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Organist—Mr. H. P. Loasby.

Deputy Organist—Miss F. Lloyd.

Verger—Mr. J. Crane

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, 6.30 p.m.

Intercessions—Wednesdays, 7.30.

Holy Baptism—2nd Sunday, 3.45 p.m.

Saints' Day.—8.30 a.m.

Churchings.—Before or after any Services.

Catechism—2nd Sunday, 3 p.m.

Notices for the Month.

MONDAY.—Clothing Club. Men's Club.

WEDNESDAY.—Holy Communion 8 a.m.

THURSDAY.—8 p.m., Choir Practice, Parish Room.

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

The Church is open daily for private prayer.

Editorial.

Below will be found extracts from the Vicar's letter giving some reasons why he has not been able to get back to the Parish before. I think all will be glad to know that soon we may hope to have a clergyman in residence again.—The Editor.

"The Bishop wrote me last week and made two definite suggestions: (1st) That I should return to Keresley at once; (2nd) that he should appoint a regular locum. I replied that I could only get released on his application. It is absolutely impossible to do anything from this end, but I tried, and the answer I received was: 'Chaplain's demomilisation can only be effected through the application of the Bishop.' This should be made clear to the Parish, as others think that it is up to me. I asked the Bishop to put me on the urgent list, and meanwhile pending necessary delay in getting the papers through asked him to appoint a locum. I also wrote to the Diocesan Council asking for steps to be taken at once, and if they act on this I should be back early next month. Still, it would be best to appoint a man by the month to make sure. So the Bishop has my application: (1st) To get my immediate release; (2nd) to appoint a locum if he has not already moved in the

matter. This should meet the case, and if I get back earlier I can stay somewhere near and begin to get things in order."

The Keresley and Coundon Women's Institute.

The monthly meeting for March was held in the Mission Room, Lower Keresley, on March 20th. The very bad weather made the attendance very small, but those who dared to face the flooded roads made up in keenness what was lacking in numbers. It was a similar meeting to the one held in the Parish Room in February, to make arrangements for the bazaar to be held in June. Another meeting will be held there on April 2nd, when it is hoped the weather will be better. Mrs. Miller kindly provided tea.

It is proposed to institute a weekly system of small payments towards the bazaar. Contributors can pay a small sum each week, which will be entered to their credit, and they will be able to purchase goods to their amounts at the bazaar. Mrs. Tabberer will be Hon. Treasurer for that and Miss Hosier Hon. Secretary. In this way funds will be in hand for purchasing materials. A Rummage Sale is to be held in April for the same purpose.

C. J. Hands.

Keresley and Coundon Branch of the Mothers' Union.

Mrs. Miller has resigned from being the enrolling member of this branch, though still remaining a subscribing member. Mrs. Chappel, the presiding member, has asked Miss Ratliff to take her place, which she has consented to do.

A meeting will be held on April 7th, at the Parish Room, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Milne will give the address. New members will be welcome.

It is hoped to arrange for meetings or services to be held the first Monday in every month.

Keresley and Coundon Nursing Association.

A very successful whist drive was held in the Church of England Schools on Feb. 20th, followed by an equally successful dance on March 1st. Both were well patronised; the dance especially seemed to be well favoured, and it is estimated that 113 were present. To judge by appearances, all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. At the whist drive 25 tables were in use, and the names of the prize winners are given below. All the prizes and most of the refreshments were given, together with several donations of money. It is hoped that all those who so generously contributed will please accept sincere thanks. Very special thanks are given to Mr. Suffolk, Mr. J. H. Clarke, and the ladies of the Committee for their valuable help.

Prizes were given by: Mrs. Jagger, Miss Rotherham, Mrs. Plevins, Mrs. Tabberer, Mrs. J. H. Clarke, and Mrs. Lloyd.

Donations by: Miss Ratliff, Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Niblett, Men's Club, Mrs. Turrell, Mrs. Taylor (Coundon), Mrs. Meller, and Mrs. Townsend.

Refreshments given by: Mrs. Bates, Mrs. J. H. Clarke, Mrs. R. Green, Mrs. Hands (Coundon), Mrs. Goodall, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs.

Millar, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Sleath, Mrs. Sparrow, Mrs. Swinnerton, Mrs. Suffolk.

The following ladies and gentlemen were prize winners: Ladies—Mrs. Morris, Mrs. J. H. Clarke, Mrs. Cooke, Miss Lloyd (booby); Gentlemen—Mr. Bennett; Mr. F. Osborne, Mr. Courts, Mrs. Evans (booby).

BALANCE SHEET.

Expenditure.		£	s.	d.
Refreshments		1	1	4½
Oil			3	4
Pianist			12	0
Mrs. Watson			8	0
Boy's Help			1	6
Tables			8	0
Playing Cards			2	0
Pro. Whist Cards			7	6
		£3	3	8½

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
Donations		2	12	0
Tickets Sold		14	15	0
Taken at Door		2	8	0
Refreshments Sold			6	10½
		£20	1	10½
Expenses		3	3	8½
		£16	18	2

I am pleased to have handed in to the Treasurer the handsome sum of £16 18s. 2d.

A. M. Lloyd.

INFANT WELFARE.

At the Infant Welfare Meeting, held March 6th, Miss Baker brought with her Miss Cancellor, from Warwick, who gave a very interesting address on "War and Disease," which was well received.

Mrs. Niblett has kindly given us some toys for the little ones, so they are happy!

Will all those mothers who have not received the card on which is printed the dates of meetings enquire from the member of the Committee who collects in their district, who will provide them with one.

A. M. Lloyd (Hon. Sec.)

The many friends of the Misses Turner sympathise with them very deeply in the loss they have sustained by the death of their mother. During the years they were living in our parish the deceased lady gained the love and respect of all who knew her. One of her old neighbours remarked at her funeral, "We felt better for having spoken to her." She was laid to rest in our churchyard on Feb. 27th.

Miss Turner has now resigned her post as Hon. Sec. of our Women's Communicants' Guild, which she has held since its formation. For the last two years Miss Martin has acted jointly with her, and now is the Hon. Sec.

Miss Turner and her sister were both active workers in the Sunday School, and were much missed when they left the parish five years ago.

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