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MY DEAR PEOPLE,

Before referring to some events of the past month I would remind you of the approach of the solemn season of Lent. In accordance with our motto for the year—"Forward," we should all try and order our ordinary affairs of life so that more time may be given by a far greater number of us to attend at this season to spiritual matters. A lot of time has been devoted to securing clergy to give addresses on week-days and sermons on Sunday evenings during Lent, and I want you on your part to respond to the effort that have been made to give you fresh food for spiritual thought which in God's mercy may help you to grow in holiness. It will mean the giving up of time devoted now to social activities and entertainments, even perhaps dragging yourselves away from the domestic hearth, where, tired after a hard day's work, you generally spend your evenings. But I feel confident that it will be worth while, if by such self-denial you are able to join with your fellow churchmen, in your Father's House of Prayer, in acts of devotion and meditation which will be profitable to your souls and beneficial to the spiritual life of the whole Parish. The Thursday afternoon services are as a rule well attended, but of course there is ample room for improvement. The attendance at the Wednesday evening services ought to be far greater than they have been. I do hope that many will make a great effort to attend the daily half-past-seven Celebration of the Holy Communion. In fact, I urge you all to take much more advantage of the opportunities for spiritual endeavour during the Church's Great Six Weeks' Fast that you have ever done before.

As is customary, we shall have a preacher from the Colonial and Continental Church Society at the 11 o'clock and 8 o'clock services on Ash Wednesday, and the collections at these services will be given to the Society.

For details of services and preachers during Lent I would refer you to the Parish News for the moment, and to the leaflets which will be issued on Quinquagesima Sunday.

I am most grateful for the kind help I received towards the Choir and Band of Hope Treats, and I can assure you that the children thoroughly enjoyed these entertainments. One other Christmas function still remains, and that is the Sunday School Prize-giving. This is fixed for Saturday, February 6th, in the Boys' School, at six o'clock. We should very much appreciate the company of any who are interested in the work of the Sunday School, and hope that many of the parents will be present on this occasion.

The Lantern Lecture given by the Assistant Secretary of the C.E.T.S. was not as well attended as it should have been. Those who stayed away missed a very interesting and instructive hour.

Once more we must congratulate the members of the Mothers' Meeting on the splendid result of their contributions during 1925 to the various objects they support. One is glad to note that the greater portion was given to the Medical Missions, because this part of the work of the Church Overseas is in close relationship to the manner in which Christ worked when upon earth.

The Missionary Council of the Church Assembly is sending out a "Call" from the Church Overseas to the Church at Home, which I hope will result in an awakening of missionary zeal amongst Christians at home. From a Convention which was held in London during the last week of January, information as to the opportunities which

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are open just now for a greater effort in preaching the gospel and enlarging Christ's Kingdom on earth will be given to all the parishes in the British Isles, and suggestions will be made as to the best methods to employ in creating a wider interest in the work of the Church in foreign parts. We are hoping to hold a Missionary School soon after Lent, and I should advise all who are dubious about the need for such work to join.

Last month we held our annual Parochial Church Meeting for the purpose of electing representatives to the Ruri-decanal Conference, and of electing the Parochial Church Council for 1926. The various accounts were presented and are published in this issue of the Magazine. With regard to the Churchwardens' Account I would remind you that although we have a fair balance, the expenses for this year will be greater. If, therefore, we are to continue to show so good a balance we shall need a much greater addition to the number of those who are assessed.

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Mothers' Union a sum of thirty shillings was handed to Mrs. Terry for the Nurse Fund. This sum represented the balance-in-hand from work done at the Monthly Meetings. Considering that these meetings have not long started, this was quite a good donation. The Mothers, however, hope to do better next time.

I have been asked to start a branch of the Girls' Friendly Society in the Parish. The difficulty is to find someone who would undertake this piece of useful work. It should of course be a lady who is a member and has had some experience in the work of the Society. I shall be grateful to hear from any who are or have been members.

I remain, your faithful friend and Vicar,

FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

INTERCESSIONS.

