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PAROCHIAL NOTES.

Churchwardens—Mr. C. E. W. Barrett and Mr. C. A. Child.

Organist—Mr. Bougourd, 214, Stanley Road, Teddington.

Parochial Church Officer.

Mr. S. V. Forrow, 68, Sunnyside Road, Teddington.

Sunday School.

11 a.m. in Club Room, Superintendent—Miss Bennett. Infants in Parish Hall, at 11 a.m. Superintendent—Miss Child. All children assemble in Church at 2.15 p.m. for Children's Service.

Missionary Association.

Meetings as announced. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. C. A. Child.

Mothers' Union.

Monthly Meetings, First Wednesday in each month in the Club Room, 3 p.m., and Quarterly Meetings. Enrolling Member—Mrs. Harvey.

St. James's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society meets in the Club Room, on Thursdays at 8 p.m. Associate Member—Miss Harvey.

Girl Guides. Captain—Miss Bass.

Brownies. Brown Owl—Miss C. Brown.

Sea Scouts.

"The Venture," Hampton Water Works Group Scout Master—Mr. Ealden.

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage daily between 8.45 and 9.45 a.m.; and 6.15 and 7 p.m.

Sickness.

The Vicar will be grateful, if cases of sickness are reported to him at once.

Churchyard.

Contributions towards the up-keep of the Churchyard will be gratefully received by Mr. C. A. Child, 149, Burtons Road.

Magazine Hon. Secretary—Mrs. C. A. Child.

Magazine Advt. Secretary—Mr. C. A. Child.

Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

Our thoughts naturally turn to Lent, its meaning for us and what use we can each one make of it as a means of a real spiritual spring-cleaning.

On Ash Wednesday we enter one and that the longest period of Fasting or Abstinence enjoined by the Church. The other two Fasts are Advent and Rogationtide. All three are connected with three of the four great Festivals of the Church, viz, Christmas, Easter and Ascension, and are portions of time set apart for preparation for the better keeping of these Festivals by all Christian people. The one we are particularly thinking about is Lent. It is a Season when the Church calls all her members to exercise some strict act of self-discipline which will enable them to deepen their spiritual lives by finding out and curbing if not ridding themselves of those things which hinder them from being what God wants them to be and living according to His standary as exhibited in the life and teaching of Jesus, His only begotten Son. The Greeks had a motto "know thyself" which we should do well to take as our own for Lent. Self-knowledge is a very difficult thing because our powers of perception are very faulty. We are so self-centred and

conceited that we rarely see ourselves as others see us and it comes as a shock when in the course of conversation some little habit is revealed to us as ours which we should condemn in others at once. How then must we appear in the sight of God who knows us through and through? To know ourselves really is to see ourselves as He sees us. We try to do this by way of our acts of discipline or self-denial which we practice during Lent; and we do this by using the forty days fast as a time of self-examination of real scrutiny in the light of the Pattern Life of our Saviour. We call those things which hinder us from producing in our own persons anything corresponding to the Christ-Life by the one little word "sin." It is sin which, while we know that it separates us from the love of God, we are apt to forget spoils that "image" in which we were made and in the growing up of which we must exercise ourselves until we produce the perfect likeness. Our Lenten task therefore is to try and remove the stains of sin and to touch them up with a more colourful spirituality. How are we to do this? What is the best method to employ from Ash Wednesday till Easter? Whatever acts of discipline we plan for ourselves, some of the time recovered from the self-denial from our ordinary manner of living should be employed to study

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the Pattern Life in our Bibles and measuring our own with it in meditation followed by a space of prayer in which to confess our failures, plead forgiveness and seek the assistance of the Holy Spirit in our way of amendment. Clearly this implies a closer union with God and we should remember that others are doing the same and that our and their efforts affect the whole Body of Christ of which each of us is a member. It will be of great value to all collectively and individually, therefore, to meet together in those spiritual Power Stations, our Churches, to worship in Common prayer, meditation and Sacrament, thus storing up that spiritual energy which is there generated which will help all in the common task of spiritual renewal. I would suggest, then, that our acts of worship, especially our Communion, be more regular and sustained, that we should make use of the week-day Communion and other Services whenever possible. But above all when once we have made our plans for Lent observance let nothing be allowed to upset them and that when once we have restarted searching our own hearts, proving and examining our thoughts and manner of living under the grace and guidance of God, we must not fall back into our old habits when Easter is over. We are now on the threshold of a great Evangelistic effort in the Twickenham Borough which I mentioned in last month's magazine. As it will follow soon after Easter what better way to make ready to take our part in it than by preparing to receive the Power of His Resurrection at that Queen of Festivals.

I remain your faithful friend and Vicar,

FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

Days of Special Remembrance.

Mar. 10th—Ash Wednesday. Holy Com.

munion 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Matins, Litany and Communion Service 10 a.m. Lantern Service 6 p.m.

Mar. 25th—The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. M.U. Corporate Communion 10.30 a.m.

