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EDITED BY J. WELLS THATCHER.



DARENTH CHURCH.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Through the kindness of the Vicar of Darenth, we have in this issue a description of one of the most interesting churches in this neighbourhood. The picture on this page shows some of its characteristics, while overleaf we see the curious old Norman font.

This reminds me that I have something to say about our own font.

The one we now possess dates from about the 14th century, but once upon a time there

was in our Church a Norman font, of which the pedestal is all that remains.

It has been lost for at least 500 years, and we have often wondered what became of it. I have lately discovered its whereabouts. It is satisfactory to know that it is in safe custody, and that perhaps eventually it may be recovered.

I have promised the Editor to lie low while the neighbouring Churches are being described, so the tale must be told another time.

Yours very truly,

GERARD W. BANCKS.

DARENTH CHURCH.

BY THE

REV. CANON H. T. POWELL, M.A., R.D.

It is wonderfully difficult to write adequately of such an interesting Church as Darenth within the compass of a few columns. However, having accepted the kind invitation of your Editor to give you an account of our treasure here, I set about my story, leaving him to cut it down to the appropriate length.

Perhaps it will give me the proper start to tell you of the discovery here in 1894 of a buried Roman Villa, the fine mansion of some rich Roman gentleman during the days of the Roman occupation of our island. When that old dwelling was lying ruined but not yet buried up, probably at the end of the ninth century, the old Saxon Church of Darenth was built. Naturally the builders went for much of their material to the ruins only half a mile away. Of that ancient Saxon Church the north and west walls are still standing with Roman tiles worked into them. Then the Normans came, and being great at Church building, they pulled down most of the Saxon Churches and built afresh; but, Heaven be praised, they spared Darenth Church, confining their work to the addition of a grand chancel and sanctuary, longer than the nave, in place of the apsidal Saxon chancel. The sanctuary is a gem with its splayed windows and vaulted roof, above which is a room used probably at one time as a priest's chamber. There was also a choir aisle, which fell in the fourteenth century and was not rebuilt. This accounts for the blocked arcade and pillars to be seen on this side of the chancel. The thirteenth century brought the building of the nave aisle and the tower. So Darenth Church is a composition of Saxon, Norman and Early English. About ten years ago we added a much needed vestry at the West end, and what if we did get criticised for daring to touch so venerable a shrine! We pulled nothing

down, we only added: and why should not the twentieth century make its contribution to an edifice belonging to so many periods? And, besides, the time will come when the the twentieth century will be ancient history.

The most interesting perhaps of the many things to be looked at inside the Church is the fine old Norman font, made probably in the village in the reign of King Stephen. We could occupy pages in talking of that font alone. It is one of the most interesting



THE FONT.

in the country, and no book on European fonts is complete without a picture of it. It has eight arcades and in each one of them a sculptured object. The interpretation of those eight pictures is a mystery. One only is quite simple: it is the picture of a child's baptism and shows the little one being dipped bodily into the font by the priest and the mother. The other seven pictures may be described as a man with a beast on a leash, a cat, a horseman, a centaur, a harpist, a gryphon, a King. It used to be said that

these pictures had something to do with the sufferings of St. Dunstan, but a writer in the "Gentlemen's Magazine," as long ago as September, 1837, ridicules the idea and suggests that it arose in earlier times when the font was so thickly plastered with white-wash as to make the figures unintelligible. If I had time I would like to tell you of a second font which we have in the Church and to discuss whether it is a font at all. It is Roman, that is certain: and it is certain too that we treasure it and treat it respectfully, which is what they failed to do a hundred year ago: or else that same writer of a century ago would never have written: "In the tower remains another font of stone of large dimensions. This supernumerary font is now used as a receptacle for dirt and rubbish. It would be more decent to preserve a vestige of Church furniture once consecrated to the use of the Sacrament of Baptism with a little more care."

