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THE RED CROSS FETE

This fete held in the grounds of Hambleton House by permission of Dr. and Mrs. Hedley on June 10th was a very great success and it reflects great credit to all who took part in it. It was organised by a committee with Mrs. Hedley as Chairman and Miss Seymour, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. It was a fine day and many visitors were attracted to the fete.

We were very fortunate in securing Viscount Caldecote to open the proceedings, which he did in a splendid address. He recalled that recently we were engaged in this district in raising money for "Salute the Soldier," which conferred benefits upon the King's Forces, upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and upon the people, but at this fete everything went to the deserving cause of succouring our sailors, soldiers and airmen or their families. Whether the soldier was sick or well, maimed or whole, abroad or at home, there was not too much we could do for him. The Red Cross and Order of St. John did a great deal for the comfort of our men who were prisoners of war and they deserved it. "I think," Lord Caldecote said, "we learn from them the great lesson of cheerfulness, contentment, and courage. Although they were obliged to live in a hut with twenty or thirty others, yet they could actually study and sit for examinations in order that when they returned home they could take up a profession."

It is quite impossible to mention the names of all those willing helpers who contributed to the success of this fete in many and various ways. The full accounts are not yet complete, but one thing is certain and that is, the Red Cross Central Fund will benefit by over £400.

The Hambleton Youth Club organised a dance in the Institute the same evening. Mr. A. Gale was M.C. and music was by an R.A.F. orchestra.

The R.F.D. Concert Party, Godalming, gave a variety entertainment at the Institute on June 13th, which was well attended and which was popular.

HAMBLEDON'S "SALUTE THE SOLDIER."

Target £8,000. Total reached £18,824 16s. 11d.

Our warmest congratulations to all concerned and more especially to our local Organiser, Mr. Knyvett Lee who worked like a Trojan. It is extremely satisfactory to hear that under "Small Savings" the rate per head of inhabitants stood at £6 6s. 8d.

HAMBLEDON C. OF E. SCHOOLS.

Congratulations to James A. Brunt and W. Boyd Cranford on winning Scholarships at the Godalming County School

PENNY FUND.

Hambledon sent the sum of £3 16s. 1d. to this Fund. Miss Whatton, the Organising Secretary writes thus—"The offering means much to us in encouragement as well as in the needed financial support. Please thank all who helped us so kindly."

SCHOOL CONCERT.

Our children gave an entertainment in aid of the Red Cross on June 16th in the Institute. It was a splendid effort and gave immense pleasure to a full house. As a member of the audience well put it, "there

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was not a dull moment in the programme." Not only are the children to be congratulated, but Miss Simmonds, Mr. Poole and Mrs. Hassard deserve our warmest thanks for the trouble and time expended in training the children to such a pitch of perfection.

Subjoined is the programme.

- 1.—CHOIR. "When daisies pied," "Linden Lea," "Nymphs and Shepherds," "Sir Eglamore."
 - 2.—INFANTS. Verse Speaking.
 - 3.—JUNIORS. "The Princess and Swineherd." *Princess*: S. Abel, *Emperor*: B. Stannard, *Swineherd*: D. Hutchins, *Messenger*: B. O'Sullivan.
 - 4.—SENIOR GIRLS. Country Dancing.
 5. JUNIORS. "Soldier Soldier." *Soloists*: M. Ruff, J. Brunt.
- INTERVAL
- 6.—SENIOR GIRLS. Verse Speaking.
 - 7.—JUNIORS. "The Shadow Song."
 - 8.—SENIORS. "Mad hatters' tea-party." *Alice*: V. Vesey, *Mad Hatter*: B. Craufurd, *March Hare*: K. Luxford, *Dormouse*: P. Stannard.
 - 9.—JUNIORS. "Rose among the heather." *Soloist*: M. Ruff.
 - 10.—CHOIR. "Jolly Waggoner," "Lass O' Richmond Hill," "Gossip Joan," "Green grow the rushes O."

GOD SAVE THE KING.

OFFERTORIES DURING MAY.

	£	s.	d.
Sick and Needy Fund	19 3
Hambledon C. of E. Schools	26 12 7
Church Expenses	4 7 8
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HOLY BAPTISM.

May 28.—David Thomas.

MARRIAGE.

June 3.—Major Wolfstan Tatham and E. Marian Pye.

IN MEMORIAM.

A well known and respected Parishioner passed away on May 31st at the Mount Alvernia Nursing Home, Godalming at the age of 77 years. Mr. A. E. Mellersh was a familiar figure to all of us and had played a very active part in our Village life. Three years ago he had to have a leg amputated and was never able to return to his home at "Matteryes." Up to the very end he took the warmest interest in the affairs of the Parish. Although cut off from some, he still had many friends who could visit him, and they always found him cheerful and informative, and he always made them feel they were welcome visitors. There were many posts in our village concerns he had filled. He was one of the first Trustees of the Almshouses, a school manager, a former Chairman of the Parish Council, an active member of the Witley, Hambledon and Milford Horticultural Society. He was also keenly interested in various forms of sport. After cremation the ashes were interred in the family vault at the Old Cemetery, Godalming.

Mr. Mellersh was aware for some time that his end was drawing near and faced the fact with calmness and courage. At his own request he received at my hands the Blessed Sacrament shortly before his death and was able to take his part in the Prayers.

E.J.S.

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