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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

There are many things to refer to this month, so I must necessarily say very little about each.

The Annual Report of H.M. Inspector respecting the Day Schools will be found below, and I am sure it will be read with pleasure by all who are interested in our Schools. The average attendance was 17 below the previous year. This was partly caused by the prevalence of whooping cough in the parish last spring. This having been represented to the Education Department by the Managers, a small special grant of £5 7s. od. has been made towards the loss entailed. The Schools will re-open on Monday, the 10th, and I hope all the children will be in their places.

The School Entertainment, in the Victoria Hall, for the Prize Fund was a great success. The attendance was so large that many could not find seats. The performance of the children and the proceeds were equally satisfactory. The Teachers must have worked very hard in the matter.

The Dramatic Performance on the 20th ult. was perhaps too near Christmas to secure a crowd, and in consequence the profit will not be large. We are, nevertheless, equally indebted to all those who took so much pains to provide the entertainment.

There will be a variety Entertainment on the 17th inst., for which an excellent programme is being prepared, some new and some old faces will appear before us, and we may expect a thoroughly bright and pleasant evening.

The Mothers' Supper took place on the 28th ult. The tables were presided over by Mrs. Job, Mrs. Hodge, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Smith, Miss Butler, Miss Barnard, Miss

Cremer, Misses Hubbard, Miss Barton, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Garrett, and the Rev. E. S. Phillips. Supper was succeeded by an Entertainment, in which the following very kindly took part: Miss Cremer, Mr. E. Singleton, Mrs. Smith, Miss Butler, Miss Lloyd, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Mason, the Rev. E. S. Phillips, and Mrs. Job.

The Distribution of Prizes to the Sunday School Children will take place on Thursday, the 13th inst., at 6 p.m. There will be a Magic Lantern. Sunday School Children will be free, admission to parents and friends will be one penny.

The cold and fog on Christmas Day interfered with the attendance at Church. There was, however, a fair number of Communicants, and the offertories for the poor were good. The Church looked exceedingly bright with the decorations, and the singing was most pleasing and appropriate.

The week before Christmas, coal or meat was distributed to upwards of 100 cases from the fund left by the late Mr. Blanchard.

The work of the District Nurse continues to be very much appreciated, and is a source of great comfort to the sick. The following additional contributions have recently been received by Mrs. Job, viz.:—Mr. Bennett £5, "A Gift" £2, Mrs. Powell £1 1s. od., Mr. Powell £1 1s. od., Mrs. Handcock £1 1s. od., and Mrs. Horscraft £1 1s. od. It is hoped that those who benefit by the visits of the Nurse will try to give some assistance to the fund, however small. Gifts of old linen for bandages, &c., will be thankfully received.

The Bishop of London has fixed Wednesday, March 30th, for the Confirmation, which will take place at Hampton, at 7:30 p.m. Classes will be formed the first week in February.

The Offertories on Sunday, the 16th inst., will be for the Teddington Cottage Hospital.

There will be a Quarterly Service for G.F.S. Members on Thursday afternoon, the 20th inst., at 4.30 p.m.

About forty members have joined the Mothers' Union, a branch of which was formed in the parish last month. A Special Service will be held in the Church, on Friday, the 28th inst., when the members will be formally admitted, and an address will be given. I hope that a large number of others will come, as well as those who have given in their names.

Wishing all the readers of our Magazine a very Happy New Year.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

THE DAY SCHOOLS.

Annual Report of H.M. Inspector.

BOYS' SCHOOL.—“Discipline is maintained with sufficient firmness, and the instruction continues to be given with care and very fair success.”

GIRLS' SCHOOL.—“The girls are in very nice order, and the instruction on the whole is satisfactory; but more care should be given to develop intelligence. Reading in the First Class should be more distinct, and Mental Arithmetic throughout requires attention. Recitation, Needlework and Class subjects are creditable.”

INFANTS' SCHOOL.—“Capital order is maintained, and the instruction is given with praiseworthy diligence and success.”

“My Lords have sanctioned the omission of the annual inspection of your School, due in November, 1898.”

ELECTION OF TWO NEW MANAGERS.

There are two vacancies on the Committee of Management, owing to the removal of Mr. H. P. Bowling-Trevanion and Captain Isdell.

A Meeting will be held in the Vestry for the purpose of filling the above vacancies, on Wednesday evening, January the 19th, at 9 p.m. Those entitled to vote are subscribers of 10/- and upwards during the past year. One vote can be given for every 10/- subscribed, but no subscriber can give more than six votes. Votes may be given either in person at the Meeting, or by letter addressed to the Chairman before the Meeting.

CHARLES R. JOB, *Chairman.*

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nov. 31.—S.P.G.	5 2 7	3 9 0	8 11 7
Dec. 5.—Curate's Fund ..	3 2 9	1 9 2	4 11 11
„ 12.—General Fund ...	1 9 8	1 6 1	2 15 9
„ 19.—General Fund ...	2 15 9	1 11 3	4 7 0
„ 26.—General Fund ...	4 11 10	1 7 8	5 19 6
„ 25, Xmas Day—Poor Fund—7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.	12 9 8
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Nov. 28, 11/6; Dec. 5, 8/5; Dec. 12, 5/3; Dec. 19, 5/2; Dec. 26, 3/3	1 13 9
Children's Services (Missions) Nov. 28, S.P.G., 3/11; Dec. 5, 3/-; Dec. 12, 4d.; Dec. 19, 1/5; Dec. 26, 4/3	0 12 11
Special Celebrations.—Nov. 30, St. Andrew's Day, 13/-; Dec. 21, St. Thomas' Day, 5/11; Dec. 27, St. John the Evangelist Day, 5/6	1 4 5
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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.”

Nov. 28.—Daisy Victoria Bailey.

Dec. 11.—Marjorie Florence Nichols.