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My dear People,

I send my very good wishes for the New Year to you all with the hope that it may prove to be one of real progress and happiness to us as a parish, and that it may bring the settlement we desire so much both abroad and at home.

I have been asked to call your attention to the great Annual Missionary Meeting in Coventry, on Monday, January 28th, in the Baths Assembly Hall, at 8 p.m. The speakers will be the Rev. E. Priestley Swain, Vicar of Putney, and Miss Doggett, of C.M.S..

It is very encouraging to be able to report another increase in our own Missionary effort here. The boxes produced £18 8s. 4d., as against £16 17s. 11d. last year, and £10 8s. 2d. in 1921. Mrs. Sleath, the Hon. Sec., deserves congratulations on her energy. We should like to have some more box-holders. Mrs. Sleath will be glad to supply boxes to anyone who will apply to her. On January 20th an old Oxford friend of mine—the Rev. K. C. McPherson—who is now Head Master of S. Paul's School, Madras, is coming to preach on behalf of S.P.G. Our Sunday School here hopes to be able to undertake to supply a Scholarship each year at that School, which contains about 600 Indian boys. A scholarship in India costs about £4 a year.

Yours affectionately,

T. H. PERRY.

Calendar for January.

- 1st. *Tuesday. Feast of the Circumcision.*
10-30 Holy Communion.
5-30 Evensong.
- 6th. *Epiphany*
7-0 Holy Communion.
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps. 72.
11-30 Holy Communion.
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 96; 97; 117.
- 13th. *First Sunday after Epiphany.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps. 46; 47; 67.
3-0 Children's Service.
3-45 Holy Baptism.
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 18.
- 20th. *Second Sunday after Epiphany.*
8-0 Holy Communion (The Hut).
10-30 Matins.
11-0 Holy Communion (Choral). Sermon by Rev. K. C. McPherson, Head Master of S. Paul's School, Madras.
3-0 Children's Service.
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 68 (omit verses 21-23), Sermon by Rev. K. C. McPherson.
- 25th. *Friday. Conversion of S. Paul.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
- 27th. *Third Sunday after Epiphany.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps. 42; 43.
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 33; 34.

Sidesmen on Duty.

January 9—Mr. Goodall; Mr. W. Enser
" 13—Mr. R. Cooper; Mr. G. Enser
" 20—Mr. J. H. Clarke; Mr. W. Glover
" 27—Mr. W. Enser; Mr. R. Green

Offertories.

November 25—£2 1 3 Church Expenses
December 2—£1 14 2 " "
" 9—£5 2 6 Missions to Seamen
" 16—£2 6 9 Church Expenses
Free will Offerings for November—£2 16 0
Ember Pence—13/3

Electoral Roll.

The Bishop has urged strongly at the Diocesan Conference and in the Diocesan Gazette that the Electoral Roll in every parish should be brought fully up to date. Those are qualified to be on the Electoral Roll who are lay members of the Church of England of either sex, who are over 18 years of age and who have signed the necessary declaration form. Every year the Roll is revised, and the names of new electors should this year be sent in before February 10th. A great many fresh people must have qualified to become electors since the Roll was first formed a few years ago, either because they have now reached the necessary age, or because they have lately come to live in the parish. It is most important that the Roll be as complete as possible, and those who are qualified to vote but who are not already on it are urged to fill up the form which can be obtained from any of the sidesmen or magazine distributors. T.H.P.

Mothers' Union.

There will be a Celebration of Holy Communion on New Year's Day at 10 30 a.m.

All members and their friends are asked to keep Saturday, January 12th free, and come to a Tea and Entertainment in the Women's Institute, beginning at 5 p.m. The proceeds to go towards the £9 which the Keresley and Coundon Branch has been asked to contribute to the Mary Sumner House Building Fund.

Details of the Programme will be issued later.

Parochial Church Council.

A Meeting was held in the Council School on Tuesday, November 27th, at 8-15 p.m. The Vicar presided. Other members present being Mrs. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Sleath, Mr. and Mrs. Tabberer, Miss Rotherham, Miss Enser, Miss Flowers, Miss Hands (Hon. Sec.), Mr. Craner, Mr. Clarke, Mr. W. Enser, Mr. G. Enser and Mr. R. Green.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Jagger, Miss Martin, Misses Ratliff, Mr. Loasby and Mr. Goodall. Minutes of last meeting were read and signed. The Vicar spoke of the noticeable improvement of the base of the War Shrine by cleaning, and Mr. Craner undertook to keep it clean in future.

Letters from Mr. Reynolds in connection with the alteration of boundaries were read, but this matter does not affect us. A letter from the Church of

England Waifs and Strays Society was also mentioned, and a letter of thanks from the Committee of the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, and one from the Bishop in reference to special appeal for Missions.

The Electoral Roll was mentioned and all asked to assist in bringing it up to date.

Miss Enser reported on the Freewill Offering, which had been in existence a year, and said the total amount given was £45 8s. 4d. There were then 83 subscribers. The Vicar suggested a little variation in the envelopes used for Lower Keresley, also that they be given in aid of the Hut. This was agreed to.

