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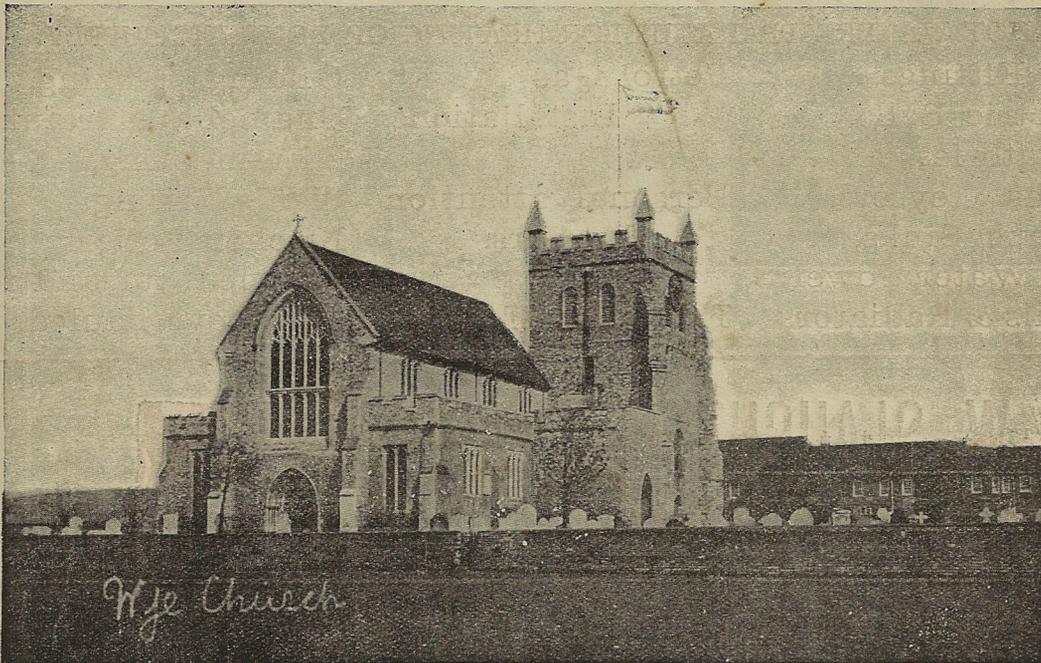


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NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF CLERGY AND CHURCH OFFICERS.

Vicar and Rural Dean: The Rev. E. LAMBERT, M.A., The Vicarage, Upper Bridge Street.
Churchwardens: Mr. M. J. R. Dunstan, M.A., Wye College. Mr. W. Lewin, Cumberland House.
Sidesmen: Messrs. W. J. Ashby, H. C. Chapelow, P. E. Clarabut, J. Dodd, W. E. S. Erle-Drax, G. H. Garrad, C. Head, Junr., C. H. Hooper, H. W. Kersey, H. J. May, and F. W. Slaughter.

Temporary Organist: 2nd Airman Andrews, R.F.C.

Verger and Sexton: Mr. W. Pennells, Withersdane Cottages. All notices of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials may be given to him at the Porter's Lodge, Wye College. It is particularly requested that such notices be given in good time.

SUNDAY SERVICES—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. (Choral on 1st Sunday); also on 1st Sunday at 12.15, 3rd Sunday after Matins. Matins at 11. Children's Service at 3. Evensong, 6.30 p.m.

Week-day Services as announced; usually Intercession at noon, Evensong at 6 p.m.

And on Week-day Celebration of Holy Communion.

☛ In cases of extreme sickness, Private Baptism and Holy Communion will be administered at any hour.

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THE NATIONAL MISSION.

Some months ago, under the heading of "Something is Happening in the Church of England," a widely-circulated paragraph attracted considerable attention. Since then the signs have increased and multiplied, and the outlook of the Church is changing rapidly. During the last few months thousands of clergy have been in Retreat, and have been seeking to learn the reasons for the weakness of the Church in the midst of the life of the nation. In some dioceses, like London, every clergyman, to the number of many hundreds, has gone through this edifying experience; and this has been only the first stage. The laity have been following the example of the clergy. Country houses have been put at the disposal of the bishops, and men and women in all parts of the country have gone apart to study the same problems.

