

HARRIETSHAM TIMES

News from March 1916

H. Tillman appears in front of the District Tribunal

Following the introduction of compulsory conscription, Herbert George Tillman, aged 28, became the first Harrietsham resident to attend the local tribunal. He applied for a total exemption claiming serious hardship and that he was in a certified occupation as a master butcher. He informed the panel that he did his own slaughtering and had saved up to buy the business which he had had for the last 6½ years.

The Clerk pointed out to the panel that it was a certified occupation but there were other butchers in the same village, therefore the panel only awarded a 3 month exemption to Mr. Tillman. The case for Walter Woolley, farmer and dairyman was postponed until 2nd May.

Visit by the Tait Missioner

The Rev. Frederick Vincent Watson, Tait Missioner from Canterbury, paid a welcome visit to our Parish on Septuagesima Sunday and his eloquent and thoughtful Sermons and Instructions were highly appreciated. The morning service was well attended, but the Congregation at Evensong was poor, which was disappointing to the Missioner and the Rector, especially as it was a fine evening

and there was nothing to really prevent people from coming out.

The attendance at Evensong throughout the winter has been disappointing and the reason is sometimes given that people do not like groping about in the darkness now that no street lamps are allowed and no lights are permitted to shine from windows into the streets. It is not a very adequate excuse for non-attendance at Church, but as we may hope for better weather and lighter evenings as soon as the present spell of winter has passed, we shall expect a better attendance in the near future. We will be returning to the Parish Church for Evensong as soon as ever it is possible to do so without infringing the order that no lights must be visible half an hour after sunset.



Promotion for Frederick Parks

Mr. and Mrs Parks of East Street have received good news that their son has been promoted to the rank of acting sergeant. Sergeant Parks is still serving with the 6th Battalion of the Royal West Kent Regiment in France