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My dear People,

It was a great pleasure and honour to us that we should have a visit from our Bishop so soon—and the more so since it is fifteen years since our late Bishop was last able to come. On two occasions he was unavoidably prevented from holding a Confirmation here. The Bishop expressed his pleasure at his visit to us on Sept. 10th. and he especially admired the War Memorial and the Churchyard. He has promised to hold a Confirmation here next Spring. I hope there may be a good many ready and wishing to be confirmed in our own Church. Names may be given to me at any time now, though classes will not begin till after Christmas. The Bishop has also arranged to hold a Special Confirmation for adults in the Cathedral in December. There are some grown-up people who would like to come forward to be confirmed, but they do not like to be prepared with children, nor confirmed at a large public Service at the same time as children. The Bishop wishes to arrange a Special Service entirely for people in that position. If there is anyone, over twenty, who would like to be presented at that Confirmation I should be glad to know at once.

With very great regret I have received the resignation of Miss C. Clarke, who has been a teacher in the Sunday School for thirteen years and Secretary for five. Only those who have worked closely with her can know how very valuable has been her help. Her work as Secretary and in organising has been quite extraordinarily thorough and efficient. All those who have anything to do with the Sunday Schools know that we shall miss her, I doubt if we yet realise how much.

Owing to the difficulty of arranging it early this month, the Harvest Festival has been fixed for Oct. 15th. The Preacher in the morning will be Rev. G. H. Cass, Vicar of S. John's, and in the evening Rev. Philip Morson, of All Saints'. The collections will be given to the Bishop's Memorial Fund, for which we hope to raise a very substantial amount. Owing to the Harvest Festival being on the 15th, the Service at the Hut will be on Oct. 8th, and the Sung Eucharist at the Parish Church will be on the 8th also.

Yours sincerely,

T. H. PERRY.

Sunday Services for October.

1st. *Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

- 8-0 Holy Communion.
- 11-0 Matins. Ps.: 86; 87.
- 11-30 Holy Communion.
- 6-30 Evensong. Ps.: 90; 91.

8th. *Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.*

- 8-0 Holy Communion (the Hut).
- 10-30 Matins. Ps.: 92; 93.
- 11-0 Holy Communion (Choral)
- 3-0 Children's Service.
- 3-45 Holy Baptism.
- 6-30 Evensong. Ps.: 100; 101; 102.

15th. *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

Harvest Thanksgiving (Collections for Bishop's Memorial Fund).

- 8-0 Holy Communion.
- 11-0 Matins and Sermon.
- 6-30 Evensong.

22nd. *Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

(Collections for the National Society).

- 8-0 Holy Communion.
- 11-0 Matins. Ps.: 111; 112; 113.
- 6-30 Evensong. Ps.: 120; 121; 122; 123.

29th. *Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.*

- 8-0 Holy Communion.
- 11-0 Matins. Ps.: 114; 115.
- 6-30 Evensong. Ps. 124; 125; 126; 127.

Holy Days.

28th. *S. Simon and S. Jude.*

- 8-0 Holy Communion.

Sunday Schools.

The Teachers of the Sunday Schools went to Berkswell for their outing on Sept. 16th, and had a most enjoyable time. Some were unfortunately unable to go, owing to work or other engagements, but a party of fifteen assembled at the Schools at 2-30. After a pleasant drive, we arrived at Berkswell, visited the very interesting old Church, and then had tea at the Garden Café. The village was explored, and visits paid to the wishing well, and we took advantage of Canon Back's kind offer to wander about the very lovely Rectory garden. A very pleasant day was ended with a short Service in the Church, after which we drove home, arriving back at the Schools at 7-30.

Mothers' Union.

This year the meetings of the Mothers' Union will be held on the first Monday in each month, at the close of the Mothers' Meeting.

This month the meeting will be in the Institute on Monday, Oct. 2nd, at 3-15 p.m.; the address will be given by Mrs. Winsor, of Rugby.

On Wednesday, Nov. 1st, All Saints' Day, there will be a Special Celebration of Holy Communion at 10-30 a.m. for the Mothers' Union, preceded by an Admission Service.

Free-Will Offering Scheme.

