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Notices for the Month.

MONDAY.—Clothing Club. Men's Club.

WEDNESDAY.—Holy Communion 8 a.m. Parochial Working Party at the Parish Room, 2.30 to 4.30.

SUNDAY.—The Library, 3.45 p.m., Mr. Suffolk. (First and third Sundays.)

ALTAR FLOWERS.—Mrs. Manville.

The Church is open daily for private prayer.

All cases of sickness should be reported at once to Rev. G. W. Barnard, The Vicarage.

Services.

Holy Communion.—Sundays, 8 a.m. Also, 1st Sunday, 12 noon; 3rd Sunday, 10 a.m. (Choral).

Wednesdays, 8 a.m.

Matins.—Sundays, 11 a.m.

Evensong—Sundays, 3.30 p.m.

Holy Baptism.—2nd Sunday, 2.30 p.m.

Saints' Day.—8.30 a.m.

Senior Catechism.—2nd Sunday, 3 p.m.

Sunday School.—10 a.m.; 2.30 p.m.

Kindergarten.—3 p.m.

Churchings.—Before or after any Services.

Mid-day Prayer.

The Church bell rings every day at noon, when we invite all our people to pause from their duties for a moment and offer up this prayer:—O God, guard and bless our Sailors and Soldiers, and give us victory and peace—Amen.

Services of Intercession for our Sailors and Soldiers.

Sunday,

Prayers to be Said Daily.

A PRAYER OF PENITENCE.—Forgive me, O God, all the sins and selfishness of the past, and give me the grace to repent and lead a more useful life; I ask this for Jesus Christ's sake.

A PRAYER FOR HELP.—Stretch forth Thy hand, Thou God of Hosts, and decide between us and our enemies; give us fortitude and courage to endure hardness as good soldiers, and crown our labours with victory; for Jesus Christ's sake.

A PRAYER FOR THE SAILORS, SOLDIERS, AND AIRMEN.—Guard with Thy loving care those who are in peril, whether on sea or land or in the air. Help them to remember that "underneath are the Everlasting Arms," and keep them safe in life or death; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A PRAYER FOR THE WOUNDED AND THE MOURNERS.—Send Thy healing grace upon the wounded and pour Thy comfort into the souls of the mourners; give them both a "warrior's mind" until the day dawn and the shadows flee away; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A PRAYER FOR THE NATION.—Stir up, O Lord, a spirit of service throughout the country; may the soul of the nation respond to the call to sacrifice and help me to play a worthy part in this Great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And we sum up our petitions in the words our Lord taught us—"Our Father, which art in heaven."

Religious Instruction Examination in Keresley School.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to insert such a satisfactory account of the Religious Instruction in our Schools. The Diocesan Inspector's Report reflects great credit on Mr. Loasby, the teachers and pupils of Keresley School, and will, I am sure, be much appreciated by the Vicar.

G. W. BARNARD.

DIOCESAN INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

	Classes	V.—VII.	III.—IV.	II.
Number Present	...	40	28	30
Knowledge of—				
Old Testament	...	V.G.	V.G.	V.G.
New Testament	...	V.G.	G.	V.G.
Catechism	...	G.	G.	V.F.
Prayer Book	...	V.G.	—	—
Repetition of—				
Scripture	...	V.G.	V.G.	V.G.
Catechism	...	V.G.	V.G.	V.G.
Abstracts, or Writing from Memory	...	V.G.	V.G.	V.G.

I was thoroughly pleased with this School. The work all through seemed to me to be very keen and vigorous. The Lessons had been prepared with much care; the tone of the School was very good, and the general standard of efficiency reached was distinctly a high one.

A. DONALDSON PERROTT, *Diocesan Inspector.*

S. Faith's Home.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Our Home record for the year 1915 is as follows :

Girls resident 1st January, 1915	15
Received during the year	34
	—
	49
Sent to other Homes	18
Sent to Infirmary	2
Sent to Service	3
Returned to Friends	7
	—
	30
Still at St. Faith's	19

Throughout the years the Home has been in existence our aim has been not only to provide a refuge from danger, but also that our girls may regard it as a place from which, in the crisis of their life, old things being forgotten, they may begin anew, unfettered by the shackles of an unfortunate past.

