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BAPTISMS.

1904.
Dec. 25—Harry Lawrence Judd.
" 25—Ethel Emily Mary Godwin.
Total for the year—99.
1905.
Jan. 1—Annie Mabel Dyer.
" 1—Frederick William Hutchings.
" 1—Winifred Hannah Pickett.
" 7—Ernest Webb.
" 8—John Dawson Saunders.
" 8—Edward George Springham.
" 8—William James George Rann.
" 15—Albert Leonard Berry.
" 18—Gladys Isabel Maria Day.

MARRIAGES.

1904.
Dec. 24—Mr. Robert John Spooner and Miss Eleanor Clara Jane Tredgett, both of Honey Lane.
" 25—Mr. Sydney Robert Stevens and Miss Emma Monk, both of Eastbrook Road.
" 25—Mr. Bertie Edwin Goodfellow and Miss Laura Mary Baker, both of Lea Road.
" 26—Mr. Ernest Robert Gardner, of Ardleigh, Essex, and Miss Nellie Stracey, of Crooked Mile, and formerly of Galley Hill.
" 26—Mr. Edward Alfred Bailes and Miss Mary Ebenina Weir, both of Paradise Road.
" 31—Mr. Arthur Rudd, of Marsh House, and Miss Clara Emma Butler, of Cheshunt Terrace, Waltham Cross.
Nov. 30—At All Saints' Church, Hertford, Mr. Alfred Ernest Hilton, of Hertford, and Claremont, Farm Hill, Waltham Abbey, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Bradshaw, of Peterborough, and Sun Street, Waltham Abbey.
Dec. 24—At the Parish Church, Clavering, Mr. Walter James Packwood Fitch, and Miss Bessie Wackett, of Paternoster Hill.
" 26—At St. John's Church, Sparkhill, Birmingham, Mr. Horace Pengelly, third son of Mr. Ernest Pengelly, formerly of Waltham Abbey, and Miss Florence Helen Wiggins, fifth daughter of Mr. Thomas Wiggins, of Woollard Street.
" 26—At St. James' Church, Enfield Highway, Mr. Walter Balaam, of Victoria Villas, and Miss Letitia Kate Hills.
Total for the year—61.
1905.
Jan. 1—Mr. Herbert Arthur Chaplin, of Aveley Cottages, North Bank, and Miss Ethel

Maud Callaghan, of Raynton Road, Enfield Wash.

- Jan. 21—At St. Saviour's Church, Westgate-on-Sea, Mr. George Clark, of New Road, Upshire, and Miss Annie Elizabeth Lednor.

DEATHS.

1904.
Nov. 28—General Sir Collingwood Dickson, V.C., G.C.B., senior Colonel-Commandant of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, and formerly Superintendent of the Royal Gunpowder Factory, Waltham Abbey; died at 79, Claverton Street, London, S.W., aged 87 years.
Dec. 16—Nellie Lovegrove, infant daughter of Mr. Benjamin Isaac Lovegrove, of North Place, aged three days.
" 22—Mrs. Alice Dickens, of the Romeland, and formerly of Fisher's Green, Holyfield, widow. Died at Edmonton, aged 63 years. Interred at Waltham Abbey.
" 27—John Hoddinott, infant son of Mr. Benjamin Charles Hoddinott, of Claverham-bury, aged 16 weeks.
" 29—Mrs. Marion Mary Ellen Warren, wife of Mr. Charles Warren, of Liverpool Road, Islington. Died at Paradise Road, aged 45 years. Interred at Waltham Abbey.
Total for the year—120.
1905.
Jan. 4—John Brodie Henderson, Esq., M.D., of Fordoun House, Sewardstone Road, aged 61 years.
" 7—Mr. Leonard Tom Chittenden, of Myrtle Villa, Sydney Road, Waltham Cross, aged 19 years. Interred at Waltham Abbey.
" 8—Ernest Webb, infant son of Mr. James Haken Webb, of High Bridge Street. Died at Woollard Street, aged four months.
" 10—Mr. Albert Edward Charge, of the Romeland, aged 30 years.
" 10—Henry Charles Sapsford, son of Mr. John Albert Sapsford, of Abbey Cottages. Died at Brentwood, aged 16 years. Interred at Waltham Abbey.
" 13—William Purdham Goulding, Esq., of the Lodge, Waltham Cross, aged 70 years. Interred at Highgate Cemetery.
" 14—Mr. Thomas White, of Victoria Cottages, Broomstick Hall Road, and formerly of High Bridge Street, aged 67 years.

WALTHAM ABBEY.

The usual Sunday services were held in the Abbey Church on Christmas Day, when hymns appropriate to the season were sung. The sermon in the morning was preached by the Vicar, and the Rev. J. H. Stamp occupied the pulpit in the evening.

