

March 1916

LENT, 1916.- Ash Wednesday (March 8th) is the first day of Lent. If ever we are to be conscious of the need, the personal and the common need of prayer and humiliation, of fasting or self denial, of patience and courage for ourselves and of mutual sympathy and brotherly love for one another, it must surely be so NOW in these unparalleled days when God is visiting us with distress and anxiety such as the world has never known before. The solemn season of Lent is intended to give us, if used aright, just the help and comfort and guidance that we so sorely need at this time. "Great our strength (the strength our Father gives us) if great our need," and of the greatness of our need we can have no doubt, but we must believe in His Power and Will to give us the strength, and we must ask for it. I earnestly hope and pray that we may, every one of us, be drawn closer to Him and to one another by our present trials and become one in faith and prayer and fellow-feeling as we are one (whether we like it or not) in sorrow and suffering. I subjoin a list of our special services and subjects for Lent, and I trust they may be used and found useful by many.

F. H. TATHAM, Vicar.

ON SUNDAYS (10.30 a.m.).

AT MORNING SERVICE the Vicar will speak of six conditions of salvation, viz.: 1, Regeneration: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit;" 2, Conversion, "Except ye be converted;" 3, Repentance, "Except ye repent;" 4, Righteousness, "Except your righteousness exceed, etc.;" 5, Spiritual Food, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man;" 6, Abiding in Christ, "Except ye abide in Me."

AT EVENSONG (5 p.m.) the Rev. A. E. Baynes will speak of: 1, Sin; 2, The need of Atonement; 3, The Person of the Mediator; 4, The Sacrifice of Calvary; 5, The Mission of the Holy Spirit; 6, Sanctification.

The Intercession service will be held on Wednesday evening at 5 during Lent, instead of Friday, and the addresses will be given on March 15th and the four following Wednesdays by the Rev. A. J. Moxon, Vicar of Stewkley.

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion on Thursdays at 8. On Fridays at 5 p.m. there will be a short service specially for children. The Intercession service at 7.30 will be for the present discontinued.

EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN ON THE LAND.- In spite of the rough weather there was a large attendance (over 100) at the Hall at the meeting on February 27th. It consisted principally of women. Very few farmers were present, which was unfortunate as the main object of the meeting was to bring employers and workers together for discussion and mutual explanation. Mr. Tarver was in the chair and Mrs. Roberts, of Ivinghoe, the County Council delegate, delivered a most practical and useful address on the question. (The address may be read verbatim in the local papers of last week). Mr. Frank Walker has been appointed Registrar for Wing and he is prepared to receive applications and to put all who are willing to work and all who want workers in place of men who have been withdrawn from the land, into communication with one another. The matter is very urgent and we hope there will be a ready response from both parties.

MOTHERS' UNION.- The quarterly meeting was held in the Parish Room on Wednesday , Feb. 23rd. The weather was most unpropitious, and prevented all mothers who lived at a distance from attending, but, nevertheless, forty-two members were present, a far larger number than could be expected, and they were rewarded by hearing an excellent and most practical address by Miss Cother, of Fenny Stratford.

THE CONFIRMATION.- Our candidates were so few in number this year that at the Vicar's request the Bishop of Buckingham confirmed them at Ivinghoe on Feb 20th instead of (as originally intended) at Wing on the 28th. The names of those presented are: From Wing- Leonard Ayres, William Pratt, Salome Biggs, Edith Temple, Doris Horne, Abigail Linda Farmer; and from Soulbury- Ethel Beatrice Chatfield. There was some doubt at the time whether the state of the roads would admit of their driving to Ivinghoe, the snow was so deep, but after the unusually rough weather of the preceding four days, came a change of wind and a thaw, and all was well.

THE SCHOOLS.- The Diocesan Inspection was held on the mornings of Feb. 22nd and 23rd- the boys on the 22nd, girls and infants 23rd. We are glad the Inspector, the Rev. Treffry Harvey, Rural Dean, is able to report so favourably on both scholars and teachers.

REPORT.

The work in each school was remarkably well known, and the lower group of the infants was really splendid. Intelligence, accuracy and a universal readiness in answer in every division were very striking. The Managers are fortunate in the services of their staff, and everything I saw and heard in connection with the examination was thoroughly and entirely satisfactory.

Boys- Division I.: Diocesan Prize, William Bandy, senr. Certificates, Norman Redrup, Dudley Phillips. Commended, Guy Lane, F. Dimmock, Stanley Dimmock. Div. II: Certificates, William Haynes, Albert Rimington. Commended, Arthur Guess, Geo. Baker, Wm. Rowe, Reginald Gates. Div. III: Certificates, Harry Tearle, Gerald Dimmock. Commended, Willie Woolhead, Percy Jordan, Bryan Hunt, Geo. Woodwards.

Girls.- Diocesan Prize, Nellie Haynes. Div I.: Certificates, Dorothy Baker, Annie Corkett. Commended, Edith Cutler, Ivy Cutler, Louisa Randall. Div. II.: Certificates, Amy Redrup, Mary Woolhead. Commended. Morna Mortimer, Myra Haynes, Connie Holland, Nellie Cutler. Div. III.: Certificates, Myrtle Redrup, Elsie Dudley. Commended, Elsie Groves, Muriel Engeldew, Edith Baker, Freda Hammerton.

Infants-Commended (Div. I.) Edward Tearle, Joseph Brand, Bernard Robinson, Eva Eagles, Ivy Richardson, Albert Badrick, Phyllis Russell. Div II.: Kenneth Bandy, Vera Hunt, Robert Fountaine, Cecil Corkett, Stanley Smith.

WING PROVIDENT DISPENSARY.- The General Meeting will not be held this year, as there is no matter of importance to submit to such meeting, and the public interest is so wholly absorbed in the war at the present time. We hope to publish full report and statement of accounts next month.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS.

HOLY BAPTISM.

Feb. 6th.- Ethel May, daughter of Albert and Ethel Syrratt, of Wing.

BURIALS.

Feb. 14th.- Eliza Roadnight, widow, aged 82.

15th.- Charles Woodwards, son of Harry and Mary Ann Woodwards, aged 14.

29th.- Levi Rickard of the Dormer Almshouses, aged 61.

Mar. 1st.- Matilda, daughter of John and Elizabeth Windmill, aged 56.

One word must be said about Levi Rickard. The Vicar on Sunday evening, in speaking of the importance of putting God's Will, His Service, His Approval before everything else, said: This is not common, I grant you, but we see instances of it now and then. I have one in my mind at this moment. God tests us in various ways. Some are called upon to act and some to suffer. Our friend, Levi Rickard, was one of the latter; his was a service of suffering, of many years of pain and helplessness, borne without a murmur in simple faith and trust in His Saviour, and with a cheerfulness that it was good to see and was an example to us all. "They also serve who only stand and wait."

OFFERTORY RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	
Feb. 6 th . 5 th Sun. after Epiphany	1	14	1	Sick and Needy.
13 th . 6 th Sun. 2 "	1	17	10	Church Exp.
20 th . Septuagesima	1	8	6	" "
27 th . Sexagesima	0	18	2	" "