PARISH NOTES.

Arrangements for Lent.

Week-day Communion—Wednesdays 7.30 a.m. Fridays 7 a.m. Also Wednesday, 10th March, 11 a.m. and Thursday, 1st April, 11 a.m.

Wednesdays. A Lantern Service in Church 6 p.m., beginning Ash Wednesday, 10th March. Conducted by Mr. J. H. K. Beighton.

Thursdays beginning 11th March. A Course of Services with Addresses conducted by The Rev. B. G. Chandler, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Hounslow.

Sundays. At Matins the Vicar will preach a Course of three sermons on "The Atonement" on the first three Sundays, viz, March 14th, 21st and 28th, and on the last three Sundays, viz, April 4th, 11th and 18th, the subjects will be respectively:—"Holy Baptism," "Confirmation" and "Holy Communion." The Rev. A. E. Saul will preach at Evensong, 3.30 p.m., on 21st March. The Rev. Russell B. White will preach at Evensong (6.30 p.m.), on Sunday, 28th March.

The Alms at the Thursday afternoon services will go towards the Parish Quota of £15 for the Moral Welfare Work of the Hampton Deanery.

Lent Savings Boxes for the Boys' Padcroft Home (C.E.T.S) or for the S.P.G. may be had from the Vicar or from the table at the west end of the Church.

Mothers' Union.

The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Club Room on Wednesday, 3rd March, at 3 p.m., when

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the Rev. T. G. Manly will speak on the work of the Church in South America.

The Feast of the Annunciation is the Annual Festival of the Mothers' Union. There will be a Corporate Communion at 10.30 a.m. In the afternoon a Deanery Service will be held at St. Alban's Church, Teddington, at 3 p.m.

Church Army.

The Church Army asked the Vicar to organise a Flag Day Depot in the Parish. He is glad to say that Mrs. Child has kindly undertaken this piece of work to help the great work the Church Army is doing amongst the Forces. The Flag Day is Saturday, 17th April. Mrs. Child would be pleased to receive offers of help for this day from any willing to sell the flags.

The Sunday School.

For some two or three Sundays the Infants have been having lessons about Gift-giving. They were first told of St. Nicholas, whose name children shortened to "Claus," and because he was so good and kind he is always called Saint or "Santa." So now you know where our Santa Claus originated. St. Nicholas became a Bishop, but long before, even when a boy, his one desire was to be kind and make people happy as Jesus did. There are many stories of how he was constantly doing this and he lived in very poor lodgings in order to use all his money to make other people happy. In their next lesson they were told about St. Martin, and how when a Roman Soldier he gave a poor shivering beggar his warm cloak, an act which was the means of his conversion and of his later becoming a Bishop. The third lesson was about a little girl called Madelon and a little boy called Peter. The little girl cried because she had no gift to give Baby Jesus. The Angel Gabriel led her to some Christ-

mas roses which she picked and took to the stable and gave to Jesus. The little boy saw some very poor boys looking at a beautiful display of toys in a toy-shop window and one of them said "Wouldn't I just like that boat." Peter wondered who would give him one and eventually he, himself, was prompted to give one of his on Christmas Eve. He had a dream that night and in it he found himself kneeling at the feet of Jesus who had his boat in His hand and said to Peter "Whatever you give to one of the littlest of My brothers you really give to Me." In order to bring home these lessons to the children they were asked to bring some toys to give to some of their less fortunate little brothers. Quite a number were forthcoming and they were taken by the Superintendent, Miss Thelma Child, to the Children's Home in St. James's Road. Miss Child has to relinquish her work amongst the Infants for the "duration" as she is going to do war-work. The Vicar is grateful to her for her good work in the Infants' department of the Sunday School and looks forward to the time when she will be able to take it up again. The young people will miss her very much.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The above was held on 28th January. After the usual routine of presenting the various Reports and the Accounts, the Meeting proceeded to elect the Parochial Church Council for 1943. The following ladies and gentlemen were elected. Messrs. Cox, Lovell, Forrow, Belshaw, Nightingale, Sturt, Neave. Mrs. Belshaw, Miss Blackmore, Mrs. and Miss Child, Miss Cox, Mrs. Damon, Mrs. Forrow, Mrs. and Miss Harvey, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Seamark, Mrs. Wiggins.

At the first meeting of the Council, Mr. S. V. Forrow was elected as the Parochial Church Officer.

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On and after Sunday, 28th March, Evensong will be at 6.30 p.m. and Children's Service at 3 p.m.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

Jan. 31—Robert Aylott.

Feb. 6—Patrick James Mitchell.

Feb. 14—Barbara Helen Maxwell.

Feb. 21—Valerie Ann Montague.

MARRIAGE.

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

Feb. 20—Stanley William Urry and Jean Mary Hutton.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Feb. 5—George David Singleton, aged 22 years.

Feb. 12—John Henry Frederick Reed, aged 88 years.

Feb. 20—Nettie Harriet Mary Robinson, aged 88 years.
