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My dear People,

The outstanding event for us in the near future is the Parish Meeting at the Hut on Sept. 23rd. I hope that there may be a really good attendance, and that we may be able to begin to solve the big problem which the new Colliery Houses present to the Church in our parish. One thing we need at once, and that is workers. I should be very glad to hear from anyone who would undertake—either at the Hut or at the Parish Church—work as Sunday School Teachers, or in the Choir; also any who will volunteer to learn bell-ringing.

The Sunday School Festival has been fixed for Sunday, September 14th. Parents of children attending the Sunday Schools are invited to all the Services—the interest they show can do much to help both the children and the Teachers.

The gifts sent to the Hospital after the Flower Services in July were much appreciated, and the Matron of the Hospital wrote to thank all those who contributed.

Yours affectionately,

T. H. PERRY.

A Parish Meeting.

A Parish Meeting will be called to meet at the Hut, Keresley Green, on September 23rd, Tuesday, at 8-15 p.m.

Its purpose is to decide what steps can best be taken to provide a suitable Church and Services for Keresley Green. It is hoped that all those who are interested in the welfare of the Parish—wherever they may live—will attend.

Calendar for September.

- Sept. 7—*Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.*
7-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps. 65, 66.
11-30 Holy Communion.
3-0 Children's Service.
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 68 (omit vv. 21-23).
- " 10—*Wednesday.*
8-15 Communicants' Guild Preparation Service.
- " 13—*Saturday.*
Quiet Afternoon for Sunday School Teachers.
- " 14—*Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.*
Sunday School Festival.
Collections for Sunday School.
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps. 71.
3-0 Children's Service.
3-45 Holy Baptism.
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 67, 72.
- " 17, 19, 20—*Ember Days.*
- " 21—*Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.*
S. Matthew, A.E.M.
8-0 Holy Communion (The Hut).
10-30 Matins.
11-0 Holy Communion (choral).
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 73, 77.

- " 28—*Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps. 84, 85.
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 89.
- " 29—*Monday. S. Michael & All Angels.*
8-0 Holy Communion.

Sidesmen on Duty.

- Sept. 7—Mr. R. Green; Mr. Goodall.
" 14—Mr. J. H. Clarke; Mr. W. Glover.
" 21—Mr. W. Enser; Mr. G. Enser.
" 28—Mr. R. Green; Mr. W. Wall.

Communicants' Guild.

On July 23rd the Guild spent a most enjoyable evening in the garden of Keresley Grange. Miss Rotherham had very kindly invited us to have our Summer Social there, and it was a tremendous success. The garden was beautiful, and there were other attractions too. Lawn Tennis and Bumble-puppy were much enjoyed; the punt on the lake drew a big crowd, and although there were some screams there was no fearful accident.

The Competition for the box of chocolates was very keen, and after Mrs. Sparrow had led for a long time it was eventually won by Miss Elsie Osborne with the high score of nine.

We hope the Guild may have a very prosperous and busy time this winter.

The next Preparation Service will be on Wednesday, September 10th, at 8-15 p.m.

Adult Confirmation.

For the last few years there has been a Confirmation at the Cathedral in December for grown up people only, and each year some people from this parish have been confirmed.

There must be many people who, for one reason or another, were not confirmed early, who yet would like to feel that they were full members of the Church, and take their full share in the privileges which the Church can offer, and their full share in the work which the Church has to do.

Confirmation is the completion of Baptism. This year the Adult Confirmation is to be held at the Cathedral on December 11th. Anyone over 20 years of age who would like to be confirmed should let the Vicar know as soon as possible.

"The Hut," Keresley Green.

We would like to thank Mr. Oliver, of Exhall, and Mr. Wilson, of Coventry, for the help they have given while Mr. Barnes was away on his holiday. There will be a Parish Meeting in the Hut on September 23rd, at 8-15 p.m., to discuss plans for building a Church. We hope a good deal of interest will be shown. New-comers to the Colliery Houses will be particularly welcome as it concerns them most of all. We want more people to help in the work. Men are especially needed. The Sunday School is going strong, as the report shows, but as the number of children grows we want more teachers.

A Meeting of the Hut Committee will be held on Monday, September 8th, at 8-15 p.m.

Lower Keresley Sunday School.

The Flower Service was held on July 27th. There was nearly a full attendance of scholars, and almost every one brought a gift, some an egg, others a packet of cigarettes, others larger gifts, shewing, one and all, that they and their parents realised the meaning of the service. A nice lot of flowers were given too, considering that the new houses have no flower gardens yet, it was surprising how many were brought. Mr. Barnes conducted the service and received the gifts, which were placed on and around the altar. The flowers completely covered the top of the table. The children sang the Flower Service Hymn: "All things bright and beautiful," and "Fair waved the golden corn," very nicely, and an appropriate address was given by Mr. Barnes. The offertory for the Hospital amounted to 8/5. We should have liked to see more parents present, only four mothers came. After the service Mr. David Osborne kindly fetched the gifts and took them direct to the Coventry Hospital. It was very gratifying to us who are working in the Sunday School, that there was such a nice lot of gifts, tea, sugar, cocoa, biscuits, currants, rice, tapioca, six jars of jam, between twenty and thirty eggs, tobacco and cigarettes being given.

The Sunday School is still increasing, our average attendance for the month of July was 56, we shall soon be too big for our accommodation: C. J. H.

The Women's Institute.

Group Garden Party. The Second Annual Garden Party of the Group to which we belong, was held at Coundon Court, on Saturday, July 27th. Parties came from Berkswell and Allesley; owing to the sad death of Miss Melly, the Meriden Branch was not represented. About 200 sat down to an excellent tea in the Winter Garden, this was followed by an outdoor concert, given by the Allesley and our own W.I. Choirs; conducted by Mr. Walker and unaccompanied. Miss Ratliff and the Sports Committee had arranged Bowling, Hat-trimming and Plate-throwing competitions, and an egg-and-spoon race; there was no lack of entries. The tug-of-war had to be considered a draw. Twenty Berkswell ladies and a like number of our own Branch opposed each other, each with grim determination to prove their branch the strongest. One pull! and several promptly sat down, the rope broke! Mrs. Sleath promptly produced another, which she said no women could break, but evidently she has yet to learn there is very little that W.I. members cannot do if they all pull together, for this shared the same fate. After being so ignominiously "let down" twice, it was not surprising the visitors declined to risk a third grounding.

Mrs. Miller presented the prizes to the successful competitors, and hearty votes of thanks were given Mrs. Miller (on the proposition of a visitor) and the Sports Committee. Mrs. Miller provided the tea, and all our members were given tea-tickets. It was a very enjoyable afternoon, and thanks are due from us to Mrs. Miller for her kindness.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held on Sept. 18th, at 3 p.m., when we hope to have a demonstration on upholstery. C. J. HANDS, *Hon. Sec.*

Marriage.

Aug. 4—Septimus William Clarke to Ethel Sarah Willson.