



THE observance of Lent is one of the many things which have ceased to hold their place in the lives of many people. And yet modern conditions of life make such observance all the more necessary. Among other purposes of Lent it should be a time for more quietness of mind, and a time in which to think more of the meaning and purpose of life and to eradicate those things which are known in ourselves to be wrong. Quiet thinking is essential to the Christian life. It is hard to achieve this in face of distractions of Press, wireless and television and all the chatter of a world which makes perpetual noise in the hope of keeping its courage up.

The disciplines of Lent are to be practised in order that the soldiers and servants of Christ may be trained more effectively for the warfare in which they are called to fight.

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FOR many years it has been our custom during Lent to have a mid-week service known as 'Thursday Evening in Lent' at 7 o'clock and we shall continue this custom. We shall not, however, have a visiting priest to give the addresses. In these days the country clergy often have as many as five or six services each Sunday and perhaps three or four sermons. To add a journey of several miles on a week-night hardly seems fair to ask and so, this year the Vicar will do his best—and hope for the best in the way of attendances. These services in past years have been very encouraging and we hope that it may be equally the case this year.

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OWING to much illness at Christmas among the children at Winterbourne Kingston the annual party had to be postponed. It was, however, held early this month and was, as usual, a great success. Children of the Sunday School and members of the Mothers Union enjoyed a very happy evening and a very good tea. The Vicar took the opportunity of thanking Mrs. and Miss Sheppard for their untiring work with the Sunday School at S. Nicholas.

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GREAT sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Upshall on the tragic death of their son Eric as the result of a motor cycling accident at the early age of 16. Eric was at one time in the choir. To have lost two sons in similar circumstances is indeed tragic.

Register.

Burials.

January 11th.—Florence Ricketts, aged 77 years.

February 6th.—William George Moss, aged 82 years.

February 7th.—Eric John Upshall, aged 16 years.

February 10th.—Percival Shave, aged 75 years.