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My dear People,

Each year Lent reminds us of the need there is to tidy up and put in order our spiritual affairs. Most of us, at one time or another, have made some plan about Church-going, and about our own prayers; and most of us have found that we have not entirely kept the plan we made; perhaps good habits have not quite been established, nor bad ones quite given up. Lent is the time for straightening up, and for trying to get as near to our ideal as we are able. Lent should not, therefore be a dreary time, which hangs heavily upon us. It is a time of fresh hope and new beginnings—the spring-time of the soul. When George Herbert began his poem, "Welcome, dear Feast of Lent," he must have had in mind the happiness it brings us to make a new start, and to do better than we have done before.

If we do not overhaul and examine our habits from time to time, we do inevitably get into slack and careless ways. Lent is the time when we should be a little firmer with ourselves all round. It is better to try to do our ordinary things in a better way, and to keep that standard up, than to practice for a few weeks some self-denial which we mean to drop at once when Easter comes. Let us especially consider whether we give the thought and care we ought to our Communion. It would be good to see the number of those who come to the Early Service grow. I hope, also, that the Services on Friday evenings may be well attended. They are a little in the way of an experiment, but one evening a week does not seem too much to give to our Lenten preparation.

The Holy Week and Easter Services will be given in next month's Magazine.

I should like to call attention to the Lecture by the Rev. George Kerr on March 14th in the Institute.

Yours sincerely,

T. H. PERRY.

Sunday Services for March.

5th. *First Sunday in Lent.*

- 8-0 Holy Communion.
- 11-0 Matins. Ps.: 51.
- 11-30 Holy Communion.
- 6-30 Evensong. Ps.: 6; 32; 143 (omit v. 12).

12th. *Second Sunday in Lent.*

- 8-0 Holy Communion.
- 11-0 Matins and Sermon. Ps.: 119 (vv. 1-32).
- 3-0 Children's Service.
- 3-45 Holy Baptism.
- 6-30 Evensong. Ps.: 119 (vv. 32-72).

19th. *Third Sunday in Lent.*

- 8-0 Holy Communion (Keresley Green).
- 10-30 Matins. Ps.: 119 (vv. 73-104).
- 11-0 Holy Communion. Choral.
- 6-30 Evensong. Ps.: 119 (vv. 105-144).

26th. *Fourth Sunday in Lent.*

- 8-0 Holy Communion.
- 11-0 Matins, Sermon. Ps.: 119 (vv. 145-176).
- 6-30 Evensong. Ps.: 39; 40.

Ash Wednesday.

- 8-0 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 10-30 ,, Matins and Litany.
- 3-0 p.m. Meeting of the Mothers' Union.
Address by Miss Cox.
- 7-0 ,, Service. Keresley Green.
- 8-0 ,, Evening Service.

Lenten Services.

Wednesdays, 10 30 a.m. Matins.
Fridays, 8-0 p.m. Evening Service and Address.

The preacher on Friday, March 10th, will be the Rev. R. B. Winsor, Curate-in-charge of S. Philip's, Rugby; and on March 17th the Rev. Canon Littlewood.

The preacher on the last three Fridays will be the Rev. G. H. Roper, of Rugby Parish Church.

The Annunciation.

March 25th, 8-0 a.m. Holy Communion.

Mothers' Union.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be on Ash Wednesday, Mar 1st, at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Miss Cox, the Head of the Grey Ladies. The Annual Service for all the branches of the Union will be held at the Cathedral on Tuesday, Mar. 21st, at 3-0 p.m. The Address will be given by the Rev. G. D. Rosenthal. We hope that a good many from the branch will be able to attend.

The Hut.

A General Meeting was held at "The Hut" on Monday, Feb. 6th, 1922. The Vicar presided, and there was a fair attendance. The following Committee were elected:—Mrs. Niblett, Miss J. Gibson, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. G. Ensor, Mrs. Swinnerton, Miss Chambers, Mrs. C. Gibson, Messrs. Clarke, G. Ensor, J. Perkins, Jones, J. Hexon, D. Garner; Mr. Swinnerton Hon. Treasurer; L. Saint Hon. Sec.

Mr. G. Kerr will give a lecture on Tuesday, Mar. 14th, in aid of "The Hut" Fund in the Women's Institute at 8 p.m.

A Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, Mar. 18th, at 3 o'clock, and cast-off clothing or other articles will be very acceptable. Gifts should be sent to Mrs. Niblett or Miss Saint, or if a postcard is sent they will be collected.

The Dancing Class has been discontinued.

A Whist Drive is held every fortnight on Saturday evenings at 7-30.

The Communicants' Guild.

A very enjoyable Social was held in the Women's Institute on Jan. 26th.

Miss Bennett very kindly arranged two Competitions, and lent a gramophone for dancing and games, but was unable to be present. The attendance was not so good as usual, owing to the epidemic of influenza.

At the Preparation Service, on Feb. 16th, the Misses Eileen Doris Statham and Alice Whittington were admitted to the Guild.

On Saturday afternoons, during Lent, a Working Party will be held to knit socks and make garments, to be given to the C. and W. Hospital.

We hope as many members as possible will attend, as these things are urgently needed.

MAY MARTIN, Hon. Sec.

The Library.

We would call attention to the fact that, as well as a large permanent stock of books, we are now receiving from Warwick a box of new books every quarter. The present consignment is a very good one. Books may be changed every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. No charge is made for the books taken out.

Women's Institute.

The Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, January 19th, at 7-30 p.m. Eighty-four members were present, the large amount of sickness and the wintry weather affecting the attendance.

