

The Bishop will hold a Confirmation in our Church on Monday the 6th at 8 p.m.

Parents and Godparents of the candidates should be present.

The Easter Festival was very bright and happy. A lady, of considerable experience in decorative work, who visited the Church, remarked that she had never seen more beautiful flowers, or better taste shewn in their arrangement.

Our large congregations were equally pleased, on their behalf we would express our thanks to the ladies who carried out the work, and provided the flowers: Altar, Mrs. E. Turrall. Reading Desk, Miss Ratliff, Miss Barton. Pulpit, Mrs. Butters. Font, Miss Rotherham; and Mrs. Twist, Mrs. Waters, Mrs. C. Adcock, Mrs. Singer, for gifts of flowers.

A very attractive feature on Easter Evening was the sacred solo "Nearer my God to Thee," sung by Mrs. Sawers.

The Communicants numbered 125.

The Vicar would thank all who contributed to the sum of nineteen guineas, presented to him by Mr. Churchwarden Waters. This is indeed a handsome and useful present, representing much kindness and goodwill. The fact that it was made up of over 430 separate offerings, speaks of the "largeness" of the gift.

This money will pay for two much needed vicarage alterations, a new range, and repairs of fence adjoining the field, through which cattle were wont to wander. These improvements should add greatly to the appearance both of the place, and its occupants to many generations.

Another very pleasant Easter Gift must be recorded. The thorough cleaning and refurnishing the Vestry, by some kind and thoughtful friends. Those who remember the black grimy walls, moth-eaten screens, and large collection of rubbish, should look into the wholesome, nicely furnished vestry to understand how much this gift is appreciated.

VESTRY MEETING.

The Vestry Meeting was held in the Parish Room, on Friday, April 5th. Those present were the Vicar, Messrs. L. K. Rotherham, H. D. Waters, W. H. Caddick, W. Turner, C. Whittem, H. Sleath, J. Sparrow, A. Townsend, Willer, H. Harrison, W. Pratley, J. Craner, J. Osborne, and H. Loasby. An apology was

given for Mr. G. F. Twist's unavoidable absence. The Vicar took the chair. The minutes of the previous Vestry meeting were read and confirmed. Arising out of the minutes Mr. Rotherham made a statement as to why the church had not been lighted with the suggested petrol light. He had visited several places where the light was in use, but was not satisfied that it would be a success in the church, on account of the peculiar noise made. He did not think the necessary outlay, £45, would be justified. A financial statement of the parish's accounts was read by Mr. Waters. It showed that £33 more was given during the year than in the preceding year. The amount due to the Churchwardens at the commencement of the year, £14 14s. 4d., had been reduced to £3 11s. 7d. The accounts were passed, and it was decided that they should be printed and published as in the previous year. The Vicar then gave a short *resume* of the year's work in the parish, showing that a wider and more encouraging interest had been shown in Church work. A parish room had been established and partly furnished, and this would prove a boon to the place. On several nights a week it was used as a men's club, and on Monday afternoons, under the able management of Mrs. G. F. Twist, a very successful Mothers' Meeting was held. He was pleased to notice that the offertory from the evening congregation showed a decided increase. There was an increase in the number of Sunday school scholars, but more men teachers were urgently needed. The painting of the interior of the church would need to be at once undertaken. More time and labour would be needed in the churchyard, for the cost of which he was responsible; but he hoped that all would help him. He thanked all those who had helped in the work of the church and schools — wardens, sidesmen, Sunday school teachers, lady decorators, choir, and magazine distributors. He had pleasure in proposing Mr. Caddick as his Warden for the ensuing year. Mr. Caddick acknowledged the honour conferred on him, and accepted the office. Mr. Willer proposed, and Mr. Sleath seconded, that Mr. C. Adcock be People's Warden. This was put to the meeting and unanimously carried. The previous

Wardens had been in office 13 and 10 years respectively. The Sidesmen elected were Mr. Sleath and Mr. Turner. Mr. J. Craner was appointed Verger for the ensuing year. Mr. Sleath proposed, and Mr. Sparrow seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the previous Wardens for their services to the parish. This was carried, and Mr. Waters responded. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding at that meeting concluded the business.

Coventry Standard.

We are sorry to announce that Mr. Adcock finds he is unable to accept the office. Another Vestry Meeting has been called to elect a Parish Warden.

The Parish Council has elected Mr. G. Osborne, manager of the schools, in place of Mr. K. Rotherham, resigned.

The collections on Whit-Sunday will be for the Hospital.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, KERESLEY BALANCE SHEET, 1906-1907.

1906.	Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Apr. 29.	To Coventry Hospital	6	1	9
" "	" Easter Offering for the Vicar	27	10	0
May 6.	" Church Expenses	2	15	7
June 3.	" Church Expenses	6	14	9
" 17.	" Choir Outing	7	18	0
July 1.	" Church Expenses	5	16	11
Aug. 5.	" Church Expenses	8	10	0
" 19.	" Church Expenses Special to debt	9	3	9
Sept. 2.	" Church Expenses	2	10	5
" 30.	" Harvest Thanksgiving	13	11	6
Oct. 7.	" Church Expenses	2	3	0
" 14.	" Church of England Temperance Society	3	18	3
Nov. 4.	" Church Expenses	5	5	0
" 9.	" Church Expenses, donation	1	1	0
Dec. 3.	" Church Expenses	4	16	8
" 25.	" Fund for painting Church	4	18	9
" "	" Donation to Church Expenses	5	5	0
1907.				
Jan. 6.	" Church Expenses	5	11	9
Feb. 3.	" Church Expenses	3	16	1
" 10.	" Mission to Seamen	6	18	0
" 24.	" Sunday Schools	10	2	1
Mar. 3.	" Church Expenses	6	16	6
	Balance due to Wardens	3	11	7
		£154	16	4

1906.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
	Balance due to Churchwardens	14	14	4
Apr. 17.	By the Vicar (Easter Offering)	27	10	0
May	" Coventry Hospital	6	1	9
" 31.	" Visitation Fees	0	16	0
Aug. 11.	" Choir Outing	7	18	0
Oct. 9.	" Managers of Keresley Schools for Harvest Thanksgiving	13	11	6
" 15.	" Church of England Temperance Society	3	18	3
" "	" Mission to Seamen	6	18	0
" "	" Rev. W. C. Kerr, Christmas Day for Painting Fund for Church	4	18	9
1907.				
Mar. 5.—				
	By Sunday Schools	10	2	1
"	Organist Salary	15	0	0
"	Verger's Salary	10	0	0
"	Organ Blower	2	0	0
"	Bell Ringers	5	5	0
"	Washing Surplices	1	0	0
"	Attending Clock	3	0	0
"	Coal	6	7	10
"	Candles and Oil	6	14	2
"	Fire Insurance	3	15	0
"	Repairs	3	2	5
"	Sundries	1	13	3
"	Bank Charges and Cheque Book	0	10	0
		£154	16	4

Examined and found correct.
April 3, 1907. J. MITCHELL.

By Balance forward due to Wardens £3 11 7