I bring my hurried story to a close with an interesting question. Why is not Darenth Church mentioned in Domesday Book—the statistical survey of the country made by William the Conqueror? The Book notices the village of Tarent, as we were then called, at some length, but is silent about the Church. The answer probably is that at the time of the survey the Church was in a dilapidated state, laid waste in one of the many combats with the Danes which took place in this neighbourhood. It had been so badly handled as to represent no value for a schedule of property. My very last word, for which the Editor must be hungering, is to give a cordial invitation to all who care to take a pilgrimage to a sacred building that carries us more than half the way back to the time of Christ.

H. T. POWELL,
Vicar

EDITOR'S NOTES.

The children's Flower Service in our venerable church was delightful. It took place on the second Sunday afternoon in July. Children, Girl Guides, Brownies, Boy Scouts and Cubs filled the Church. How the children sang! How Mr. Chisholm played! And how hard Rogers had to blow the organ.

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Mr. Ellerby from the Congregational Church read the portion of Scripture, and the Rector gave a charming address all about flowers.

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I was greatly moved when the Girl Guides presented their colours and when the dear little ones brought their nosegays to the altar. Some brought eggs or fruit or scrap books. Immediately after the service young Mr. Tate took the gifts to the Livingstone Hospital at Dartford.

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Like all His Majesty's subjects everywhere we had a special Thanksgiving Service on July 7th. Our Diocesan Lay Reader was absent. General Andrus had taken him over to Holywell Park, Wrotham, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Foa. Here there was a fine gathering of soldiers and sailors from Chatham with their officers.

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There was a brief outdoor Thanksgiving Service in front of the pavilion. The service was that in use at Westminster Abbey at the same moment. The Lay Reader said a few suitable words and then the men started their cricket match. It was most kind of Mr. and Mrs. Foa to provide so fine a Church for the service, the floor was the green sward, the roof was the sky, and the pillars were the handsome trees of the park.

There was a wonderful gathering of friends at the funeral of Mrs. Hales. She and her husband carried on business at Longfield for many years, then they went to live by the sea. But the deceased lady loved Hartley and wished to be buried in the Churchyard. The Rector took the service and the Diocesan Lay Reader followed the coffin.

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At the graveside the pastor from Gravesend, Reverend T. J. Gunter said a few appropriate words. He spoke of our dear friend as a good wife, a good mother, and a sincere and humble follower of our Lord.

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I met my friend, Mr. Marrington, in the train on my return from the sea-side. He delighted me by telling the following incident—One Sunday in August there were very few in the choir. But there were several Boy Scouts in church; they were from London and were camping on Mr. Hedley Symons' land.

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The Organist suggested that perhaps some of the Scouts could sing. Mr. Marrington consulted the Scout Master. When the time came to begin the Morning Service, the congregation was pleasantly astonished to see a fine body of lads in cassock and surplice marching up to the choir stalls. And they did sing splendidly, especially one boy! It transpired that these boys were all members of the choir of St. Michael's, Paddington.

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The Rector tells me that Mrs. Oldrey got up a fine entertainment for the Church Army. A short report of it appears in another column.

BAPTISMS.

- Aug. 25th.—[REDACTED] of Joseph Andrew and Louise Elizabeth O'Brien.
 „ 8th.—[REDACTED] of Reginald George Lewis and Edith Florence Cheeseman.
 „ 8th.—Derek Hilton, son of Frederick Harry and Rosina Maud Jackson.

MARRIAGE.

- Sept. 7th.—Frederick William Arthur Newton and Edith Lilian Pinkstone.

BURIAL.

- June 28th.—Elizabeth Hales, aged 63 years.

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. T. R. A. Wakeford and Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

CHURCH SERVICES.

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

Holy Communion, 9 a.m., on the 2nd Sunday in each month; at 12 noon on other Sundays which will be duly announced.

Parochial Church Council (elected under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921).—Council for 1928-9: 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, Miss Newcomb,

Mrs. Balchin, Mrs. Keen, Mr. Eric Green (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. B. Alexander, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Chisholm, Mr. and Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Wakeford, Mr. Marrington, with the Churchwardens by virtue of their offices.

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.

Organists—Mr. W. H. Chisholm and Mrs. Oldrey.