Mrs. Miller presided, Mrs. H. Sleath supporting her, the Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treasurer both being absent.

The report of the year's work was read by Mrs. Sleath, and considered satisfactory. Mrs. Miller presented the Treasurer's Balance Sheet, which was splendid, shewing a balance on the year's working of £118 2s. 3d.

The voting for Committee was by ballot, twenty-three candidates for nineteen seats, and the results were as follows:—Mrs. Miller, 79; Mrs. T. Plevins, 78; Miss Hands, 76; Miss Hosier, 69; Mrs. R. Green, 69; Mrs. Lloyd, 69; Mrs. Martin, 68; Miss Ratliff, 66; Miss Saint, 65; Mrs. Douse, 64; Mrs. Sleath, 62; Mrs. Williamson, 62; Mrs. Tabberer, 61; Mrs. Suffolk, 59; Mrs. J. Enser, 55; Mrs. G. Anderton, 54; Mrs. Faulks, 53; Mrs. Bates, 52; Mrs. E. Clarke, 51. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Sleath were re-elected President and Vice-President.

Refreshments were provided, and a short Concert in which Miss Cowpe and Miss N. Osborne sang and Mrs. C. Gibson gave two violin solos, followed by games and dancing.

Votes of thanks were given the Committee and Officers; Mr. T. Plevins for auditing the accounts and acting as teller, together with Mr. Douse and Mr. Suffolk; and to Mrs. Miller for presiding.

At the meeting on March 23rd, a Lantern Lecture on India will be given. This will be an open meeting. Friends welcome.

At the Committee Meeting on February 7th, Miss Hands and Miss Hosier were re-elected Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treasurer.

A Partner Whist Drive was held on February 14th, sixty players taking part. Prizes were given by Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Sleath, Mrs. Cash, Mr. Plevins and a W.I. member; and won by Miss M. Harrison and Mr. A. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Collins, Mr. Jessop and Miss Whitehead. Consolations: Miss N. Eden and Miss E. Enser. Mr. C. E. Douse acted as M.C., and prizes were given away by Mrs. Hands.

C. J. HANDS, Hon. Sec.

National Carol League.

To the children of Keresley C.E. School who so kindly arranged a house-to-house collection, in order to send a present to the soldiers and sailors, blinded in the War.

I am writing to tell you that you have given very great pleasure by sending your splendid gift of £13 12s. 4d. to the National Carol League, to be used for the benefit of the brave men who lost their sight whilst they were fighting for us.

We are still very busy at St. Dunstan's—you see there are so many brave soldiers and sailors whose sight was injured in the War, and who are gradually going blind. Fortunately, the men who have already

been trained at St. Dunstan's are able to show their comrades that one can still be happy and completely occupied, even though blind. We are doing all that is possible for them with the help of little people like yourselves.

Yours faithfully,

E. KESSELL,

Assistant Treasurer.

Holy Baptism.

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.

- Feb. 12. David Desmond, son of William David and Florence Sarah Willson, Keresley.
 „ 12. Christopher, son of Frederick and Florence Hilda Stowe, Keresley.

Sunday Schools' Balance Sheet to Dec. 31st, 1921.

		RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Jan.	1.	Balance in Hand ...	...	1	14	3½
		Christmas Party ...	...	10	0	9
	2.	Children's Service ...	...		5	8
	9.	„ „ ...	...		6	8
Feb.	13.	„ „ ...	...		4	9
Mar.	13.	„ „ ...	...		4	4
Apr.	10.	„ „ ...	...		4	8
May	15.	„ „ ...	...		5	1½
June	12.	„ „ ...	...		5	0
July	31.	Flower Service ...	...		12	6
Aug.	12.	Summer Party ...	...	15	10	7
	19.	Friend, Donation ...	...		5	0
Sept.	11.	Children's Service... ..	...		4	7½
Oct.	24.	Parochial Finance... ..	...	20	7	9
Nov.	13.	Children's Service... ..	...		4	4½
Dec.	11.	„ „ ...	...		6	4
	31.	Christmas Party ...	...		7	1
		Memorial Wreath Subscription	...	15	0	
				£59	4	6

		EXPENSES.		£	s.	d.
Jan.	1.	Christmas Party ...	...	6	4	10
Apr.	1.	Report Forms ...	...	1	1	0
May	23.	Telegram, Miss Leigh ...	...		1	0
July	2.	Tea Urn Repairs ...	...			6
	31.	Coventry & Warwick Hospital	...		12	6
Aug.	12.	Summer Party ...	...	35	18	4
	19.	C. Council, C.E. School ...	...	1	6	0
	19.	„ Infants ...	...		19	6
Nov.	3.	Teachers' Meeting, Coun. Sch.	...		1	6
	11.	S.S.T.A. Subscription ...	...		5	0
	14.	Registers ...	...		6	9
Dec.	2.	Note Books ...	...		2	0
	2.	Pencils... ..	...		1	4
	7.	Mrs. Watson ...	...		17	6
	7.	Mrs. Markham ...	...		15	0
		Lesson Magazines ...	...	2	2	0
		Diocesan Gazette ...	...		6	0
		Minute Book ...	...		3	6
		Pencils and Books, K.G. ...	...		7	2
		Christmas Party ...	...	5	12	0
		Memorial Wreath... ..	...		15	0
		Postage and Postcards ...	...		2	5½
				58	0	10½
		Balance in hand ...	...	1	3	7½
				£59	4	6

Audited and found correct.

H. SLEATH,

Jan. 13th, 1922.

CONSTANCE CLARKE,

Hon Sec. and Treas.