The first fruits of these experiences are already noticeable. The spirit in the Church is quickened. The old partisan cries are heard no longer, for the Church has awoke to a sense of shame for the bickerings of the past and to a fresh sense of responsibility for the needs of the future. The new wine is also bursting the old bottles, and an awakened zeal is expressing itself in new ways. As the coming of the Friars marked a new epoch in the thirteenth century, so the coming of the Pilgrims inaugurates a new spiritual era in the twentieth century. In Yorkshire over a hundred clergy have been on pilgrimage. In the south and midlands hundreds of women have taken part in pilgrimages of prayer to villages and outlying hamlets. In other places pilgrimages of witness are being organised by laymen of the Men's Society, and over a thousand parishes have asked for a visit from the new Flying Squadron of the Church Army.

All these movements are directly or indirectly connected with the National Mission of Repentance and Hope, and are to be traced to the adventurous lead given to the Church by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. As the culminating phase of the Mission is reached in the months of October and November the signs of activity will be increased, for forty dioceses will be drawing to a close the efforts which are preliminary to a new beginning. No such simultaneous and sustained movement has ever been initiated by the ancient Church in this land. Of a truth, we can say, something is happening in the Church of England.

THE CALL OF THE MISSION.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has addressed a personal Call to the people of this land, as follows;—

"England is fighting a great war for the cause of truth and honour. The greatest victory will not be won if it is our earthly enemies only who are defeated. Among us at home the forces of sin and ignorance are mighty. You were pledged at your Baptism to fight manfully under Christ's banner against them.

"Through the NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE, we, in Christ's Name, call upon every English man and woman to strike a blow at Christ's enemies.

"This is the Victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

"RANDALL CANTUAR."

To the Parishioners of Wye.

Dear Friends,—Please read attentively the following letter from the Rev. A. N. Campbell, who has been appointed by the Archbishop to deliver the Church's message among us. He will be here from November 3rd to November 7th, and will come with the single aim of helping us all to live more truly Christian lives. He earnestly asks our prayers. I know how difficult it is for many of you to get often to Church in these busy days, when so many workers are away serving their country. But come when you can on week-days or Sundays, and send up a prayer for our Messenger, and for the Church and Nation, when you hear the Church bell ring.

Will you also use your influence to win back any that have become separated from the Church's fellowship? Let us get rid of the false notion that the work of the Church is "the Parson's job." Every baptized Christian is a soldier of the Cross on active service. Our fine old Parish Church is the property of us all. All seats in it, except the Olantigh "faculty" pew, are free. Only by courtesy do we respect the wishes of regular attenders to sit in the seats to which they are accustomed. The Church is always open for private prayer in the day-time, and Bibles and Prayer Books are provided.

Let no private prejudice, no failings or inconsistencies of us regular Churchgoers, which we sadly deplore and seek to amend, keep anyone from his full privileges and use of the means of grace. If there is anything in the worship of our Church or in the work of the Church which

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you think wrong or do not understand, please speak frankly to me.

I am anxious to get a list of Communicants in our parish. At the time of Miss Cunliffe's visit, a Committee of Ladies was formed to help us in this and in other matters connected with the Mission. Will you kindly tell the visitor who brings this letter the names of those in your household who have been Confirmed?

Hoping that this Mission may prove a real and lasting blessing to our parish, and that as a country we may become more worthy of the great sacrifices being offered for us.

I remain, yours faithfully and affectionately,
EDGAR LAMBERT.

*Letter from the Rev. A. N. Campbell, M.A.,
Archbishop's Messenger.*

10, Bouverie Square,
Folkestone.

My old friend your Vicar tells me that I may send you a message through the medium of your Magazine.

As I think you already know, I have been asked to be your Messenger in November. When the invitation came, I must confess that I felt very diffident about accepting such a task, and I took the opportunity of consulting one in authority about it. I was told that one ought to accept such a call, however one felt about it. What however most encouraged me to accept was the reminder of the great stream of prayer that was going up all over the country. Now I feel sure that a very considerable tributary of that stream has its source in Wye; but may I ask that its volume may be increased during this month, both in your private prayers and in your Intercession Services. Let us pray together, not that God may help us in our work, but that we may be allowed to help Him in His.

Please ask Him to take away from each one of us anything which may be unfitting us for His service, and that on the other hand, He may so fill our hearts and minds and wills with His Holy Spirit that we may be ready instruments in His hand.

Please ask for this, and ask for it in a spirit of self-surrender, that when the time comes we may be ready both to receive and to pass on the message.