Choirmaster—Mr. W. H. Chisholm.

Members of the Choir.—Mrs. Balchin, Mrs. Eric Green, Miss Boorman, Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. T. J. Clark, Miss Gray, Miss E. Green, Mrs. Keen, Miss M. Marrington, Miss Newcomb, Mr. G. F. Oldrey, Miss Parkin, Mrs. Symons, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mr. Frank Tate, junr., Mr. G. G. Marrington, Mr. and Mrs. Wakeford and Harold R. Wakeford.

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 and Miss Harry.

Bell Ringer and Organ Blower.—Mr. A. Rogers.

Churchyard Keeper.—Mr. A. Rogers.

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WORK OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

“It shall be the primary duty of the Council of every parish to co-operate with the Incumbent in the initiation, conduct and development of Church work both within the parish and outside.”—(Section 2 of the Measure.)

Altar Flowers.

January—Mrs. Walker.

February—Mrs. Eric Green.

March—Mrs. Boulger.

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—Miss Harry.

December—Mrs. Newton.

THANKS WELL DESERVED.

Extract from the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Hartley Parochial Church Council, Monday, April 22nd, 1929.

“Proposed by Mr. F. Tate that a special vote of thanks be passed to Mr. Farrow for the services he had rendered: ‘That this Council desire to place on record their sincerest appreciation of the valuable work done by Mr. A. L. Farrow as Church Treasurer and People’s Warden, and their earnest hope for his future welfare.’”

“Carried unanimously.”

October.	November	December.
6th—19th Sunday after Trinity.	1st—All Saints' Day.	1st—1st Sunday in Advent.
13th—20th Sunday after Trinity.	3rd—23rd Sunday after Trinity.	8th—2nd Sunday in Advent.
15th—St. Luke, Evangelist.	10th—24th Sunday after Trinity.	15th—3rd Sunday in Advent.
20th—21st Sunday after Trinity.	17th—25th Sunday after Trinity.	21st—St. Thomas, A. & M.
27th—22nd Sunday after Trinity.	24th—Sunday before Advent.	22nd—4th Sunday in Advent.
28th.—St. Simon & St. Jude App. & Mm.	30th—St. Andrew, A. & M.	25th—Christmas Day.
		26th—St. Stephen.
		27th.—St. John, A. & E.
		28th—Innocents Day.
		29th—1st Sunday after Christmas.

A LETTER FROM A DEAR FRIEND.

10-11, Lime Street,
London, E.C.3.
11/6/29.

My dear Mr. Thatcher,

It is with feelings of regret that I have now given up my Church work at Hartley which afforded me so much joy, but I am glad I was able to overcome the difficulties in connection with the Rectory Dilapidations, etc., and be of some little assistance in righting the financial position of the Church.

I shall ever remember the many happy hours we spent together in the Master's Service and I trust you will be spared many more years to continue your good work. I cannot think what the Rector or the Parish would do without you.

Am pleased to say my dear wife and Vera are well and the latest news of Russell is good.

With Christian love to Mrs. Thatcher and yourself, in which my wife joins,

Yours very sincerely,

A. L. FARROW.

HARTLEY CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH NOTES.

Being just too late for inclusion in the last issue of the Magazine, we now note the very encouraging meetings in connection with the 2nd Anniversary of the Sunday School on May 18th and 19th, 1929. An entertainment on the Saturday included the old-time children's parable, "Red Riding Hood," wherein the kindly supernatural power overcomes the evil destructive power, and so saving the simple human child. Gladys Parkin personated a vigilant Fairy Queen, aided by attendant sprites. Beatie Bromley, the Prince, a valiant conqueror in battle and love. Charlie Macdonald—the evil swank in guise of wolf. Evelyn English, a matron whose motherly advice was carefully ignored. Evelyn Day, a delightful Red Riding Hood, who with best intentions landed into the worst difficulties as many humans do.

The Sunday Services were conducted by Mr. E. W. Taylor, B.A., of Rochester, whose addresses on "Show me a penny"

and "Seek first the Kingdom of God" were remarkable as usual for interesting detail and fine spiritual insight.

