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VICAR : REV. M. FROST, M.A.

WEDDINGS—August 16th, Cecil Henry Pearson and Gwendoline Hotchkiss; August 16th, Leslie John George and Iris Molly Clarke.

HARVEST FESTIVAL, 28th OF SEPTEMBER—The services at Deddington will be, 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m. Matins, 6.30 p.m. Evensong. The preacher at Matins and Evensong will be the Rev. R. C. S. Bailey, of Oxford. There will be no services at Hempton and Clifton that evening, but a bus will be sent to bring the congregations up to Deddington.

CLIFTON SCHOOL.—The local committee has made an offer to the Diocesan authorities to lease the school as a Village Hall for three years, with option of renewal. They are now waiting to hear whether their offer is accepted.

THE FETE.—The Church Fete on July 26th was one of the most successful we have had for a long time. The total takings were £181 16s. 8d., and the expenses £30 12s. 8d., leaving a profit of £151 4s. 4d. for Church funds. The garden of The Corner House made an ideal setting, both for the stalls and for the Square Dancing in the evening. We are most grateful to all those who helped to make it such a happy gathering: to Mrs. Collin for the use of her garden, to Lady Dugan for opening the Fete, and to all who put in so much work previously and on the day.

THE SCHOOL APPEAL FUND is somewhat quiescent at the moment, and the Treasurer, Major Spence, is anxious to receive donations from all those whose good intentions have as yet not produced any fruit. It is hoped next month to announce some kind of Christmas effort.

SOME VERSE—A little school-book, published in 1805, has the following versification of "Duty to God and our Neighbour."

Love God with all your soul and Strength
With all your heart and mind;

And love your neighbour as yourself;
Be faithful, just and kind.

Deal with another as you'd have
Another deal with you,

What you're unwilling to receive
Be sure you never do.

HISTORY OF DEDDINGTON.—We learn that the section of the Victoria County History which deals with Deddington is nearly finished. The editor wants to know the date when the pond in the Market Square was filled in. Does anyone know? It was after 1870.

SWALCLIFFE and SHUTFORD

VICAR : THE REV. T. PHILLIPS, B.D.

SUNDAY SERVICES.—SWALCLIFFE : September 14th, XIV after Trinity : Holy Communion (with hymns) 11.0; September 21st, St. Matthew, A. and M., XV after Trinity : Holy Communion 8.0, Evensong 6.30; September 28th, XVI after Trinity : Holy Communion 8.0, Matins 11.0; October 5th, XVII after Trinity, Harvest Thanksgiving : Holy Communion 8.0, Evensong 6.30. SHUTFORD : September 14th : Holy Communion 8.0, Evensong 6.30; September 21st : Matins and Litany 11.0; September 28th, Harvest Thanksgiving : Holy Communion 9.15, Evensong 6.30; October 5th : Matins and Holy Communion 11.0

We were very greatly blessed by almost the last of the really hot weather for the Fete on July 26th. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and our thanks are particularly due to Captain Balburnie and his staff for the way in which they arranged things, both in the grounds and also in the house, so that everything went without a hitch. It was a very great and appropriate pleasure to have Colonel and Mrs. Norris at the opening, seeing that the Park is the scene of the Colonel's earliest recollections.—beyond the memory of anyone else present that afternoon. A statement of the day's achievement has appeared on the Village notice-board, but the revised and final figure is now £111, a result for which we can indeed be thankful.

Miss Spalding has started to collect "ship" half-pennies for the Beetle Fund. She already has gathered some 50, and will be very grateful for any that people may come across amongst their small change.

WARDINGTON

VICAR : THE REV. G. MELLOR, L.Th.

MOTHERS' UNION.—The third and concluding preparatory meeting will be in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 24th at 2.30 p.m. The subject of the address will be Prayer. It is hardly possible to over-emphasise the importance of Prayer. The Mothers' Union should always be a praying body. After this meeting an admission service will be arranged for some time in October. Already there is quite a nucleus of members who have been admitted in other parishes. We hope that all who attended the previous meetings will do their utmost to be present on September 24th.

HARVEST FESTIVAL—The date of this has not yet been fixed. Please look out for its announcement in the near future.