contributions by States members of the League to the cost of maintaining it for 1935:

Great Britain ... ..	£127,238
The five Dominions ... ..	166,014
Total for British Empire ... ..	293,252
Other States Members ... ..	932,334
Total ... ..	£1,225,586

So that the League costs *us* directly, on an average, 1d. per person per year, but for the Empire as a whole the average is less than ¼d. per head of population.

H.C.



We are indebted to the Editor of the "Illinois Central Magazine" for block of the above picture, which I sent to him some time ago after a visit to Switzerland. It is a view on the outskirts of the Swiss capital, Berne, of a typical Swiss pastoral scene, with the Jungfrau in the background. This background is some 40 miles distant, but the beautiful clear air renders such photography possible on many days in the year.

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The fixture list includes several of the neighbouring village teams, and on the two Bank Holidays we are entertaining more distant clubs in all-day matches.

Our first game, on May 23rd, against the Gravesend Co-operative C.C., resulted in a win by 69—59.

The remaining home matches, to which visitors are cordially invited, are as follows:—

- June 1st.—Bexleyheath Congregational.
- „ 13th.—Kingsdown.
- „ 20th.—Westwood Star.
- „ 27th.—Crockenhill II.
- July 4th.—Stanstead.
- „ 18th.—Swanley Junction Station.
- Aug. 3rd.—Heath and Oakwood.
- „ 15th.—Southfleet II.
- Sep. 12th.—F. O. Tindley's XI.