It is a great pleasure to record that the senior scholars in the School are taking more responsibility in the work. Gladys Parkin and Margaret Pinkstone have in charge of the junior section. Fred Rodgers and Duncan Macdonald render valuable service in many ways.

On Saturday, July 20th, an enjoyable social time was spent at "Meadcot." Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Edward received the guests with great kindness. During the afternoon, our old friend Mr. G. A. Vincent, with unflinching energy, kept the young people occupied with games and athletic contests.

Seventy assembled in the Institute Hall for tea. We fail to understand how Mrs. Gable and helpers can provide so good a tea at such small cost, but we accept the position gratefully.

A concert followed, organised by friends from Dulwich. The music was great music; the haunting melody of violin, fine selections from piano, the rich cadences of a deep bass voice, and sympathetic notes of mezzo-soprano, in the setting of a quiet summer evening will not easily be forgotten. The inimitable humour of Mr. Vincent at times delighted the audience. And Hartley sang—for Free Church Hartley can sing—in communal song under the clever leadership of Mr. King. Truly the evening was full of "sounds and sweet airs that give delight."

A merry party of 40 of our young people met in the Manor Park, Hartley, on Saturday, August 11th. Prizes and reputations were lost and won in flat and bicycle races, putting the weight, etc.

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The grateful thanks of the Church are due to our Official Leaders, for continued interest and help.

On June 5th the Rev. Jno. Eames, M.A., met the Church representatives to advise ways to increase the Building Fund.

On June 9th, the Rev. A. Haig, R.N., came from Chatham to conduct the Evening Service.

On July 7th, Mr. Harold Andrews journeyed from Sittingbourne for a like service. After a long rest from public speaking, we were delighted that he resumed his ministry by a visit to Hartley.

S. H. ELLERBY,
(Hon. Sec. H.C.C.)

THE HARTLEY CHILDREN'S GOOD DEED.

The children made a collection at their flower service in Hartley Church. Our Rector and my brother warden decided to give it to me; it amounted to more than 17/-. I decided to send a little London boy to camp. The following letters will tell you all about it.

I want our Hartley children to see the picture of the boy they sent for a holiday. His name is ██████████

Letter from Mr. T. Fernie, Manager and Secretary, Given Wilson Institute, Plaistow, E.13.

24th July, 1929.

Rev. G. W. Bancks, M.A.

Dear Sir,

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Will you please thank your children for their sweet thoughts of helping someone to have a holiday. I am sure in many cases their offering cost a little self-denial, but I am also sure that their own holidays will be enjoyed knowing they have given pleasure to a poorer brother and I know you always instil in their minds that it is better to give than to receive.

With many thanks to you, dear sir, to all your Church workers and to the dear children wishing you all a happy time during the summer.

Yours very truly,
TOM FERNIE,
Secretary.

Letter from Scoutmaster Atkinson, Plaistow, Essex. (Given Wilson Institute.)

July 27th, 1929.

Dear Sir,

I have chosen Wolf Cub Dyer. He has been a member of our Pack for some considerable time, and I have always found him obedient and cheerful.

Some months ago his father met with a serious accident; so serious that he will never be able to work again.

The cub, Dyer, has several brothers and sisters. In the circumstances one can hardly expect the harassed parents to afford the necessary camping fee.

I am enclosing photograph as you wished.

Yours in Scouting,
T. E. ATKINSON,
Scoutmaster, 34th West Ham Troop.

HARTLEY FETE.

A PRETTY FAIRY PLAY BY CHILDREN.

The fete, in aid of the Church Army, held in the garden of The Limit, by Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Oldrey, on Saturday, proved a great attraction. Teas were in the capable hands of



WOLF CUB [REDACTED] 34TH WEST HAM TROOP,
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Mrs. Gable and Mrs. Tate, assisted by Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Underhill, and Miss Harry and Miss West. Ices were served by Miss Green. A stall of brass and copper ware made by wounded soldiers was in charge of Miss Harry, while Mrs. Frank Tate presided at a stall of useful articles.