Some months ago the Parochial Council decided to start a Free-Will Offering Scheme to help meet the many necessary expenses which are not covered by Church collections. The Finance Committee estimate that about £250 per year, in addition to Church collections, to cover our expenses and to do our proper share in Diocesan work. The response to the yearly budget does not meet this need, and its appeal is mostly suited to those who are able to give their contributions in one yearly sum. There must be many other people in the parish who would like to take a share in expenses, such as those of the Sunday School, the Churchyard, the Choir, Clergy stipends, and Church work in the diocese, but who

would prefer to give in small regular sums. The Envelope Scheme, which has been used in many parishes with great success, is meant to give just that opportunity. An Envelope Committee, consisting of Miss A. Enser, Miss M. Martin, Mrs. Ferry, Mrs. Sleath, Miss Saint, Mrs. Sparrow and Mrs. Tabberer has been appointed, and they will shortly visit the parish, and ask people to join the scheme. We hope that they will meet with a very ready response. Success depends upon co-operation—it is only when many people give small sums regularly that a sound financial basis is secured—and the burden is light when it is shared by many.

All that you have to do is to take a packet of envelopes, make up your mind carefully how much you can give each week, put the money into the envelope, and drop it into the special box provided in the Church. The members of the Committee will have leaflets explaining the scheme when they call to see you, and they will be glad to answer any questions about it. T.H.P.

The Parish Magazine.

The Magazine is about ten pounds in debt, and, since it costs very much more to produce than the 2d which is charged, subscribers are asked if they will kindly be prompt in payment.

Day Schools.

Mrs. Walters has unfortunately been advised to resign her position as a teacher in the Senior School for reasons of health. The Managers have appointed Miss C. Perkins to take her place.

Sidesmen.

The following are on duty this month :—

- Oct. 1.—Mr. R. Cooper ; Mr. J. H. Clarke.
 „ 8.—Mr. R. Green ; Mr. Goodall.
 „ 15.—Mr. A. Enser ; Mr. W. Enser.
 „ 22.—Mr. R. Cooper ; Mr. J. H. Clarke.
 „ 29.—Mr. R. Green ; Mr. Goodall.

Women's Institute.

The second Annual Show of Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables, eggs, butter, dressed poultry, live poultry, and rabbits was held on Saturday, Sep. 2nd. There were over 300 entries and the quality of the fruit and vegetables was exceptionally good. Mr. Hopper (Leamington) and Mr. Stephens judged, and Mr. Hopper said that some of the exhibits were as good, if not better than any at the Shrewsbury Show. Miss Hake was disappointed at there being so few entries in the Rabbit Classes and offered a special prize for next year. Mr. Hopper also promised a silver medal to be competed for next year ; and two

special prizes will also be awarded for the best cultivated allotment and the best kept cottage garden. Messrs. Ryder (seedsmen) gave a medal which was awarded to the member gaining most awards. Mrs. Knowles (Corley Hall) kindly judged the dressed poultry, butter and eggs, and Mrs. Harris (Corley) live poultry. A vote of thanks was given the judges, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Plevins for arranging the show, which reflected great credit on them.

The centre of the hall was occupied by a fine collection of fruit, flowers and vegetables, not for competition, lent by Capt. Miller.

A Whist Drive was held in the evening, 60 players taking part. The prizes were grapes, plums, eggs, and a marrow, given by various members, and they were won by Miss M. Mitchell, Miss E. Walton, Mrs. Morris, Messrs. J. Smith, A. Sharlott, A. Gibson, and C. Pettifor. Mr. Suffolk acted as M.C.

The October monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, 19th, when we hope to have a lantern lecture, to which friends are cordially invited. Time, name of lecturer and subject will be announced later. On Wednesday, Nov. 1st, a lecture on Poultry Keeping will be given by Capt. Pierson-Webber, the C.C. poultry expert. This will be an open lecture, everyone interested in the subject will be welcome. During the winter months it is proposed to hold fortnightly Whist Drives on alternate Thursdays, and Dances on alternate Saturdays.

C. J. HANDS,
 Hon. Sec.

Young Men's Class.

The Vicar is starting a Class for Young Men, to be held in the Institute on Sunday afternoons at 2-15 p.m. The first meeting will be on Sunday, Oct. 1st. It is hoped to start a Gymnastic and Physical Culture Class in connection with this, to meet on Friday evenings. Anyone who would like to join is asked to give his name to the Vicar at once.

The Hut.

The Week-night Services begin, again, this month, but, owing to the difficulty of fitting in Wednesday with other engagements, the Service will be held on Thursday evenings at 7-30—the first will be on Oct. 5th. The Mothers' Meetings begin on Monday, Oct. 9th.

Holy Baptism.

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.

- Sept. 10.—Hubert John, son of Ernest John and Ada Steeley, Hall Hill Lane.
 „ 10.—Margaret Betty, daughter of Percy George and Lizzie Shapcott, Keresley Green.