The paramount importance of the religious instruction is therefore always kept in view, and this year three of the girls have been baptized, ten confirmed, and two restored to their Communion.

As regards the physical welfare of our charges we are glad to record a most decided improvement due to untiring and devoted work in the conduct of the gymnasium class which was instituted at the beginning of the year. We can never adequately thank Mrs. Noble for the time she has so ungrudgingly given us, at considerable sacrifice.

Grateful acknowledgment must be made of the very generous gift of Mr. Nicks, who supplied us with bread for a month; also of several most acceptable contributions to our housekeeping made from time to time by various kind donors.

It is with very real regret we have to report that the outside work has been much neglected. The threefold increase in the average number of girls in residence has demanded almost the whole of the time formerly occupied in visiting; therefore a great deal of this most important part of the work has perforce been left undone.

As against this we may record a very encouraging feature in the fact that, from the beginning, we have kept in constant communication with many of our old girls. Some visit us periodically, and with others we keep up a regular correspondence. The charge of the ephemeral nature of our work is often levelled against us. Here there is material for an effective reply and reasonable ground for the hope that the aim with which we set out has been in some measure realised.—(Signed), E. M. Smith.

GIRLS' NIGHT SHELTER REPORT.

The shelter was opened on Monday, March 9th, 1915, and since that date 92 women and girls and five infants have been helped.

Two babies are still in the shelter and they were both christened at St. Michael's Church, on December 30th.

Eighteen girls have been passed on to other Homes and they write happily. Two have been confirmed and made their first Communion on Christmas Day. Others are being prepared for Confirmation, and are looking forward with hope to a better and happier life in the future.

We are continually receiving letters and tokens of gratitude from people who have spent a few nights in the shelter.

It is with gratitude we acknowledge the kind attention given by Dr. Brazil. We also thank Miss Atkins, Miss Cox, Mr. Sims and the Police who have brought cases to the shelter, and all who have given gifts of clothing and food through the past year.

Sent to Homes	18
Sent to Munition Work	21
Sent to Lodgings	25
Sent to other Towns	24
Sent to Service	3
Sent to Infirmary	1
Infants	5
	—
	97

(Signed), ALICE STIMPSON, O.D.C.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

Last year you were kind enough to give an Offer-tory on behalf of St. Faith's Home, and the Com-mittee will be very grateful if you are able to do so again this year, either on Ascension Day or on any Saint's Day or Sunday most convenient to you

You will see from last year's Report how increas-ingly great is our need of help.

M. S. BILL, *Hon. Sec.*

Men's Club Whist Drive.

The Whist Drive, arranged by the Men's Club, on Shrove Tuesday, was quite a success socially and financially, the profit more than covered the cost of painting the Parish Rooms, that being the object in view. The Schoolroom was comfortably full, 90 people from near and far defied the snow and rain.

The prizes were very good, and all were useful articles, and were given by Messrs. C. Whitem, J. Smith, R. Goods, W. Wilson, the Members of the Mothers' Meeting, the Ladies' Working Party, the Sunday School Teachers and the Men's Club.

We are greatly indebted to the ladies for their kind assistance in disposing of tickets, preparing room, and refreshments, &c. We also tender our sincere thanks to the following ladies who kindly sent refreshments: Mrs. Tabberer, Mrs. Sparrow, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Hands, Mrs. Cowpe, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Coley, Mrs. Sleath, and Mrs. Suffolk.

Appended is the Balance Sheet:—

	£	s.	d.
102 Tickets at 1/3	6	7	6
Provisions sold		3	11
	£6	11	5
		12	9
Balance	5	18	8
Painting the Parish Rooms	4	11	7
Balance in Hand	1	7	1
	£	s.	d.
Refreshments	3	9	
Fire and Light	3	0	
Caretaker	4	0	
Moving Furniture	2	0	
	12	9	

Bill Crest Hospital.