The great attraction was a fairy play, "Maid Marian," by boys and girls trained by Mrs. G. F. Oldrey.

The garden made an ideal setting for the woodland scene, the story being taken from the old legend of Robin Hood and his merry men in Sherwood Forest. Alec Moriarty gave an excellent representation of the outlaw Robin Hood, with his friends Little John (Fred Jackson) and Friar Tuck (Eric Jackson) always at his call. Hazel Barlow was good as Maid Marian (Robin's sweetheart) and Ivy Webb as King Richard.

The funny character was taken by Nancy Garner as Humpty Dumpty, whose very appearance raised a laugh, and who had to constantly remind people to "take care, lest they crack her." Lettice and Joan were taken by Kathleen Jackson and Maisie Glidewell, and Fairy Christabel by Cathleen Macdonald. An encore was given for the minuet danced by Ivy Webb and Alec Moriarty. The dance was repeated, the whole of the performers joining, the old-world costumes being most appropriate to the dance.

The efficiency of the performers reflected great credit on Mrs. Oldrey's training.

Competition prizes were won by Miss A. Harry (duchesse set), Mrs. Geys (case of cards), Mrs. Blackwell (iced cake). Captain Broom, of the Church Army, spoke on the work, and asked for continued support. A cheque for £10 has been sent as a result of the fete.—*Kent Messenger*.

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The object of Health Week is to focus public attention for one week in the year on matters of Health, and to arouse that sense of personal responsibility for Health, without which all public work, whether by the Government or Local Authorities, must fall far short of its aims. It is suggested that the dominant idea should be "Help yourself to Health" and the consideration of what each individual can do for himself and his neighbour in securing a healthy life.

I would like to preface my remarks by expressing my appreciation of the honour done me by the Editor in affording me an opportunity to make my statements and appeals for support to that numerous and ever-increasing audience which can now be reached through the avenue of All Saints', Hartley, Parish Magazine.

Health Week was instituted in 1912 and in 1914, at the request of a meeting of Local Authorities, the Royal Sanitary Institute appointed a Committee to undertake the central organisation. Local celebrations in each centre are organised and controlled by local committees. It has been observed in hundreds of centres in the United Kingdom, and also in Australia, New Zealand, India, Africa, Canada and other Oversea Dominions.

Controversial and sensational questions should be avoided. There is no need to harp unduly on disease and similar topics; stress should rather be laid on the benefit to be derived from observing the laws of health and the saving of life and comparative immunity from disease which result from efficient health administration and personal regard for health.

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health of a community depends as much on the individual as on the surroundings, and on personal hygiene and cleanliness as much as on the work of the Sanitary Authority.

Its ultimate object is to set up a high ideal of health and to bring to all that zest in life which only perfect health can impart. People *want* to be healthy, they are surprised to learn how simple the laws of health are; there can be no doubt that the celebrations have already been productive of widespread and lasting good.

Now the Royal Sanitary Institute is doing a great work—and, indeed, for some time past has been doing a great work in this respect, but the aim and object of the Institute goes further than that, its motto is the well-being of the whole of the human race: "SALUS GENERIS HUMANI."

The duty of a community is to exercise its functions according to the opportunity afforded it of furthering the physical welfare as a whole and the dispensing of knowledge which will alleviate the distresses of the people and to this end they must be permeated with the preventive idea. It means physiological as distinct from pathological. It ought to form a centre from which public health light may radiate.

The Local Government Act, 1929, marks a new era of local government as much as did the Public Health Act of 1875, and may prove, like that Act, a well planted fruitful tree which will require due time to come into full bearing. Whether it contains the power to secure joint and unified action, in despite of the sturdiest parochialism, remains to be seen. The virtue of local patriotism, like any other virtue, may by excess become a defect, and it is the clear duty of all concerned with local government whether repre-

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sentatives or parishioners to try to put the public interest first, to subordinate personal interest to the good of the whole and to make new opportunities as fruitful a possible.