The Vicar also preached on New Year's Eve, at seven o'clock, and at the Midnight Service, when a large congregation was present.

Two handsome brass bookrests, the gift of John Parnell, Esq., were placed on the Holy Table on Christmas Eve, in commemoration of the marriage of his grandparents, which was solemnized a century ago last March. Each bookrest bears the following inscription: "To the Glory of God, and in memory of John and Catherine Louisa Parnell, married in this Abbey Church, March 24th, 1804.

A brass plate has also been affixed to the Sedilia, recently erected in the chancel, with the inscription: "To the Glory of God, in memory of Ellen Francis, who died 15th November, 1893."

The workmen are making good progress with the restoration of the Tower, and it is expected that the work will be completed before Easter. The munificent donation of £500, promised by Sir T. Fowell Buxton, Bart., has been received during the past month, and it is hoped that the remainder of the contributions promised will also be sent in at an early date, as the money will soon be required. In addition to the lists already published the following sums have been subscribed:—W. F. Cox, Esq., of Walthamstow, £2 2s.; Alfred A. Andrew, Esq., of Sawbridgeworth, 5s.; A. W., 5s.; also per Esq., of Sawbridgeworth, 5s.; A. W., 5s.; also per Miss Salmon—Miss Crutchley, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Hardman, 2s. 6d.; and £1 1s. per apple jelly, sold in connection with the recent bazaar.

A very able course of lectures on Home Nursing has been delivered by Nurse Wren on Thursdays, at the Mothers' Meeting in the old National School-room, with the approval of Dr. Damer Priest. The class has shown the greatest interest in this weekly instruction, and on December 22nd the members presented the nurse with a handsome inkstand in oak, as a small mark of their great appreciation of her kindness. Miss Gibbs, who conducts the weekly meetings, also received a beautiful green morocco work-box from the mothers, which was both a surprise and pleasure, and will be greatly valued. Nurse Wren, in returning thanks, spoke of the very practical way in which these lectures had been carried out in several homes, where she had patients to attend, and she promised, if possible, to continue these pleasant afternoons.

The Annual Christmas Meeting of the Elocution Class was held at the High School, Waltham Cross, on December 20th, when selections from "The Seven Poor Travellers," the first of the Christmas stories by Charles Dickens, were given in good style by Miss Bentley, Miss Gunton, and Messrs. J. R. Pulham, A. J. Bensted, and G. Wiggins. The proceedings commenced with an excellent pianoforte solo by Mrs. P. B. Tanner; and Mrs. Bellerby, Miss K. R. Rosewell, and Mr. E. E. Skerman contributed several capital songs. A violin solo was also given in admirable style by Miss Violet Turnham, the daughter of Mr. Herbert Turnham, who for many years was an active and esteemed member of the class.

The first name recorded in our obituary this month is that of a distinguished officer, who was well known and highly esteemed in this parish half a century ago. The late General Sir Collingwood Dickson, V.C., G.C.B., was the third son of the late Major-General Sir Alexander Dickson, R.A., and grandson of Admiral William Dickson. He succeeded the late General Tulloh as superintendent of the Royal Gunpowder Factory on July 1st, 1852, and retained that position until February 14th, 1854, when he left to take part in the Crimea, where he distinguished himself. He served on the staff of Lord Raglan, and was present at the battles of Alma and Inkerman, the capture of Balaclava, and the siege of Sebastopol. He was awarded the Victoria Cross for his valour in directing the unloading of the waggons of the field battery, and in helping to convey barrels of powder under a severe fire from the enemy. For his services during the war he also received the medal with four clasps, was made a C.B., Brevet-Colonel, and A.D.C. to her late most gracious majesty Queen Victoria. On his return to England he visited Waltham Abbey, and on his arrival at Waltham Cross station he met with an enthusiastic welcome from the men who had served under him at the Royal Factory. His carriage was drawn by his admirers from the station to the residence of the late General W. H. Askwith, R.A., who had succeeded him as superintendent in 1854, and occupied the post until 1868. General Dickson was Assistant Adjutant-General of the Royal Artillery in Ireland from the year 1856 to 1862, and served as Inspector-General of Artillery from 1870 to 1875, when he was appointed Colonel-Commandant of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, and in the following year was promoted Lieutenant-General. He retired from the active list in November, 1884, when he received the Grand Cross of the Bath, having been made a Knight Commander in May, 1871. His marriage took place five years before he came to take charge of the Royal Factory in this parish, for on January 14th, 1847, he was united to Harriet, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Burnaby, Vicar of Blakesley, North Hants, and this lady pre-deceased her distinguished husband in February, 1894.