KERESLEY, COUNDON & ALLESLEY V.A.D.

It is now 15 months since our hospital was opened. From January to April it was used for the soldiers billeted in Coventry. Our first wounded men arrived in May, and ever since then we have been hard at work.

Last summer we were asked to make room for more patients, so a large shelter was built in the garden to hold 12 beds and another ward furnished, so now we have 40 beds. The greenhouse has been turned into a very good dining room and another bath room added.

269 sick and wounded soldiers have been nursed at the hospital, and of these 91 have received massage and electric treatment. In the name of the Committee I wish to thank all in the parish who have so kindly helped with gifts and donations.

MARGARET RATLIFF, Hon. Sec.

Parochial Working Party.

The increase in our funds, due to the monthly contributions for Parochial Bed being handed over to us from Hill Crest V.A.D. Hospital will enable us to send a parcel to all our local recruits.

26 parcels have been despatched during the last fortnight, and we hope to send to the others as soon as we have the correct addresses.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of:— V.A.D. Hospital (per Mrs. Herschel), £4 5s.; a friend, 2s. 6d.; we also wish to thank Mrs. Barnard and Mrs. Dowell for their kind gift of socks.

The Library.

The Library is open on the first and third Sunday, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., and every Saturday evening from 8 to 9. Membership is invited, the subscription is 1/- per annum.

There are 500 books to select from and two per member allowed. The accounts for the last two years are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Balance in Hand, 1913	2	5	10
Subscriptions, 1914	1	1	7
Subscriptions, 1915	1	2	11
Proceeds from Whist Drive	2	15	2
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	£7	5	6
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	£	s.	d.
New Cupboard	2	3	0
Printing Catalogues	2	0	0
New Books (Ward & Son)	1	10	0
New Books (The "Times" Book Club) ...	1	17	6
Members Cards		5	6
Typing Catalogues		2	6
Stationery, &c.		2	0
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	£7	5	6
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Sunday School.

The children attending the Infants School received their prizes on March 5th. Last year this department was in a rather unsettled condition, so the prizes were awarded according to classes. This year they will be according to merit, the best will be given to those who attend and behave well. Prayer and Hymn books are given to those moved up to the Senior School.

On Sunday, 19th, Miss May Coley—who is leaving the Parish—was presented with a Church Service Book as a token of appreciation from the Infants School Staff and the Hon. Secretary.

It will be with the deepest regret that the news of the death of Lieut. Donald Rotherham will be received by all in Keresley and Coundon, where he and his parents were so well known.

The greatest sympathy will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rotherham in their great trouble. Lieut. D. Rotherham died of syncope, following bronchitis, contracted in performance of his duty.

Holy Baptism.

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism."

1915.

Dec. 7.—Ada Stowe.

Dec. 12.—Florence Amy Clarke.

1916.

Jan. 24.—Thomas Kendrick Walsh.

Feb. 13.—Oliver Harris.

Feb. 13.—Kathleen Florence Camwell.

Feb. 13.—Frederick William Carrington.

Feb. 13.—Cecil John Mason Mitchell.

Holy Matrimony.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

1915.

Dec. 26.—Thomas Sydney Dick and Dorothy Anne Hillman.

1916.

Mar. 18.—Charles Treen and Gladys Ella Harris.

Burials.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

1915.

Oct. 27.—William Barnes, aged 4 days.

Dec. 4.—Mary Saunders, aged 83 years.

Dec. 9.—Elizabeth Green, aged 75 years.

Dec. 11.—Hannah Kimberley, aged 77 years.

1916.

Jan. 27.—Annie Elizabeth Whitem, aged 57 years.

Jan. 28.—Thomas Kendrick Walsh, aged 7 days.

Mar. 15.—Ada Stowe, aged 5 months.

British Red Cross.

KERESLEY & COUNDON V.A.D. HOSPITAL

Subscriptions to Parochial Bed—February.

No.	s.	d.	No.	s.	d.	No.	s.	d.
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