ALAN N. CAMPBELL.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

Sept. 5th. Meeting of Church Cottage Club. Encouraging financial report; debt reduced to

£7 3s. 4d., principally through substantial gifts from Royal Flying Corps entertainments. New cushions ordered for billiard table. Donations towards the cost of these will be very welcome.

Sept. 8th. Day of Prayer. Chain of intercession maintained almost continuously from 7.15 a.m. to 7.15 p.m.

Sept. 9th. Mrs. H. Head passed away peacefully after much suffering borne most patiently.

Sept. 10th. Rev. T. L. Stack, Rector of Brabourne, preached in the morning; Rev. T. Popham, grandson of General West, in the evening.

Sept. 11th. Excellent concert in C.E.T.S. Soldiers' Hut; proceeds given for new piano.

Confirmation was received this week of the death of Frederick Arthur Lusted, who was wounded on July 13th, 1916, in the early stages of the great Somme battle. Deep sympathy expressed for the parents and family, who have had to endure a long agony of suspense.

Sept. 17th. Men's Service in the afternoon. Eloquent and interesting address by Dr. Springett, Rector of Pluckley and Rural Dean of East Charing, on St. Lambert, Bishop of Liege, Soldier Saint.

Sept. 21st. Meeting of Ladies' National Mission Committee, who undertook the task of taking round letters from the Vicar and Messenger, and assisting to make a Communicants' Roll for the parish.

Sept. 23rd. George Rains, whose death after a very short illness was a shock to the parish, was laid to rest. The Burial Service, which was kindly conducted by the Rev. J. A. Halloran, Rector of Eastwell, in the absence of the Vicar, was followed by the impressive service of the Oddfellows, to which Society the deceased had belonged.

Sept. 23rd. In beautiful weather some thirty G.F.S. Candidates were kindly entertained to tea, etc., by Mrs. C. Bushell and Miss Erle-Drax at Withersdane House.

Sept. 24th. Sermons were preached morning and evening by the Rev. H. C. Williams, Assistant Secretary of the East London Church Fund. The offertory amounted to £4 18s. 2½d.

Sept. 30th. The Church was exquisitely decorated for the Harvest Thanksgiving, liberal offerings being made of fruit, flowers and vegetables. Hearty thanks are offered to all who sent these, and also to the ladies who so tastefully decorated the Church.

Oct. 1st. A perfect autumn day—still, cool, and bright. There were 95 Communicants a 7,

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8, and mid-day. With the Church Parade of the R.F.C., we had a full Church at 11 o'clock, to which a good peal of bells summoned us. The Service was hearty and inspiring, led by a full Choir, which included five soldiers besides our temporary Organist, 2nd Airman Andrews, of the R.F.C. The anthem, "O come and let us sing unto the Lord," was admirably rendered. The Rev. A. E. Worsley, Rector of Willesborough, preached in the evening, the Vicar taking the sermon at Willesborough, where there was a crowded congregation. Our offertory, amounting to £10 2s. 7½d., was divided between the Kent and Canterbury Hospital and Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society. Fruit and vegetables were distributed afterwards among the aged poor and school children.

To comply with the lighting orders, the windows of the Church have been tastefully darkened and the lights effectively shaded.

The Church will be closed for cleaning during the week following Sunday, October 8th.

On Sunday, October 15th, when the Vicar is to deliver the Message of the National Mission at Pluckley and Little Chart, the Services will be taken and sermons preached at Wye by the Venerable H. M. Spooner, Archdeacon of Maidstone and Canon of Canterbury Cathedral.

All were glad and thankful to see *Lieut. J. C. W. Erle-Drax*, of the Rifle Brigade, safe home from the Battle of the Somme, and, but for his honourable scar, in good health; also to welcome *Lieut. A. Lawson*, K.O.S.B., convalescent from gas injury; also *Lieut. E. C. Dunstan*, 7th Buffs, who, after rendering good service as Brigade Bombing Officer at the Front has been discharged from the Army through ill-health. We trust and have every reason to hope that a prolonged rest and change will fully restore him to health. *Sergeant Greenstreet*, 8th Buffs, is recovering from wounds in hospital at Reading, and writes cheerfully. *Lance-Corporal J. Rumley*, 5th Buffs, has been wounded in the hand, and is in hospital at Leicester. *Private W. C. Maxted* is in Cyprus convalescent after fever contracted in India. *Private F. Huckstep*, Canadian Regiment, has been wounded for the second time, and is in hospital at Reading.

