

All Saints', Petersham.

MONTHLY PAPER.

MARCH 3rd, 1905.

LENT.

THE REVIVAL SEASON.

We hear much in these days of "Revivals" and their results, and of special missions and other efforts made by Christian people to stem the stream of practical godlessness and arouse their fellows to a sense of responsibility in the matter of their relation to God and His mighty and merciful provision for us men and our salvation.

The need for such arousing and stimulating has always been recognised by the Church, and from ancient times she has made provision for it. The seasons of Lent and Advent are the Church's Annual Mission Seasons, and it is, doubtless, in some degree owing to the repudiation of these seasons and the disuse of the provisions made by the Church for their observance that special and spasmodic efforts have had to be resorted to.

The sacred and solemn season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 8th. There comes to us all a call once again to use the opportunities and to seek the blessings of its fair and proper observance. May we earnestly look for the grace of God which alone can incline us and enable us to use this season of true spiritual revival aright.

But whatever we do or attempt as our observance of the forty days in which Christ fasted and was tempted for us let it be real and honest and true. Mere outward observance which never gets beneath the surface or touches the inner man will only tend to make hypocrites and self-deceivers.

All are earnestly invited to attend regularly and constantly the services in Church on Sunday, and, where possible on the week days, that we may together approach the Throne of Grace and hear the Word of the Lord. Especially those who seldom enter the House of God are affectionately urged to break through the bonds of habit and make a beginning. Jesus said: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name there am I in the midst of them." Will you come to meet Him?

Then as to self-denial. There are some who cannot fast literally, or who in their poverty keep a perpetual fast. But all can deny themselves in some way, and special acts of self-denial at such a time as this are a great help both in learning to govern self, and also as a reminder of the meaning and teaching of the season. Can you not give up some indulgence and so save something to give to the service of God in His Church, or the poor? God Himself points out this way of fasting as the best (see Is. lvii, 6—7.) Can you not deny yourself some favourite amusement, and spend the time saved either in study of God's Word, or in doing acts of kindness to others? Can you not give a little longer time to prayer or devotional reading? If you can do any such act of self-denial, do it very simply and quietly, without any display of self-importance. Offer it humbly to God, as a little sacrifice willingly made to Him. He will accept and bless it for the sake of the one great Sacrifice of Him who "pleased not Himself," but gave Himself for us, "an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour."

May God make this Lent a season of rich blessing to our souls, converting the wicked, awakening the careless, restoring the fallen, strengthening the weak, and sanctifying those who persevere, so that Easter may find us prepared to rejoice in the joy of our risen Lord.

All Saints' Church.—Offertories during February.

February 5th	0 14 6	4 11 11	3 8 9	8 15 2
„ 12th	0 9 6	4 15 0	2 19 0	8 3 6
„ 19th	0 11 3	5 0 8	4 2 0	9 13 11
„ 24th		0 2 0		0 2 0
„ 26th	0 6 9	4 2 1	3 8 6	7 17 4

Mission Church.—Offertories during February.

February 5th	1 1 6	0 17 4	1 18 10
„ 12th	0 19 6	1 2 7	2 2 1
„ 19th	1 5 4	0 17 1	2 2 5
„ 26th	0 18 10	0 19 7	1 18 5

Holy Baptism.—*“Born again of water and of the Spirit.”*

February 5th, Ida Christina Phyllis Burgess ; 8th, Ethel Florence Clough ; 12th, Aileen Elizabeth Hoskisson ; 16th, Phyllis May Proctor, Aileen Elsie Proctor, Nora Proctor, William John Proctor ; 22nd, Dorothy Phyllis Kingsley ; 26th, Arnold Allen King.

Holy Matrimony.—*“Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.”*

February 27th, Henry Fay to Amy Burnham.

LENTEN SERVICES.**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.**

Ash Wednesday, March 8th.—On this, the first day of Lent, the following services will be held at All Saints' Church :—

7 a.m., Holy Communion ;

11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion ;

7.45 p.m., Evening Prayer and Communion Service.

