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Calendar.

April 1—SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER
(*Palm Sunday*). For Proper lessons Epistles and Gospels for the days in Holy Week see Prayer Book.

April 6—GOOD FRIDAY. Proper lessons, Coll., Epist., Gospel (see Prayer Book). Psalms M., 22, 40, 54; E., 69, 88.

April 7—EASTER EVEN. Proper lessons, Coll., Ep., and Gospel.

April 8—EASTER DAY. Proper Preface, Easter Anthem instead of Venite, Proper Psalms M., 2, 57, 111; E., 114, 114, 118. Creed of St. Athanasius, Proper lessons.

April 9—MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK. Proper lessons, Ep. and Gospel.

April 10—TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK. Proper lessons, Ep. and Gospel.

April 15—1ST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
(*Low Sunday*). Proper Preface, Proper lessons.

April 22—2ND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. M., Numb. xx 1-14, Luke xviii to 20; E., Numb. xx 14 to xxi 10 or Numb. xxi 10 to end, Eph., v 22 to vi 10.

April 23—St. GEORGE'S DAY.

April 25—St. MARK. Ev.

April 29—3RD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. M., Numb. xxii, Luke xx, 27 to xxi 5; E., Numb. xxiii or xxiv, Col. 1 21 to II 8.

May 1—St. PHILIP AND St. JAMES. App., Proper Coll., Ep., Gospel, Proper lessons.

May 6—4TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. M., Deut. iv to v 23, Luke xxiii 26 to 50; E., Deut. iv 23 to 41 or v. I Thes. iii.

NOTES.

The provision of special Collects, Epistles and Gospels during Holy Week and Easter Week shows that the Church plainly contemplates daily celebrations, there should certainly be one on Good Friday.

The error of referring to Holy Saturday or Easter Even as Easter Saturday is not confined to uninstructed non-church-people but is creeping in among churchmen. Easter Saturday is April 14th, and is a feast day in the Octave of Easter. Holy Saturday or Easter Eve, April 7th, is a strict *fast day*.

The Proper Preface provided for Easter Day is to be used at all celebrations during the Octave.

ALL COMMUNICANTS are expected to communicate on Easter Day or during the Octave.

All offerings on Easter Day are given to the Clergy.

To save space we have not given the lessons where both are "proper," but only where lay readers may have some difficulty in finding them owing to one being "proper" and the other in the Monthly Calendar.

Letter from the Bishop.

Bishops court,
Napier,

March 20, '17.

My Dear People,

It was with great disappointment and regret that I was compelled to relinquish my tour on the East Coast, and also to Opotiki and Whakatane. An attack of acute muscular rheumatism necessitated my return to Napier for rest. Since then, acting under the Doctor's orders, I have been compelled to give up my work in Holy Week and on Easter Day. This is to me a great disappointment. I particularly wish to make it known to those amongst whom I had arranged to work, and those who were kindly going to show me hospitality, how sorry I am not to have fulfilled my engagements.

In my enforced quiet my thoughts have been naturally with you all during this Season of Lent—a Lent made specially solemn by the War in its acutest stage.

We are now approaching Holy Week—made sacred by the sufferings of our Most Holy Redeemer, which culminated in His sacrifice and death upon the Cross. The Cross retains its ancient meaning. It stands for pardon and forgiveness. Viewing the War with all its horrors, and all the forces of evil that have brought it about, we are conscious of the need of all that the Cross stands for—Christ's pardoning Blood.

The Cross stands for self-sacrifice. In this it seems to have a new meaning for us, viewed in the light of the War. All who have suffered by reason of the War—those who have laid down their lives, have suffered wounds and sickness, all whose hearts are stricken by loss of dear ones, all who

Girls' Friendly Society.

A Council Meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society was held at Bishops court on 24th March, 1917, at which the following resolutions were passed.

1. Mrs Rice was appointed representative of the G.F.S. on the Council of the Mothers' Union.

2. Mrs Hansard was elected a Vice-President, and member of the Executive Committee.

3. The G.F.S. Festival to be held on a Saturday this year.

4. That a "Bible Research" should be organized amongst the different Branches.