

Gt. Sampford & Hempstead Parish Magazine.

HEMPSTEAD.



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Vicar:—REV. T. P. CONYERS BARKER, B.A.

GT. SAMPFORD W. HEMPSTEAD VICARAGE,
SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

Church-wardens:—MR. J. F. DRANE AND MR. E. MARTIN.

Sidesmen:—MR. STANLEY GIBBS, MR. T. ANDREWS, MR. HERBERT JOHNSON
AND MR. WILLIAM MOSS.

Organist:—MISS HALL. **Singer:**—MR. DAVID CORNELL. **Sexton:**—MR. HARRY BYE.

SERVICES.

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| HOLY COMMUNION. | 7 a.m. | 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday. |
| | 8.15 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Choral) | 2nd and 4th Sunday. |
| | 8.15 a.m. | 4th Sunday. |
| MORNING PRAYER | 11.30 a.m. | 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday. |
| | 10 a.m. | 2nd and 4th Sunday. |
| EVENSONG & SERMON. | 6.15 p.m. | 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday. |
| | 7.30 p.m. | 2nd and 4th Sunday. |
| CHILDREN'S SERVICE. | 3 p.m. | 2nd and 4th Sunday. |
| SERVICE FOR MEN. | 3 p.m. | Alternate 5th Sundays. |

HOLY BAPTISM. 2nd and 4th Sunday at or after Children's Service at 3 p.m. At other times
CHURCHINGS. By arrangement. [by appointment.]

The Vicar can be seen in Church for spiritual consultation by appointment. He should be notified of sick cases where visiting is required. He is willing to administer Holy Communion to the sick in their homes whenever desired.

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| HOLY COMMUNION. | 8.15 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. (Choral) | 1st Sunday in Month. |
| | 7 a.m. | 2nd and 4th Sunday. |
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The Vicar can be seen in Church for spiritual consultation on Saturdays after Evensong at 7.30 p.m., or by appointment. He should be notified of sickness where visiting is required. He is willing to administer Communion to the sick whenever desired.

A Magazine

For the Congregation and Parishioners of
S. MICHAEL'S, GREAT SAMPFORD
AND
S. ANDREW'S, HEMPSTEAD.

AUGUST, 1933.

IN MEMORY OF Dr. Wm. HARVEY

Hempstead Church Tower Being Re-built.

Lord Dawson of Penn Lays Foundation Stone.

The tower of Hempstead Church which fell on January 28th, 1882, is being rebuilt in memory of Dr. William Harvey, the man who demonstrated the circulation of the blood and founded modern medical method and practice, whose remains lie in a handsome sarcophagus in the church. Harvey was buried at Hempstead Church in 1657, under the Harvey Chapel built by members of his family, and the shell containing his remains was moved in 1883, by the intervention of the Royal College of Physicians and at the expense of members, into the body of the chapel, the walls of which are decorated by monuments to the famous physician and others of his name and blood.

On Friday afternoon the Rt. Hon. the Lord Dawson of Penn, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G.: (president of the Royal College of Physicians), laid the foundation stone for the tower in the presence of the Bishop of Colchester and other clergy, several eminent physicians and many parishioners and friends from the surrounding district. The stone was inscribed:

"To the glory of God and in memory of William Harvey the foundations of this tower were laid A.D. 1933 in pious restoration."

Lord Dawson of Penn set the stone with a silver trowel on which was inscribed "Hempstead Church, tower foundation stone laid by the Right Hon. Lord Dawson of Penn, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., president of the Royal College of Physicians, July 7th, 1933." The trowel was handed to him by Sir John Rose Bradford, Bt., K.C.M.G., C.B.E., M.D., a former president of the College of Physicians.

A simple yet impressive service was conducted in the churchyard by the Vicar (Rev.

T. P. Conyers Barker), and surpliced choirs led the singing of the hymns to the accompaniment of a harmonium. Having declared the stone to be well and truly laid, Lord Dawson of Penn said pleasure fell to him to express gratitude to Sir John Rose Bradford and Dr. Spencer and, through them, to the many subscribers who had made the beginning of that work possible. He also desired to express appreciation of the enthusiasm of the Rev. T. P. Conyers Barker, without which the venture could not have come to fruition.

"From William Harvey's discovery," Lord Dawson proceeded, "has grown a mighty tree of knowledge, fruitful of blessings to mankind. His vision, his patient searching, penetrated the darkness of centuries of error. He had to his hands no new aids or methods. From within, or through himself, came the new spirit which found truth and set it forth. No darkness can be so great as that of established authority. Time gives it the acceptance and sanction of truth. To attack it becomes first an impiety, then an offence.

REFUTATION OF ERROR.