On Sunday Mornings the special Lenten preachers will be :—

March 12th, REV. R. NOAKE, B.A. (Rector of Bondi) ;

„ 19th, REV. H. J. ROSE, K.C.L., TH. A. (Rector of Strathfield) ;

„ 26th, REV. WILLOUGHBY FLOWER, M.A., (Rector of Darling Point) ;

April 2nd, REV. LUKE PARR (Organizing Secretary Church Society) ;

„ 9th, REV. W. J. CAKEBREAD, B.A. (Rector of St. John's, Balmain).

„ 16th, REV. J. N. MANNING, L.L.D. (Rector of St. Michael's) ;

On Sunday Evenings a course of sermons will be preached by the RECTOR on *“SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF CHRIST.”*

On Wednesday Evenings a course of addresses will be given by the RECTOR on *“THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.”*

On Week Days there will be MORNING PRAYER daily, at 10 minutes to 9, lasting about 15 minutes, and EVENING PRAYER on Wednesday at 7.45, and on Friday at 5 o'clock.

On Sunday, March 19th, Special Collections will be made towards the deficit in Church Funds.

MISSION CHURCH.

Special courses of Sermons will be preached during Lent at both morning and evening services on Sundays, of which further notice will be given

On Thursday evenings there will be Evening Prayer at 7.45 at which a series of addresses will be delivered.

All Saints' Church Council.—At the monthly meeting on February 28th the Churchwardens reported to the Council that the current account was overdrawn to the extent of £121 odd, but that they hoped by the close of the financial year on the 31st March to be able to reduce this deficit to £65, because a number of pew rents had yet to be paid and several subscriptions to the Church Fund would no doubt be contributed as was usual during the last month of the year.

But *when all ordinary expectations had been realized* they estimated that it would be necessary to apply to the parishioners for this additional £65 in order to follow the example set now for some years past at All Saints' of closing the year's operations free of debt. The Council passed a resolution asking the Wardens to arrange for a special offertory on Sunday, March 19th (or if that day be wet, on the following Sunday), and further suggested that the Wardens should issue an explanatory circular to parishioners, enclosing envelopes for use on that Sunday for *additional* contributions towards the estimated deficit.

All Saints' Church Choir.—The annual presentation of rewards to the choristers took place at a pleasant social gathering of the Choir, held in the School Hall on Monday evening, February 6th. Mr. S. Forster presided, the Rector, Churchwardens, and some members of the congregation were present. Musical items were rendered by the Choir, and light refreshments were provided during the evening. The Choirmaster (Mr. W. T. Wood) submitted a very favourable report of the year's work, which lack of space prevents printing in extenso, but from which some extracts are here appended, which more immediately concern those who did not hear the full report.

"With the goodly help of a few friends, to whom we tender our sincere thanks, we are enabled to provide the choristers with some very handsome and useful presents. We shall be pleased to have similar help in future, as these kindly acts stimulate the boys to renewed exertions."

"This year has been an important one in our history, inasmuch as the first anniversary of the Consecration of the Church was marked by a special service which the Choir and congregation largely attended. At this service the new edition of 'Church Hymns' was introduced, and we are glad to know that the congregation are already appreciating the change, more especially as concerns the tunes of the Hymns. We hope that this feeling will continue and that it will promote our congregational singing throughout the service so that we all may still more heartily join with the Choir in singing the Canticles and Psalms as well as the Hymns. There is nothing more satisfactory, musically, to the Clergy, the Choirmaster and the Organist than to hear the voices of the congregation in harmony with the Choir."

"The new cassocks and surplices, replacing those which had done duty for so many years, were used for the first time at the Festival Choral Service on All Saints' Day. The money which enabled us to purchase them was advanced by the Wardens—an action much appreciated—and, happily, we are able to say that full repayment has been made through the subscriptions of the members of the Choir, supplemented by the proceeds of the recent Harbour Excursion."

The Rector desired to thank the officers and members of the Choir for the enthusiastic way in which their work had been carried on for another year. He felt that too much was expected of Church choirs in these days, and drew attention to the words of the Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Gore) and the Bishop of London (Dr. Winnington Ingram) who pleaded for some moderation in the attempt to carry out Cathedral services in Parish Churches. The great purpose of Church choirs was to lead the congregation in public worship, and so devote their musical gifts to the service of the sanctuary as that all might be led to "sing with grace in their hearts to the Lord."

