

St. Oswald's Parish Magazine.

GRASMERE, March 1st, 1908.

LENT AND EASTER, 1908.

Our readers will find on next page a somewhat full programme of Church Services which has been arranged for these solemn seasons.

Great blessing will come to him or her who will really set apart the season of Lent as one for self-examination and prayer. We hear the Master's question "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" and the same Lord who gave that blind man sight is still waiting and longing to open the windows of Heaven and pour blessings upon His willing people. Are we amongst those who think ourselves rich and in need of nothing? Can we look forward into the future to that time when we shall stand before our Holy God and say, I am *all* that God intended me to be? Ask yourself, dear friend, Have I loved God with all my heart and mind and soul and strength, and my neighbour as myself? If your answer is uncertain now is the day of grace, of repentance, of opportunity which may never come again. Cast away all frivolity and worldliness and get back to God with weeping, fasting, and praying.

Whilst Lent is the season for self-examination, we invariably find that one way of helping ourselves towards a higher life is systematic and self-sacrificing thought for others. The man who could say "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have wrongfully exacted aught of any man I restore fourfold" (S. Luke, xix., 5-10), received a singular reward, "To-day is salvation come to this house." It is for your own sakes, therefore, that I ask you to come to these Lenten Services with as large an offering as you can—I do not say "afford"—but, deny yourself. The lesson of the Cross is that joy will come to him who will yield the things most precious to God, in sacrifices which cost pain and hurting. Will you not try to cut off some luxury, or even some necessity, week by week for the sake of the dumb creatures who cannot plead for themselves, for the sake of the ill-used little ones for whom He died, for the sake of those whose lot is cast on the cruel waters, for the sake of those who are cast ashore penniless and homeless from off their shipwrecked crafts, for the sake of those stewards of the mysteries of God who are uncomplainingly working at starvation pittance, or who rest from their labours leaving behind orphan children whose guardians are we who are members of Christ's body on earth? "Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy, the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble." Will you ask God to show you the course you ought to take to secure this blessing. He became poor for our sakes, may not we deny self a little for His?

Resolve then to (i.) Think much on your own state before God, (ii.) Attend the means of grace, wet or fine, (iii.) Lay by, week by week, some self-denial offering for His use, (iv.) Study to be quiet for 40 days; and Easter will be a grand reality to you and bring with it the freshness of a risen and purified life.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

Quinquagesima.

M. Hymn 188, Lesson XIV.
A. Church.

1st Sunday in Lent.

M. Hymn 107; Lesson, Gospel.
A. Hymns 218, 58; Lesson XV.

2nd Sunday in Lent.

M. Hymn 227; Lesson XVI.
A. Missions.

3rd Sunday in Lent.

M. Hymn 104, Lesson I. Kings, xix., 8.
A. Hymns 153, 152; Lesson XVII.

4th Sunday in Lent.

M. Hymn 161; Lesson Ex. xxiv., 12-18.
A. Hymns 154, 162; Lesson XVIII.

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March 4th (Ash Wednesday).

H. Communion, 8-0.
Evening Prayer and Communion Service,
7-30.
Offerings for R. Society for Prevention of
Cruelty to Animals.

March 8th (Sunday).

H. Communion, 8-0.
Annual Sermons on behalf of B. & F. Bible
Society. Rev. B. Herklots, Vicar of St.
Thomas's, Kendal.

March 11th (Wednesday).

Address to Women, Rectory Room, 2-30, by
Mrs. Herklots.
7-30, Rev. B. Herklots.
Offerings for Missions to Seamen.

March 18 (Wednesday).

7-30, Rev. B. Inman Rylands, Curate of
Windermere.
Offerings for Poor Clergy Relief Corporation.

March 19th (Thursday).

Annual C.M.S. Tea, Box-opening and
Meeting, 7-30.
Speaker: Miss A. Tristram, of Durham.

March 25th (Wednesday).

7-30, Rev. W. Heyes, Curate of St. George's,
Kendal.
Offerings for R. Society for Prevention of
Cruelty to Children.

March 26th (Thursday).

7-30, Meeting of the C.E.T.S.
Speaker: Rev. W. Heyes.

April 1st (Wednesday).

7-30, Rev. N. Salusbury, Vicar of Troutbeck.
Offerings for Shipwrecked Mariners' Society.

April 8th (Wednesday).

7-30, Rev. T. H. Baines, Vicar of Brathay.
Offerings for Clergy Orphan Corporation.

Holy Week.

Services with readings, Monday, Tuesday, Wed-
nesday, Thursday, & Saturday, at noon.
Holy Communion, Thursday, 8-0.

Good Friday.

10-30, 2-0—3-0, 6-30.
Offerings for S.P. Christianity amongst the
Jews.

Easter Day.

Holy Communion, 7-0, 8-0, and Noon.
Morning Prayer, 9-0 (plain), and 10-45
(choral).

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

The Rev. H. A. Ellis gave a most interesting lecture on Japan on February 7th.
Offertory for R.T.S., £1 14s. 7d.

Will our friends kindly keep Thursday, 19th, open for the annual C.M.S. Tea? Trays have been promised by several ladies. Admission 6d. each. Miss Tristram will be the speaker. Will box-holders kindly send in their boxes early on that day so that we may have a complete statement to make at the gathering?

Mrs. Herklots will give a special address to women on Wednesday, 11th, at 2-30. All women are invited.

Rainfall in January, 13.81 inches.

Rain fell on 18 days.

Offertories in February, £4 8s. 2d.

Communicants in February, 50.

HYMNS FOR MARCH.

1st.		8th.		15th.		22nd.		29th.	
M.	E.	M.	E.	M.	E.	M.	E.	M.	E.
1	12	92	94	84	257	285	258	630	629
169	266	532	360	91	287	261	92	260	286
313	210	545	531	259	86	303	91	254	282