During the centuries the influence of Galen had become so paramount as to forbid thought. Thus the lamp delivered by this ancient became extinguished. Harvey unfolded his discovery with convincing directness and restraint. A few pages contained the refutation of nineteen centuries of tradition and error. Despite ridicule, disparagement and even damage, he implanted the new knowledge with courageous yet courteous insistence. He preached that Nature must be pursued through assured ways till they reached her in the citadel of truth and in such pursuits it is sweet not merely to toil but to grow weary. There belongs to Harvey a distinction rare amongst those great men who are makers of epochs, in that there has come down to us knowledge not only of his discovery but of the man himself. 'He being dead yet speaketh.' The spirit of his teaching, his inspiration, his sense of friendship, are living forces to-day within the profession of medicine. It is not

only a memorial—for Harvey needs not such: he already belongs to the immortals—it is also the fulfilment of a desire, a piety, to preserve in the minds of men the association of his life and pilgrimage. It does good to our souls to feel that Harvey is linked with this village, its soils, its landscape, its life and its worship."

A NOTABLE AND PRAISEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENT.

The Bishop of Colchester said the church of St. Andrew, Hempstead, was full of historical interest as an example of the early Gothic building of the Middle Ages. It was chiefly of XIVth century date. On January 28th, 1882, the tower fell, breaking the tenor bell and doing much damage to the body of the church. The appearance of the church after the fall of the tower 50 years ago was deplorable in the extreme. A great and noble effort had supervened, the medical profession had come to the rescue and £3,000 had been raised to restore the tower as a memorial to William Harvey. This was a very notable and praiseworthy achievement. But the amount raised was not enough to restore the tower to its full height, and the rebuilding of the ringing room and belfry must be postponed until a further £2,000 could be obtained.

No honour, the Bishop went on, could be too great for so distinguished and illustrious a man as William Harvey. He was a man of whom any country in any age might be proud. His name was enrolled on the scroll of fame and he was one of the world's greatest benefactors. This handsome "in memoriam" gift was much appreciated by the parishioners and by all who loved that ancient building. Hearts were glad that day.

WORLD'S GREATEST PHILANTHROPISTS.

Doctors were amongst the worlds' greatest philanthropists, and also amongst the best missionaries. They gave unstintingly of their best, and it was God-like to give. All thanked God for the great profession so ably represented at that simple but moving ceremony. He prayed that there might never be wanting in this land men who would gladly use heart and brain in the service of their fellow creatures. He paid tribute to the services of the Rev. Conyers Barker, who for the past 12 years had given himself, heart and soul, to this notable effort. The Bishop concluded by expressing the hope that a sufficient sum of money would be given to complete the tower.

Attired in their robes, Lord Dawson of Penn

was accompanied by Sir John Rose Bradford (chairman of the Building Committee), Mr. A. W. Ruggles-Brise, J.P., D.L. (treasurer), Dr. Arnold W. Stott, of Harley-street, and the Vicar (hon. secretaries), Sir Ewen Maclean (vice-president of the British Medical Association), Dr. de Bec Turtle, Lieut-Col. E. L. Gowlland and Prof. Tom Hare (the Harveian Society), Sir d' Arcy Power, Dr. Herbert Spencer, Dr. N. G. Horner, Lord Horder (censor of the R.C.P.), Dr. Still, Dr. R. A. Young, Dr. Arnold Chaplin (Harvey librarian), Dr. Sidney Phillips (treasurer R.C.P.), Registrar Sir Raymond Crawford, Assist. Registrar Dr. R. A. Moor, Sir Percival Horton-Smith Hartley, Dr. W. S. A. Griffith, Dr. Michael Foster and Dr. Ivor Davies.

When the tower fell in 1882, the bulk of the stone and flint, also the bells, fell in the churchyard, where to-day they are being recovered and replaced by the contractors (Messrs. Cornish & Gaymer, Ltd., of North Walsham, Norfolk), thus cutting the cost of the contract by a considerable sum. From 1882 the raising of restoration funds has been constant. Damage to the fabric of the old church was made good, and the west front was bricked up and supported by temporary buttresses. Reserves were banked and invested for the day of the tower's rebuilding.

In 1923 members of the Royal College of Physicians took up this task and a powerful Committee was formed to raise funds and to plan. In ten years £2,400 became the figure of cash in hand and £600 of conditional grants. The Committee felt justified this year in sanctioning the beginning of the work of restoration, which is now well forward. The ugly brick wall has been removed, shewing a beautiful arch, and the walls have been built to ten feet above the foundations.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

Copies of Sir Charles Nicholson's drawing (in the form of reproduced prints) may be had by parishioners at 6d. each on application to the Vicar or Churchwardens. The framing of copies costs 3/9 extra. They may be had in dark oak or mahogany frames of half-inch beading. The 6d. copies are on plain hand made English paper.

We wish to thank the local Committee of helpers who contributed by their services to the success of the Ceremony of Laying the Foundation Stone of the Tower, and of the reception afterwards at the Vicarage garden.