



THE subject of holidays is occupying the minds of many people at this time of the year and rightly so, but the participation involves many problems—dates to be fixed, destinations to be chosen, and the financial side to be solved. It may not be out of place to consider the origin of holidays, which were holy days. In mediaeval times the life of the countryman who was known as a serf or villein, was one of ceaseless toil undergone not for his own benefit but as the service which he owed to the Lord of the Manor. But on certain days in the year he became a free man and his own master. These were the holy days appointed by the Church and on those days the Lord of the Manor had no claim on either his time or his toil because the Church claimed freedom for him in the name of religion.

We should try to remember, therefore, that it is in the first instance to the influence of the Christian Faith that we owe the institution of holidays and among other precious things which we owe to that Faith is our personal liberty.

There is much that can be said on the subject of holidays, but we must confine ourselves.

The two outstanding characteristics of these present days are restlessness and noise. A holiday should include real recreation which *re-creates* us and that means a fair degree of rest and quietness and the enjoyment of all the peace and beauty which can be found in this lovely country of ours. It is through the Beauty of Nature that God is revealed and if we remember that then our holidays will be as they originally were—holy days.

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### Register.

#### Holy Baptism:

May 11th.—Diana Rose, daughter of Frederick George and Margaret Daisy Lloyd.

May 18th.—Wendy Rosamund, daughter of Robert William and Florence Mildred Beryl Cobb.

June 1st.—Andrew Ross, son of John and Barbara MacKenzie.

June 18th.—Martin John, son of Ernest Edgar Louis and Lily Bartlett.

#### At S. Nicholas:

July 6th.—Wendy Rosina and Michael Richard, children of Stanley and Ivy Dorothy Curtis.

#### Burials:

April 11th.—Ernest Frank Upshall, aged 26 years.

May 20th.—Charles Elsworth Bridle, aged 67 years.