It is to be noted that the new legislation is to make another attempt at unification by a suggestion that the authority for the Maternity and Child Welfare Service should be the education authority of the district. It is necessary that not only teaching and help to the Mother should be given, but that treatment should be available for children under five, and it is to be hoped that there will be available for little children the same services as they are able to obtain in their school life; for the work of the School Medical Service will be that of clearing up arrears of damage in earlier childhood.

The subject is obviously far too extensive to be adequately discussed in the space at my disposal, but let me conclude with some words of Dr. Vincent, one of America's most brilliant orators and the distinguished president of the Rockefeller foundation:—

“A few fine spirits would have national egotisms merge in a larger loyalty to all mankind. They foresee a sort of terrestrial patriotism which will put an end to hate and war between the peoples of the world. To these prophets of a new order nationalism

seems an obstacle to the progress of the race; others in much larger numbers see in loyalty a force which grows from the smaller group of family, clan and locality into the larger circles of province, state and nation. This widening of sympathy is not desertion of the earlier interests; it gives them added meaning and purpose. So, too, in the international fields of science, art, literature, health and social welfare, a generous national rivalry plays an even larger part without weakening true patriotic feeling. To contribute to a common world fund of knowledge, skill and idealism becomes the ambition of each nation. Patriotism gains a nobler significance. Chauvinism is touched with chivalry.

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CHILDREN'S TEA PARTY.

Sixty-three children accepted the members' invitation to tea at the Institute on July 29th, and had a very gay time. The weather was fine, and after tea games were enjoyed in the field.

The monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday in each month at 3 p.m. lectures and demonstrations being a feature of these meetings. Competitions and community singing filling up the afternoon. New members will be very welcome.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

A well attended Parish Meeting, held at the School on 5th July, discussed numerous parochial matters and registered some interesting decisions.

The Chairman, Mr. F. W. Tate, read a letter from Mr. A. W. Cromar, regarding the approaching retirement of the Rector of Longfield, Rev. Edward Smith. Mr.

Cromar suggested that since for many years Mr. Smith represented Hartley as Guardian and District Councillor, many parishioners would be glad to join in a testimonial to him. Mr. Cromar having added some personal details of Mr. Smith's work, the Chairman said he was more than willing to open the fund. Mr. T. F. Tate then moved a resolution expressing the heartiest appreciation of the Parish Meeting of the public service of Mr. Smith and its earnest wishes for his happiness in retirement. Mr. Benson seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

A letter from the Trustees, offering the free use of the Women's Institute Hall for future parish meetings was then read, and Mr. Benson's proposal to accept with thanks promptly carried.

Another letter received with approval came from the Southern Railway, agreeing to meet the request of the parish for an additional train to London on Sunday evenings, the concession to begin on July 7th. Kent C.C. sent a copy of the Bye-law concerning waste paper, refuse, etc., and asked for assistance in enforcing the Bye-law. The Chairman said he proposed to obtain additional copies for posting in the parish, in the hope of reducing the litter nuisance.

Coming next to the question of reassessments for rates, the meeting obviously reached a matter of keen interest. The Chairman reported that as he had heard many complaints from ratepayers who had received two re-assessments within a short period, he had written to the Rating Authority whose reply he read. This letter stated that professional valuers had been employed for the work, but the legal limit of time had prevented inspection of all the

property, and consequently provisional assessments were made. Further information received by the Rating Committee had resulted in a fresh inspection and revaluation of the parish.

The explanation led to a serious discussion, and some striking instances of increased valuations were mentioned. Ultimately the meeting adopted a resolution from Mr. Comont expressing extreme dissatisfaction with the two re-assessments recently made in the parish, and urging the Rating Authority to carry out a searching inquiry into the

method upon which the valuers had proceeded.

Fire protection matters were then considered. Mr. A. H. Edward said the District Council were aware that a new water main was to be laid in the upper end of Church-road. He suggested that this afforded an opportunity for the meeting to renew its application for fire hydrants in that locality. This was agreed to, as was a proposal to repeat a request for the provision of chemical extinguishers, two in each of the main roads of the parish.

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