Gunner L. N. Amos, R.F.A., Private F. A. Boys, the Buffs, Trooper F. Ruck, Royal West Kent Yeomanry, Private H. Sutton, 6th Buffs, Sergeant L. G. Tippen, Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, Sapper C. J. Tippen, Royal Engineers, and Trooper J. Phillips, 9th

Lancers, have all been wounded or sick, and the last-named is a prisoner in Germany. Most are convalescent, and we hope all are on their way to complete recovery.

The Vicar will be glad to hear of news from time to time of Wye men serving. Several have been home on leave, and give interesting accounts of their experiences at the war. Captain C. Bushell, the Queen's, who has completely recovered from wounds received early in the war, is now Staff-Captain of the 33rd Division, which has been engaged in the recent Somme battles. He returns from his home in Wye to the front on October 6th, after ten days' special leave.

Our sincere sympathy is offered to the Rev. H. E. Olivier and Mrs. Olivier on the death of their son, Lieut. J. G. Olivier, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. He only left England on September 8th, and was at once appointed Battalion Bombing Officer. It was in discharge of the duties attaching to this position that he was killed on September 19th.

LETTER FROM LIEUT. J. E. H. LAMBERT 4TH KING'S AFRICAN RIFLES.

Muansa, German East Africa.
July 19th, 1916.

We left — on the eleventh in company with the rest of the battalion who had marched down from — to join the Belgians. General Sir Charles Crewe is in command of our force, and we were divided into two columns which landed at two separate points on the coast east of Muansa and marched across country towards it. Our column landed first on the night of the 11th and drove off a small body of askaris who tried to oppose the landing. At 3 a.m. E Coy. was sent off to cover the landing of the other column, which was successfully carried out.

I had rather a nasty experience about 8 o'clock. I had posted the company in their covering positions and had gone down to the shore to helio a message to the General. On my way back I was attacked by a swarm of bees which the company had disturbed, and was so badly stung that I fainted right off from the shock! It was probably also due to the fever, from which I hadn't really recovered. In the evening we marched inland to rejoin the column who had advanced a good way towards Muansa, driving the Huns before them. Next day I was left behind with a section to escort the Field Ambulance and give me a day's rest. The column met with more opposition,

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but the main body never had much to do, and on the 14th the Huns cleared out of Muansa with their guns and whole force, leaving one big gun behind and blowing up their wireless station, magazine, etc. We marched in at 4 p.m. the same evening, and landed up at the fort at 12.30 p.m.

On the 15th B and E Coys. and a few scouts were sent off to try and cut off the Huns along the Tabora road. We left on the 'Winifred' before the men had had time to cook their food, and landed the same evening on the shore of the Stuhlmann Gulf. We started disembarking at 7 and didn't finish till 10.10 p.m., as there was about 50 yards of water to be waded through before reaching dry land. We then struck across to a hill at the end of the gulf where the natives had reported that half the Hun force had landed from the "Muansa" and other boats. We arrived at this hill at 2 a.m. and were fired at by a few men who had been left behind to bring on the remainder of the loads. We found the porters all ready by their loads, and captured several boxes of gun ammunition, ambulance stores, ten boxes of rupees (about £1000), etc., and soon after four Germans and one woman surrendered to us. All the boats had been sunk, but as they are in shallow water we shall have no difficulty in refloating them I expect.

About 3.15 we pushed on again, and arrived at the Tabora road about 7.30, feeling pretty done after our tiring night march. We were told that the guns had gone through the day before but were still in the vicinity and that 40 Germans and 500 askaris had passed through the village at midnight. In spite of this, — ordered a halt in the village, and just as we were sitting down to breakfast a shell came over and exploded in the centre of the street about fifty yards away! Of course there was fearful confusion at first, with porters bolting in every direction, and no one prepared for a scrap. However, after a bit we collected the men and advanced in front of the village where there was good cover in the native shambas, though it was so thick that it was very difficult to control the firing or communicate with the different parts of the firing line. All this time shells were pouring into the village behind us, and it was obvious that we were in a very bad position. The Germans had one big gun (probably a 15 pr.) and two smaller ones, as well as three maxims, and as they held the high ground in front we ran a big risk of being outflanked on both sides and possibly surrounded, for they outnumbered us heavily. The intelligence agent did very good work collecting the porters,

