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Notices for the Month.

FRIDAY.—Choir Practice, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY.—Tennis at the Vicarage, 2 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

ALTAR FLOWERS.—Miss Ratliff.

PREPARATION SERVICE.—27th, at 8 p.m.

Services for the Month.

Sundays.—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Also 1st Sunday, 11 a.m.; 3rd Sunday, 10 a.m., Choral.

Holy Baptism.—2nd Sunday, 3-30 p.m.

Saints' Days.—8-30 a.m.; 6 p.m., Evensong.

The 10 a.m. Choral Celebration this month will be on the 23rd instead of the 16th.

The Library is closed this month.

The Sunday School is closed for August.

An open-air Service will be held on Sunday the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m., near the Colliery.

The Rev. G. W. Kerr will preach the Annual Sermons on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's Homes on the 16th.

Proposed Scheme of Diocesan Finance.

About four years ago, at the request of the Archbishops, 35 leading Churchmen, well-known for their ability in finance, made an exhaustive enquiry into the financial arrangements of the Church. Their Report showed there is an utter lack of system and method in raising money and expending it; money was often wasted; competing Societies begged for the same objects, and there was no clear conception of the actual financial needs of the Church, and consequently much work was either not done at all or done badly.

In order to put matters on a business basis the Committee recommended: (1), That a Fund should be established for the maintenance of those branches of Church work which are essential to the well-being and progress of the Church, but which cannot be regarded as strictly parochial. (2), As all the Parishes are interested and concerned with the welfare of the Church in the Diocese, each Parish should be required to contribute an ascertained and definite amount each year to the Fund for the work of the Diocese. (3), Every Churchman being a member of the Diocese of which his Bishop is the head ought to recognise that he has a duty

to the Diocese, and ought to help in providing the money needed for the work of the Church.

THE SEVEN NEEDS OF THE DIOCESE.

1. Training of the Ministry, Clerical, and Lay. The Ministry ought to be an open career, open to every member who has a distinct vocation for the Ministry, and possesses the requisite ability. The Church has decreed that no one shall be ordained till he has attained the age of 23; therefore unless we confine the Ministry to the sons of rich men every Diocese must provide for the training of men for the Ministry, who would otherwise be excluded by inability to pay for that training.

2. The Maintenance of Clergy and Lay-Workers in new districts, and in poor and populous Parishes where there is no adequate endowment.

3. Pensions for Clergy. As the majority of Clergy receive a bare living wage or less, they must be assisted to provide pensions, otherwise when incapacitated by illness or age they cannot retire, and their continuance in a Parish hinders the work of the Church.

4. Provision for Widows and Orphans. As the incomes of many of the Clergy render it impossible to make adequate provision for their dependants, assistance must be given to their Widows and Orphans if they are not to go to the Workhouse.

5. Church Building. In this Diocese this work is carried out by the Bishop's Church Extension Fund. Everyone recognises that it is the duty of the Church to provide new Churches and Mission Rooms adequate for the needs of the increase in the population of each Diocese.

6. Religious Education. The Maintenance of Church Schools, the Inspection of Religious Instruction, &c.

7. Expenses of Management. Salaries of Clerks, Printing, Postage, and all the incidentals of carrying on the Organization of the Diocese.

The only practical way to adopt the Diocesan Scheme is to form one fund for both Parochial and Diocesan needs.

At a General Meeting of the Congregation, held on June 4th, it was resolved that a Central Fund be established, in accordance with the principle emphasized at the Diocesan Conference, viz., "That all members of the Church should give according to their ability towards Church needs, and have full opportunity for doing so."

This Central Fund will be entirely independent of Church collections, and should be the normal channel through which all subscriptions for Church needs should be paid.

The various organisations will be divided into two groups: (A) Parochial and (B) Diocesan.

A. The Parochial expenditure for next year will be about £95, including:—

	£
1. Sunday School (Working expenses) ...	10
2. Sunday School (Children's Party) ...	9
3. The Choir outing	12
4. Churchyard Fund	8
5. Lay Reader (part stipend)	35
6. Parochial Fund	10
7. Fabric Fund (Reserve)	10
B. Diocesan.	

The Diocesan contribution for 1915 will be given to the Mission Church Fund—afterwards to the seven branches enumerated above.

The following are the chief reasons for adopting this scheme:—

1. The custom of making a large number of separate appeals for special Church funds is an undesirable one. It is now proposed to ask for contributions to one central fund, to cover all our needs, and so simplify both giving and collecting.

2. The scheme aims at widening the basis of contribution by asking *all* to give according to their ability.

3. It substitutes a systematic way of raising money instead of the old methods of entertainments, Bazaars, etc. These could be available for the development rather than the maintenance of Church work.

To make the scheme a success, every member of the congregation is asked to give *something* to the Diocesan and Parochial work, either weekly or monthly, to the collector of the district, or yearly by cheque.

