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Vicar—REV. WALSHINGHAM C. KERR, B.A.

Churchwardens—Mr. H. Sleath, Mr. W. H. Tabberer.

Sidesmen—Mr. A. Enser, Mr. R. Green
Mr. J. H. Clarke, Mr. J. Allen, Mr. Harris, Mr. Harrison.

Organist—Mr. H. P. Loasby. Deputy Organist—Miss F. Lloyd. Verger—Mr. J. Craner

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.

Parish Library.

The Library is still in existence, though the membership has fallen off very considerably. It is open on the first and third Sundays of the month from 3.45 to 4.15 p.m.

There are about 500 books to select from, and each member is allowed to take two out at once. The subscription is still 1s. per annum—no increase owing to the war—and it is hoped some more readers will join. It has been suggested that possibly some of the subscribers to the Parish Magazine have books in their bookshelves which they have read and do not wish to keep; if so, the Library would be grateful for them.

Mr. Suffolk is librarian, and would fetch or send for any if he is notified about them.

Appended is the Balance Sheet for the past three years.

		Receipts.		
		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions, 1916	1	8	3
" 1917		12	3
" 1918		13	3
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		£2	13	9

		Expenses.		
		£	s.	d.
Deficit, 1915		15	0
Account Book		1	0
New Books (W. H. Smith and Sons)	2	1	6
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		£2	17	6
Deficit		3	10
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		£2	13	8

C. J. H.

Concert and Lecture.

A very successful concert and lecture was given on Saturday, December 21st, in the Church of England Schools, in aid of the Christmas Parcels' Fund. The entertainment was organised at the instigation of Mr. Thomson Plevins. The concert, which was arranged by Mr. F. H. Clarke, was given by the Keresley Pierrot Troupe—Mr. Clarke, arrayed as the Skipper's Wife, took charge of the proceedings. The Troupe did excellently, several of the songs being encored, Miss Harrison's interpretation of the Sailors' Hornpipe being very light and graceful.

The second part of the programme was a lantern lecture, entitled "A Walking Tour through Switzerland," given by Mr. A. H. Niblett. The lantern did not quite behave itself at first but later the pictures appeared with great clearness, and everything went quite smoothly.

Sale of Tickets.—Mrs. Flowers, £2 6s.; Miss O. Harrison, £1 10s. 6d.; Mrs. Lowe, 12s. 6d.; Miss M. Dalton, 9s. 6d.; Mrs. R. Green 7s. 6d.; Mrs. Swinneton, 7s.; Miss K. Sparrow, 6s. 6d.; Mrs. J. H. Clarke, 4s.; Mr. Thomson Plevins, 9s. Taken at the door, 7s.

The expenses of caretaker (4s.) were kindly paid by Mr. Suffolk. The charge for fixing stage and carting chairs was defrayed by Mr. Thomson Plevins and Mr. A. H. Niblett.

The sum of £7 has been handed over to Mrs. Tabberer.

Victory Ball.

A Fancy Dress Victory Ball, arranged by Mr. J. H. Clarke, was held in the Church of England Schools on Friday, December 27th. The scene was quite an animated one. The schools were filled to overflowing, and the bright and quaint costumes made even the dingy school look brilliant. During the evening there was a grand march round to view the costumes, and so ingenious had some of the dancers been that it was quite difficult to allot the prizes, particularly among the girls. The first prize for gentlemen was won by Mr. J. H. Clarke, who as the Mayor of Keresley made an imposing figure. He, however, as organiser of the proceedings, elected to stand aside.

Prizes were given by: Mr. Joseph Smith, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Morris, The Keresley Pierrot Troupe, Mr. Anderton, Mr. J. H. Clarke; Special Prize, Mr. Hugh Rotherham. The following ladies subscribed to the refreshments: Mrs. R. Green, Mrs. Foulkes, Mrs. Suffolk, Mrs. Lowe, and Mrs. J. H. Clarke.

The list of prize winners is given below:—

Ladies.—First Prize, Mrs. Lowe; Second Prize, Miss C. Cowpe; Third Prize, Mrs. Lucas; Special Prize, Miss A. Harrison.

Gentlemen.—First Prize—Mr. F. Osborne; Second Prize, Master A. Jones; Third Prize, Mr. C. Harrison.

The handsome sum of £11 10s. has been handed over to the War Memorial Fund.

I feel quite sure that the sympathy of the whole Parish will go out to the Vicar in the sad loss he has sustained in the death of his mother. Many of us know what it is to lose the love and interest of a benevolent and intellectual mother, so we can indeed sympathise truly.

I should like to apologise for the extreme lateness of last month's Magazine, but though I have been horribly overworked lately (16 hours instead of eight—please note domestic workers), the fault has not been mine. If anyone feels aggrieved, they must take their grievances to the Publishers.

THE EDITOR.
