February 1916

THE DEATH of Mrs. Draper, late of Grove Farm, has come to many of her friends as a great shock and sorrow. Grove, though five miles distant, has always been closely associated with Wing and for many years the Vicar of Wing has also been the Rector of Grove. Mrs. Draper went to Grove on her marriage with the late Mr. George Draper, in 1874, and after his death in 1904, carried on the farm till she went to Leighton to live with her daughter in 1913. She was Churchwarden (one of only two lady Wardens in the Diocese) for many years, and always took the keenest interest in the little Church, its services and appointments, and was most careful in all her duties – particularly in her attendance at the Bishop's and Archdeacon's visitations. She was also Secretary of the Society for Church Defence, and undertook many other useful works whilst residing at Grove, and afterwards at Leighton. During the last year she toiled incessantly to raise a fund for the sending comforts to the soldiers of the Beds. Regiment. She leaves two children, Miss Millicent Draper, Principal of the High School, and Lieut. Charles Bryan Draper, 1/5th Beds. Regiment, now in Egypt. She was 63 years of age and is deeply mourned, and will be missed by a large circle of neighbours and friends.

CONFIRMATION – The Bishop of Buckingham will hold a Confirmation in Wing Church on Monday, Feb. 28th, at 3. Partly owing to the number of candidates we took to S. Barnabas, Linslade, last year, and partly from the war and the absence of all our young men, I fear there will be few to be presented.

MOTHERS' UNION QUARTERLY MEETING – This will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 23rd, in the Parish Room. There will be tea at 3.45 and an address will be given by Miss Cother, of Fenny Stratford.

THE LADY EDITH COTES- Our readers will be thankful to hear that Lady Edith is much better. She has recovered sufficiently to leave London and to be moved to her sister's house at Rose Hill, and we hope that it will not be very long before we shall have the pleasure of welcoming her again at Wing.

LIEUT. ANTONY ROTHSCHILD, Bucks. Hussars – We were all delighted to see the above name among those "mentioned in despatches," and congratulate both Mr. and Mrs. Rothschild and their gallant son.

CHEAP DINNERS – In these days when provisions are so dear, and the careful use of our resources so necessary, we are all on the look out of some useful hints. The Vicar has procured some copies of a practical booklet: 'Dinners for threepence,' published by S.P.C.K., which he will be glad to give to those who desire it.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

Jan. 9th – Phyllis May, daughter of John Francis and Esther Elizabeth Pickering

16th – Ethel Stella, daughter of Edward James and Ethel Mary Barnett.

26th – Walker James, son of Walker Henry and Rose Hannah Biley (of Leighton).

BURIALS

Jan 4th – William James Biggs, of Rose Cottage, Wing, aged 66

15th Hannah Hounslow, widow, High Street, Wing, aged 79.

29th –Grove. Charlotte Eliza Draper, widow of the late George Draper, of Grove Farm, aged 63.

OFFERTORY RECIEPTS.

	£	s.	d.	
Jan. 2 – 2 nd S. aft. Xmas	5	17	6 Brit. Red Cross S.	
9 1 st S. aft. Epiph.	3	11	5 C. of E. Waifs and Strays Socie	ty
16 2nd	1	9	3 Church Expenses	
23 3rd	1	13	2 " "	
30 4th	1	6	10 " "	