On the Parochial Returns issued to yearly subscribers, the Diocesan needs were this year included, and in every case something was contributed. So that these returns now fulfil the condition of the scheme, and we have our first list of Diocesan subscribers.

All contributions, whether weekly, monthly or yearly can be ear-marked, otherwise they will be allocated as required.

Circulars with fuller details will be printed during the month and sent to each member of the congregation.

We do ask most earnestly for your cordial support. The names of all who make returns will be published, but *not* the amount of individual contributions.

“Our ideal is a high one, every Churchman and Churchwoman a contributor, because they recognise that Church membership involves personal sacrifice for the Church.

Every contributor on the Roll of membership, with a voice in the election of representatives, and therefore an influence in the policy of the Church in the Diocese.

That is an ideal far-reaching religious significance. It will not soon be completely realised, it will encounter criticism, it will meet with opposition.

But we must never cease working until it is realised, for we believe when realised it will bring new life and energy into the old Church we love.”

The Choir at Blackpool.

To be wet or not to be wet, that was the question! And lo, the fates were kind, for the eagerly awaited morning of the 4th dawned clear and warm, giving promise of a day specially designed for sea breezes and iced lemonade.

A pleasant drive to the station, a few moments of waiting, and we were away. But good beginnings ever have bad endings, and the railway journey proved no exception. We started punctually at 5.30 and the first few hours in a corridor coach affording heaps of accommodation for all, passed merrily by. We enjoyed the scenery, ranging as it did from the rural pastures of Staffs. and Cheshire to the sooty environments of Warrington and ‘Wiggin,’ we studied the Lancashire dialect with fearful and wonderful success, yet as time went on we longed for our journey's end, but no! Our train as a model of courtesy was all that could be desired; for it gallantly stood aside to let all others pass, but as a means of speedy locomotion it must be voted a decided failure, though this was due to a conspiracy of signals all along the line. Never did returning wanderer view his native shore with more heartfelt relief than we the tower and wheel of Blackpool looming in the distance. 12.15 however proved the turning in the long lane, and we alighted with one set purpose in the minds of all. A foundation was necessary, arrangements for which were duly made. During the half-hour interval some went for a glimpse of the briny, some strolled along the ‘Prom,’ while others—but no! far be it from the author to betray his fellow men. Had not the journey been long and dry? Dinner at 12.30 was dealt with in a manner which fully upheld the best traditions of the choir, an indisputable fact, for the management were constrained to admit defeat; they had no more wherewith to feed us, and that too, just as were warming to our work. (Continued on page 6

After dinner the order was "Each for himself till 5.30." The joys of paddling forthwith claimed the younger members, and later most of us, thinking that no trip to the sea would be complete without a trip on the sea, wended their way to the pier head for an hour upon the ocean wave, and was at this stage that a discourse upon mal-demer was delivered by a facetious member, whose references to such dainties as cold pork called down upon his luckless head the wrath of the assembly. Luckily, however, we one and all proved good sailors, though from the fishes' point of view we must have disappointed. Meanwhile the South Shore claimed the remainder of our party, and having crowded as much as mortal man could crowd into a few short hours, we assembled at the Tower Tea Rooms at 5.30 ready and willing. Tea was a huge success, and, having risen to the occasion like good men and true (ladies included), we prepared for the evening's pleasure.

This time it was the Tower which attracted most of us, and amply was our visit repaid, for many and varied were the delights afforded. Gardens, Aquarium, Ball Room, and Menagerie were all seen and admired, but perhaps pride of place must be given to the view from the lofty tower itself, which no words of mine could fitly describe. On the one side stretched the great waters, merging far off into a vast cloudbank and receding into sombre gloom. Below us lay the town, an almost insignificant spot on the huge expanse of land which darkened toward the distant hills. We could have stayed longer, but time was precious, and once more the lift claimed us. 'Facilis descensus Avernus' a fact which sundry female screams seemed to prove, but a few seconds served to drop the 500ft. to *terra firma*. A battle royal with the ices and refreshments of

the Aquarium which we easily won, and we left this palace of wonders.

A stroll along the 'Prom,' presents bought for those at home, a sad farewell to the briny, and away to the station at 10 o'clock.

The journey home was done in six hours, but how this time was spent, the author can but vaguely conjecture. A stroll down the corridor about 1 a.m., revealed nought but a vista of shut doors and closed blinds; while here and there muffled (?) sounds were heard. Some slept, some tried to sleep, some — but space forbids, and my tale must end. Tired, but happy, we reached Coventry at 4 a.m. It was all over, but as we drove homewards we had nought but pleasant thoughts of a day well spent, and by each and all thoroughly enjoyed.

Finally we would thank most sincerely those whose generous response to our appeal for funds ensured us so successful a day.

"ONE WHO ENJOYED IT."