The rewards were presented by Mr. Gaston, with appropriate and encouraging words to each recipient.

Congratulatory speeches were made by the Chairman, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Flannery, Mr. Cusiter and others.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, STANMORE ROAD.

Sundays: 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Morning Prayer; Sermon; Holy Communion (1st and 3rd)
3.15 p.m. Children's Service; 4 p.m. Holy Baptism. (2nd Sunday)
7.30 p.m. Evensong with Sermon.

Holy Days: 11 a.m. Holy Communion.

Week Days: Daily, 8.50 a.m., Morning Prayer.

Wednesday, 7.45 p.m., Evening Prayer with Address.

Friday, 5 p.m., Evening Prayer.

Every alternate row of seats is free. Application for sittings should be made to the Churchwardens or to the Verger after any of the services.

Choir Practice Thursdays, 7.45 p.m.

Holy Baptism Second Sunday in the month, 4 p.m. Wednesdays, 7.15 p.m.

Marriages By arrangement with the clergy who require at least two days' notice

Churchings Before any Service.

Bible Classes For Young Women, at 3 o'clock, at All Saints' Church Vestry.

(Sunday) For Young Men, at 2.15 p.m., at All Saints' School Class Room.

Sunday Schools Morning, 9.45. Afternoon, 3.15. Teachers' Preparation, Mondays, 7.30

All Saints' Mens' Guild: Tuesday, 8.30 p.m., All Saints'.

All Saints' Women's Guild: Wednesday, March 8th, 4.15 p.m., Vestry.

Missionary Union: Wednesday, March 15th, 7.45 p.m. (in Church).

Ministering Children's League:

SENIOR BRANCH.—Friday, March 24th, 4.15 p.m., All Saints' Vestry

JUNIOR BRANCH.—Friday, March 3rd, 17th, 4 p.m., Vestry.

Preparation for Holy Communion: Wednesday, March 15th, 7.45, All Saints'.

District Visitors' Meeting: Thursday, Mar. 16th, noon: Mission Church, 3.30 p.m.

Mothers' Union: Wednesday, March 29th, at 3 p.m., All Saints' Vestry.

Church Lads' Brigade: Friday, 7.45 p.m., All Saints' Schoolroom.

Religious Instruction: Petersham Public School, Wednesday, 9.30 to 12 & 2 to 3.30
Stanmore Public School, Thursday, 9.30 to 12 and 2 to 3.30
Crystal Street Public School, Friday, 10.15 to 12.30.

All Saints' Church Council: Monday, March 27th, at 8 o'clock.

Mission Church Council: Monday, March 6th, at 8 o'clock.

MISSION CHURCH, CRYSTAL STREET.

Sundays: 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion (3rd Sunday).
11 a.m. Morning Prayer; Sermon; Holy Communion (1st Sunday)
3.15 p.m. Children's Service (2nd Sunday)
7.30 p.m. Evensong with Sermon.

Thursdays, 7.45 p.m. Evensong with Address.

Choir Practice: Friday, 7.30 p.m.

CLERGY:—Rector, Rev. R. E. Goddard, B.A. (Cantab), The Rectory.

Curate, Rev. A. G. Perkins, "Cromwell," 10 Hopetoun-street.

ASSISTANT CLERGY:—*Honorary*—Rev. E. B. Procter, "Staffa," Cavendish-street.

Flower List.—ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.—March 5th, Miss Haviland; 12th, Miss Gaston; 19th, Mrs. Munce; 26th, Miss Wood; April 2nd, Miss Haviland; 9th, Miss Gaston; 16th, Mrs. Munce; 23rd, Miss Brown; 30th, Miss Wood.

MISSION CHURCH.—Miss Chandler.

Hymns for March in All Saints' Parish Church will be as follows:—

March 5th (morning),	121, 252	(evening),	499 (anth), 395, 55
" 12th	" 126, 131, 312	"	125, 122, 376 (2), 44
" 19th	" 128, 260	"	531 (anth), 543, 53
" 26th	" 462, 385, 315	"	451, 494, 551, 454
April 2nd	" 364, 556	"	382 (anth), 363, 44