The Annual Meeting was spoken of, and suggestions made for arousing more interest in it.

Miss Rotherham reported on the Ruridecanal and Diocesan Conferences, and, among other things, said the Bishop asked Church Councillors to interest themselves more in the Sunday Schools. Members were asked to visit the Sunday Schools here.

The Vicar mentioned his proposal to shorten Morning Service on the first Sunday in the month, and the Council approved the idea.

C. J. HANDS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hut.

The New Year Party will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5th. It will take rather a different form from that of last year. It will begin with an Entertainment at 6-30, which will be followed by an interval for refreshments and a Whist Drive. We are all very sorry to learn that Miss Saint will soon be leaving this district. We shall miss her at the Hut in very many ways, and her place will be difficult to fill. It is proposed at the beginning of this year to extend the Freewill Envelope Scheme at the Hut. We hope that many of the churchpeople living at that end of the parish will join the scheme. The envelopes are specially printed for the Hut, and their contents will be devoted to extending Church work at Lower Keresley. A box will be placed in the Hut in which they may be put.

Communicants' Guild.

The members of the Communicants' Guild received with much regret the announcement that Miss Rotherham wished to resign the post of President. It came as such a surprise to all present at the Annual Meeting, that they were quite unable to express their regrets or any appreciation of the valuable work Miss Rotherham has done for the Guild. She has been President since the Guild was formed 17 years ago, and she has always taken a great interest in its work and in the members, both collectively and individually. Meetings held under her Presidency have always been conducted in a businesslike manner, and she has set an excellent example to all the other members by her strict adherence to the rules. Fortunately Miss Rotherham is still a member of the Committee and her advice and assistance are still at the service of of the members. We hope the day is far distant when she will cease to be a member of our Committee.

At the Annual Meeting Mrs. Niblett was elected President and Mrs. Perry Vice-President of the Guild. They are both keen members and we extend to them a hearty welcome.

The Whist Drive and Dance held on November 21st was voted by all present a big success. Priz^g for Whist were given by Mrs. Miller, Miss Rotherham, Miss Lloyd, Miss Tuckley, and Miss Saint, and they were presented to the winners by

Mrs. Niblett. The refreshments were all given by members and one or two friends. We shall be able to hand over £6 6s. to the Electric Light Fund.

MAY MARTIN, *Hon. Sec.*

Joint Missionary Boxes, 1923.

For the first time the Missionary Boxes were presented and offered at the close of evening service on December 9th. About 28 were brought, this was most encouraging and we hope to have many more box-holders in the coming year.

Sunday School—		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Perry's Bible Class	...	1	12	4
Mr. J. H. Clarke's	...	6	9	$\frac{1}{2}$
„ E. Cowpe's	...	2	6	$\frac{1}{2}$
„ Greenhalgh's	...	3	7	$\frac{1}{2}$
Miss Mitchel's	...	1	4	$\frac{1}{2}$
„ Perkins	...	1	10	$\frac{1}{2}$
„ Fortnum's	...	9	2	
„ Martin's	...	2	2	
„ Sparrow's	...	6	5	
„ Cowpe's	...	4	0	
Infant Sunday School	...	14	8	

Lower Green Sunday School—

Vicar's Class	...	4	4	$\frac{1}{2}$
Miss Hand's Class	...	8	4	
„ L. Smith's	...	3	7	
The Vicar and Mrs. Perry	...	2	2	0
Mr. Loasby	...	2	1	9
Miss Cowpe	...	2	7	5
Miss Jagger	...	1	2	6
Mrs. Evitts	...	18	2	$\frac{1}{2}$
„ Sleath	...	18	8	
Miss Lloyd	...	7	1	
„ Hands	...	10	7	
„ Martin	...	5	5	$\frac{1}{2}$
„ Sleath	...	16	6	
„ Ensor	...	7	6	
„ Sparrow	...	2	9	
Mrs. Green	...	1	0	
Miss Flowers	...	3	0	
„ Mitchell	...	1	8	
Mrs. Dalton	...	2	6	

£17 10 10

Dr. Barnardo Box Infant S. S. 17 6

Total £18 8 4

Allotted—		£	s.	d.
S.P.G.	...	9	4	11
S.P.C.K.	...	2	0	0
A.C.S.	...	3	2	5
Missions to Seamen	...	3	3	6
Dr. Barnardo's Homes	...	17	6	

£18 8 4

M. E. SLEATH, *Hon. Sec.*

Women's Institute.

The monthly meeting was held on Thursday, November 22nd, an open lantern lecture on Egypt being given by Capt. Mansfield, which was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Kibble and Miss Harwood were admitted as members.

At a Choir practice in December the members of the Choir presented Miss Ratliff with a silver-mounted baton in appreciation of her kindness and patience in training them.

The meeting on January 24th will be addressed by Miss Simpson of the National Federation.

C. J. HANDS, *Hon. Sec.*