Subscriptions to Sunday School Outing.

		s.	d.			s.	d.
Per Miss B. Enser :—				Per Miss V. Clarke :—			
Mr. Reaves	2	6	Miss Townshend ...	2	0		
Mrs. A. Enser	1	0	Mrs. Clarke	1	6		
Mrs. Morris	1	0	Mrs. Cowoe	1	0		
Mrs. Suffolk	1	0	Miss Sleath	1	0		
Mrs. Wilson	1	0	Mrs. Hopkins	6			
Mrs. Walton	6		Mrs. Hands	6			
Mrs. Giles	6		Mrs. Manners	6			
Mrs. Smith	6		Mrs. Dyke	6			
Mrs. Eden	6		Mrs. Walton	6			
Mrs. Harrison	6		Mrs. Goodall	6			
Mrs. Osborne	6		Mrs. Cheeseman	6			
Mrs. Statham	6		Mrs. Allen	6			
Mrs. Smith	6		Mr. Bostock	6			
Mrs. Duckett	6						
Mrs. Williamson	6		Total	10	0		
Miss Herbert	6						
Mrs. Bricknell	6		Per Miss Martin :—				
Mrs. Jones	3		Mr. Coley	2	6		
Mrs. O. Enser	4		Mrs. Martin	1	0		
Mrs. Goo ^d e	3		Mr. Wille ^r	1	0		
Mrs. J. Green	3		Mr. Heywood	1	0		
F.S.	3						
Mrs. Griffin	3		Total	5	6		
Mr. Sarney	2						
Total	14	3	Per Parochial Returns :—				
			Mr. T. Plevins	5	0		

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Sunday School Outing to Berkswell.

		Receipts	
Subscriptions:—		£	s. d.
Per	Mrs. Green	9	9
"	Mrs. Sparrow	14	0
"	Miss F. Hooper	14	0
"	Miss B. Enser	14	3
"	Miss Hands	15	0
"	Miss Martin	7	6
"	Miss V. Clarke	10	0
"	Parochial Returns	4	3 6
40	Visitors, Drive and Tea	4	0 0
5	Visitors, Drive and Tea at 1/6	7	6
5	Visitors (Infants) at 1/-	5	0
5	Teas at 9d.	3	0
3	Bible Class at 9d.	2	3
	One Infant's drive		6
Total		13	6 3

		£	s. d.
Expenses.			
Perkins—Milk, 3/-; Carriage, 6/-		9	0
Flowers—Butter, Tea, Sugar		11	11
Dalton—Bread		4	1½
Liggins—Cakes		1	14 4½
Watson—Caretaker, 2/6; Washing Tablecloths, 1/-; Cleaning urns &c., 1/-		4	6
Morton—Brakes		7	0 0
Tips, Hot water, &c.		4	0
Tips, Drivers		6	0
Tickets, postage, &c.		4	
Broken crockery			6
		£10	14 9
Balance to Teachers' Outing		2	11 6
		£13	6 3

Audited and found correct,

THOMSON PLEVINS.

July 15th, 1914.

Choir Outing, 1914.

		Receipts.	
		s. d.	s. d.
Mr. S. Cash	1 0 0	Mr. A. Lowe	2 6
Mr. Rotherham	1 0 0	Mr. Plevins	5 0
Miss Rotherham	10 0	Miss Goode	2 6
Mrs. Caddick	10 0	Mr. Coker Iliffe	5 0
Mr. Waters	15 0	Mr. Pickering	2 6
Rev. W. C. Kerr	10 0	Mr. Lenton	2 6
Mrs. Jagger	10 0	Mr. Dunn	1 0
The Misses Ratliff	6 0	Mr. Barton	2 6
Mr. H. Sleath	5 0	Mr. Liddle	5 0
Mr. Coley	5 0	Mr. Evrall	5 0
Mr. Turrall	10 0	Mr. Browett	5 0
Mr. Bosworth	2 0	Mr. Manville	10 0
Miss Stringer	4 6	Mr. Adcock	10 0
Mr. Dalton	2 6	Mr. Hillman	5 0
Mr. C. Whittem	5 0	Mr. Bullock	2 0
Mr. Kirby	2 6	Mr. W. Townsend	2 0
Mrs. Whittem	2 6	Mr. Giles	2 6
Captain Miller	10 0	Mr. H. Townshend	2 6
Mr. Beadle	2 6		
Mr. K. Rotherham	5 0		£11 19 0
Mr. Sparrow	2 0	Balance owing	12 0
Mr. Peacock	2 6		
Mr. Morris	2 0		£12 11 0
Mr. Reeves	2 6		

EXPENSES.

		£	s. d.
Train		8	8 0
Conveyance to Station		1	10 0
Dinner		2	5 0
Tea		2	9 6
Sundries			6 6
		£14	19 0
Less Visitors		2	8 0
		£12	11 0

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