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speaking most appreciatively of the beautiful little Nativity Play which was produced at the end of last term. It must have meant a great deal of work for Mrs. Wimbush, for Mrs. Parsons, and also for Miss Lindars, whom I saw very busy behind the scenes.

LENT begins on February 11th. One or two have already responded to my New Year's appeal to make our monthly Sung Eucharist a real rallying point for all members (young and old) of the Christian Family. Come and help us! And let all of us who come remember that we "need to advertise"; and that the most telling advertisement is the love, patience and long suffering which we show to each other and to our neighbours. I know only too well that those who stand outside the active life and work of the Church are on the look out to criticise and to point the finger of scorn at churchpeople and church workers. We must not be put off: we must go on trying our best to bring others to the Saviour of the world: and we must resolutely root out all temptation to twist each others words and misrepresent each others actions, because rumour-mongering and scandal-mongering within the Christian family do more harm than the most bitter attacks from outside. "See that ye love one another!" said St. Peter; and we should not find it nearly so hard to love each other if we met together at the Communion more regularly. It is easy to criticise and easy to be imitated by your fellow Christian Pilgrim when you only very rarely kneel at his side before the Lord whom you both profess to serve. So do, please, I beg, remember February 1st, 11 o'clock in the morning, and leave the dinner to cook itself!

MILE OF PENNIES.—Mrs. H. Fenemore 12, Mrs. Burchnall 9, Miss A. Taylor (Seaford) 4, Mrs. Watts 3, Mr. G. Lovell 4, Donald Watts 2, Gloria Goodey 4, E.A.W. 1, Judy Kearse 2, Freda Capel 1, Iris Havard 2, Jean Capel 1. 49 feet, £1 14s. 0d.

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DEAR PEOPLE,

I can only say "Thank you" with all my heart for the sympathy you have shown. It helps to give one courage to learn that one's own beloved had won the affections of others, and to know that somehow God will turn our sorrow into joy. My prayer used to be that we might so serve Him together on earth as to be worthy of together uniting in a more perfect service hereafter. To that more perfect service and greater happiness my love has gone, and for that I learn to thank God. Please pray for me.

MAURICE FROST.

Deddington parish has recently had a great shock in the sad and very sudden loss of Mrs. Frost. All who were fortunate enough to know her do sincerely share the great sadness which the Vicar has to bear. It is difficult to fully appreciate that it is only four months ago that so many people gathered in Church to witness the very happy wedding of the Vicar and his bride. All were immediately endeared to her for her charming personality, great cheerfulness and readiness to help others. Let us all try at this sad time to follow the fine example of living shown by Mrs. Frost, by enjoying our Church as God would wish and by so doing to support our Vicar more than mere words can express.

P.C.C.

BURIALS.—Jan. 6th, Arthur James Hancox. Jan. 17th, Leonard Baker. Jan. 19th Kathleen Maude Frost.

### WIGGINTON.

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SUNDAY SERVICES IN FEBRUARY.—Feb. 1st, 8 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Feb. 8th, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 15th, 8 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Feb. 22nd, 11 a.m. (Morning Prayer and Holy Communion) and 3 p.m. Feb. 29th, 6.30 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT.—On Ash Wednesday (February 11th) there will be a service for the Schoolchildren at 9 a.m. and the Communion Service will be said at 10.30 a.m. Lent is a great opportunity for all who profess and call themselves Christians to consider how far they measure up to their bounden spiritual duties of self-denial, prayer, and almsgiving. Herein many sadly fall short. Can we all use Lent 1948 to do better?

THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SCHOOLS FUND.—Offerings placed in the Church box during Lent will be given to this fund. We may ask permission for them to be earmarked, or seek a grant, because it looks as if we shall have to undertake alterations to our own Church School. Many thanks to the Misses White for raising £4 4s. 0d. for the purpose by a dance.

WEDDING.—A large congregation of relatives and friends witnessed the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Motts. Both had been members of the Services and both have the advantage of a sound family tradition. We again wish them every happiness and blessing in their new home.

CONGRATULATIONS.—There is by no means always room in these notes to say all we wish, but we trust space now remains to offer warm congratulations, in which the whole village will join, to Mr. and Mrs. Sydney White on the silver jubilee of their wedding. Their good example is of very high value.

MARRIAGE—Jan 10th, Keith Robert Motts and Lilian Lucy Page.