and we hardly left any loads behind when we eventually retired round the village about mid-day. The men behaved splendidly, and it was with the greatest difficulty that we persuaded them to retire, although most of them had never been under shell fire before. Luckily the Huns were so pleased at getting their first shell into the village that they hardly altered the range at all, and as we were well in front of the village, we were more or less safe. As we were retiring, one man of B Coy. was killed and one of E wounded, the bullet passing right through the fleshy part of his cheek without touching the bone! Just before we retired, H. and B. (B Coy.) and I were talking together in the village when B. was wounded. We thought he was done for as the bullet entered his body in the chest and passed through his body coming out close to his spine, but by an extraordinary piece of luck he survived the shock and is expected to get over it in quite a short time! It was wonderful that only these three people were hit considering what a confined space we were in, and how many bullets and shells came over! We went back along the road ten miles before we halted for the night, the Huns following us up for a mile or two, and reached Muansa the night before last, absolutely beat! The two days' rest has set us all up again and we are quite ready to move off again with the column to Tabora to-morrow. Let's hope the show will soon be over out here, and that the Huns will not go in for guerilla warfare! We are billeted in the fort where the Germans had their mess, and one gets a lovely view of the town and lake from up here. I've had no time to see the sights of Muansa yet, but there really isn't very much to see. I will tell you more about it in my next letter.

J. E. H. L.

WYE COTTAGE GARDENERS' SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, September 13th. There was a good show of exhibits of all kinds, but the attendance of members was rather small, only those taking part in the competitions being present.

The Society's prizes were for 18 pods of runner beans; there were three competitors in each class. Amateurs', A Linkins first, J. Chittenden second. Cottagers', F. W. Harling first, S. Allard second. In the collection of vegetables, T. Dodd first, S. Newport second, J. Chittenden third. A fourth prize given by J. Tippen was awarded to F. W. Harling.

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Prizes for 5 King Edward potatoes given by A. Linkins were awarded to T. Dodd first, G. Newport second. Mr. T. Bensted's prize for the best table marrow was awarded to J. Chittenden.

Points were awarded as follows :—A. Linkins 28, F. W. Harling 18, S. Newport 15, G. Newport 14, G. Woodstock 6, S. Allard 5.

Messrs. H. C. Chapelow, J. Tippen and F. W. Harling judged the exhibits.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. H. C. Chapelow was voted to the chair. It was unanimously resolved to send a letter of condolence to Mr. H. Head in his sad bereavement, and a vote of thanks to Mr. A. Linkins for preparing and giving on behalf of the Society a beautiful floral wreath for the funeral.

Messrs. J. Bond, T. Dodd, and J. Catt were elected judges for October.

Special prizes for next meeting, for the best plate of 5 apples in the Show, a wild rabbit. For collection of 3 varieties of vegetables, first prize, 2/6, second 1/6, third 1/-. Society's prize for 2 plates of fruit.

WYE DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting was held on September 25th, in the Old Latin School, and the Committee and Officers re-elected with the addition of Mr. H. W. Kersey as Honorary Auditor. Since the meeting Nurse Martin has reluctantly been obliged to send in her resignation on account of ill health. The Committee greatly regret her decision, which will be a great blow to the whole district, the only consolation being that it is hoped she will remain in Wye and continue to be a friend and supporter of the Association.

WYE WAR HOSPITAL SUPPLY DEPOT.

The Depot has been duly registered under the War Charities Act. Mr. J. H. Loudon has kindly taken over the duties of Hon. Treasurer.

Welcome contributions have been received of £5 from the R.F.C. Entertainment Committee, £2 7s. 9d. from the Hop Pickers' Basket, and £3 14s. collected by Miss Eagleman. A Sub-Depot is being opened at Kennington under Mrs. Thorpe, to help in supplying comforts for the troops, which are more urgently needed than ever. Major Barnard reports that his Guard troops at the Prisoners' Camp on the slopes of Ben Nevis would be very thankful for gifts of cardigan waistcoats, mufflers, etc. Some of these have been already sent by kind friends through the Depot.

OFFERTORIES.

September 3rd, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.

£0 12s. 8½d. Sick and Needy.
£3 2s. 0d. Organ and Choir Fund.

September 10th, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.

£0 9s. 0d. Wye Hospital Supply Depot.
£2 7s. 10d. Church Expenses.

September 17th, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

£3 12s. 2d. Canterbury Diocesan Fund.

September 21st, St. Matthew.

£0 8s. 0d. General Purposes Fund.

September 24th, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.

£4 18s. 4½d. East London Church Fund.

BURIALS.

Sept. 12th, Flora Louise Marie Head, 10, Scotton Street, aged 52 years.

September 23rd, George William Rains, Bridge Street, aged 40 years.