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My DEAR FRIENDS,

Below you will find extracts from the Report of H.M. Inspector respecting the Day Schools, which on the whole may be considered very satisfactory, and shows that the teachers have honestly striven to do their best. The average attendance was 437, which was seven below that of the previous year; but the total grant obtained was about £5 more, viz., £405 8s. od. The total number of children on the books at the close of the School year was 540.

On the 24th ult., a large number of prizes were given to the children for punctual attendance and good conduct. There were 17 children who had been "never absent, never late" throughout the year; and 114 who had been present at least 400 times out of 423. This was very pleasing, but we hope that still more children will try to obtain one or other of these distinctions next year. The distribution was made by Mrs. Job. Messrs. Bowling-Trevanion and Evans, and the Rev. H. Clarkson, School Managers, were present, and the former gave a short address, full of good advice, to the children. I am sure that if all the subscribers had been there they would not only have been very much interested in the proceedings, but would have felt that their support was given to a most valuable institution. Long may the willing assistance now given be maintained! May I ask the parents to support the managers and teachers by doing their best to secure the regular and punctual attendance of their children.

I would again remind everybody of the Sale of Work we propose to have in the summer, and to ask all to prepare something for it. The object is to raise £150 for a New Class Room for the Boys' School.

Subscriptions for the Heating Apparatus continue to come in. A second list will be found below. The total sum required will, I hope, be shortly provided. Those intending to assist are asked to kindly do so at once.

The Confirmation is fixed to take place at Hampton, on Monday, March 18th, at 7 p.m. The Classes will commence next week—for females, on Monday, at the Vicarage, at 8 p.m.; and for males, on Thursday, at 8 p.m. If necessary, an afternoon class will be provided. All candidates should attend the first meetings if possible. I would ask parents to encourage their children who are fourteen years of age, and over, to attend the classes; and I would ask mistresses to kindly bring the matter before their servants.

The Winter Entertainments' Committee were not so successful as usual with their last Concert. The programme was excellent throughout, the violoncello solos by Mr. Foster-Cooke leaving nothing to be desired, but the audience was small. The Committee have taken great pains to make these Concerts as good as they could be, and this falling off of support is a little disappointing.

The next Entertainment is to be a Dramatic Performance, and is fixed for Monday, the 25th inst.

Two other Entertainments are to take place during the month. Mr. Rowland Moores is getting up a Concert for the Philanthropic Society for the 5th inst.; and Mr. McKenzie is arranging for one for the Band for the 12th inst. Both the objects named deserve support.

The Supper at the Working Men's Club on the 8th ult. proved a great success. About fifty were present. An excellent supper was provided by Mr. Player. The evening was spent in music and singing, interspersed with short speeches.

The Cricket Club held their Annual Meeting on the 22nd ult., when there was a good attendance. The report, which showed a small balance in hand, was presented by Mr. Rowland Moores, the Treasurer, and adopted. Mr. Basey was re-appointed Secretary, and the Committee and other officers were duly elected.

The prize distribution to the Sunday Scholars took place on Friday, the 18th ult. 270 children were present, and a large number of parents and friends. Mr. Bridger most kindly helped to entertain them with his lime-light Lantern, after which the young people were dismissed, each with a bun and an orange. The prizes, about fifty in number, consisted chiefly of Bibles and Prayer Books, by the children's own choice.

The last of the Diocesan Church Reading Union Lectures will take place on Monday, the 11th inst. The subject to be dealt with by Mr. Clement Rogers is "Inspiration and Old Testament Difficulties."

During the past month Mrs. FitzWygram has most kindly entertained the members of both her Bible Classes to Supper. The total number being nearly sixty, almost equally divided between men and young men. A most enjoyable evening was spent on each occasion, and the members warmly expressed their appreciation of the kindnesses shewn to them. On the 24th ult., the members of the Girls' Friendly Society were entertained to Tea under the same hospitable roof, after their quarterly service in Church.

The Lads' Brigade is making one or two new departures. The first Church Parade took place on Sunday, the 27th ult., when the Company preceded by the Hampton Hill Brass Band, marched to Church, where the sermon was preached by the Chaplain, the Rev. H. Clarkson. Another step has been taken which will be a great benefit to the boys. They are to have the use of the Pantile Mission Room two evenings a week for games and reading. Capt. and Mrs. Isdell, Misses Lambert, Miss V. Isdell, Serjeant and Mrs. Bremridge, Rev. H. Clarkson and others, have kindly undertaken to take turns in being present and helping to amuse the boys. Gifts of games and illustrated papers will be thankfully received by the helpers.

I have arranged for a course of special preachers for the Wednesday evenings in Lent, which will be announced, by means of handbills, in due course. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion every Thursday morning; and the Rev. H. Clarkson will give a series of addresses in the Pantile Mission Room, on Thursday evenings, at 7.30.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

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EXTRACTS FROM H.M. INSPECTOR ON THE DAY SCHOOLS.

Boys.—"Order is fairly good in the upper part of the School . . . The Elementary subjects are fairly well done . . . Recitation is satisfactory, and the higher grants are recommended for English and Geography . . . Singing is fairly good."

GIRLS.—"The girls are quiet and orderly, and appear fairly interested in their work . . . Reading as a rule is satisfactory, and the Writing Exercises, except in the fourth standard, are good . . . The written Arithmetic of the third standard deserves special praise. Recitation is satisfactory, and English on the whole is good. Needlework is highly creditable . . . Singing on the whole is good."

INFANTS.—"The School is in capital order, and gratifying progress has been made with the instruction in both Elementary subjects and Object Lessons . . . Recitation is nicely said, varied occupations have been carefully chosen, and both Needlework and Drawing are very creditable. Singing by note is also good. The highest variable grant is recommended to mark the improvement that has been made."

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BAPTISMS.

"Grant, O Lord, that they may have power and strength to have victory and to triumph, against the Devil, the World and the Flesh. Amen."

Jan. 3.—Ethel Amy Malcouronne.

MARRIAGE.

"O Lord, send them help from Thy Holy Place, and evermore mightily defend them."

Jan. 2.—Robert George Charles Manning to Louisa Mary Bowerman.

BURIALS.

"I am the resurrection and the life saith the Lord: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.—St. John xi, 25, 26.

Jan. 9.—Alice Kingzett, aged 43 years. ,, 19.—Sarah Rolfe, aged 83 years.