At 7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion

Mondays: Sunday Schools, Day Schools.

Tuesdays: District Visiting, Mothers' Union, Voluntary Workers in the Church, Cleaners, &c.

Wednesdays: Choir and Services, Parochial Church Council.

Thursdays: Temperance Work, Band of Hope, Crusaders and Adult Branch, C.E.T.S.

Fridays: Church Missions, Home & Over-seas

Saturdays: Church Lads' Brigade, Girl Guides, Girls' Friendly Society.

IMPORTANT.—Will all those who are responsible for Church Work please send in a full report by the 20th of each month, by so doing it will not only be of great use to our readers, but greatly forward the work of the Church. Applications for Advertisements in the Magazine, should be made to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. A. SIMMONS, 7, Oxford Road, Teddington.

We are grateful to our Advertisers for their support of our Magazine, and confidently hope our readers will support them.

Parish Wants.

1. A Parish Hall.
2. A Bier for use in Church at Funerals, approximate cost about £30.
3. A Piano for the Infants' School.
4. A Bath Chair.

CHURCHYARD.—Contributions towards keeping the Churchyard and the graves tidy will be welcomed, and may be sent to Mr. C. H. Evans (Churchwarden), Roseneath, Edward road, Hampton Hill.

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, between the hours of 8.45 and 10 a.m. And on any day, except Mondays, between the hours of 6 and 7 p.m.

Parish News.

BIBLE CLASSES.—A Bible Class for Lads is held in the Church Room, on Sundays at 6 p.m.

A Bible Class for Girls is held in the Girls' School on Sundays at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.—The Company Parades are held on Tuesdays in the Boys' School, for the Juniors at 7.15 p.m., and for the Seniors at 8 p.m. The Monthly Church Parade is on the fourth Sunday in the Month at 11 a.m.

LADS' CLUB.—A Club for lads who have left school is held in the Boys' School, on Wednesdays, from 7 to 9.30 p.m. The minimum subscription is a penny a week.

MOTHERS' UNION.—The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Church Room, on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 2.30 p.m.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT.—**Ash Wednesday.** Holy Communion, 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12. Matins and Address, 11 a.m. Evensong and Address, 8 p.m. The Preacher at Matins and Evensong will be a deputation from the Colonial and Continental Church Missionary Society, and the collections at these services will be given to the Society. **On Thursdays** in Lent there will be a Service and Address at 3.15 p.m. **On Wednesdays** in Lent, Service at 8 p.m., when the Rev. F. J. Browell, Vicar of Feltham, will give a course

of addresses. On the Sunday Mornings a course of addresses will be given on "The Prayer Book." Special Preachers have been secured for the Sunday Evenings in Lent.

The Rev. E. R. Milton will give a series of Lantern Services for Children in the Boys' School, on Monday evenings, at 6 p.m. Children, other than members of the Band of Hope, will be admitted at a penny each. The following subjects have been chosen:—February 22nd, "Darkness to Light"; March 1st, "The World in Waiting"; March 8th, "The Clash of Colour"; March 15th, "The Parable of the Talents"; March 22nd, "The Parable of the Lost Sheep"; March 29th, "The way of the Cross."

CHOIR BOYS' OUTING.—On January 4th, the boys had a delightful time at the Lyceum Theatre where they saw the pantomime "Dick Whittington." After nearly four hours of pantomime they were given a good tea at a restaurant near by. The journey to Town gave an added joy to the outing. Most grateful thanks are due to those who sent donations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING.—The distribution of prizes in connection with the Sunday School will take place in the Boys' School, on Saturday, February 6th, at 6 p.m. It is hoped that many parents will endeavour to be present.

C.E.T.S. LECTURE.—A very interesting lecture was given by the Rev. Leslie St. Aubrey, entitled: "From Justice to Mercy." It was a pity that more did not avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them by this lecture of learning what a change has taken place even within the last century in the punishment for crime.

MOTHERS' MEETING.—The contents of the mothers' collecting boxes during the year 1925, are as follows:—Missions to Seamen, £2 os. 9d.;

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