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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

January, with us, is always a month of many meetings, and the last has not been behind its predecessors in this respect.

On the 3rd there was the "Mothers" Supper, at which several fathers were also present. The numbers were rather larger than usual, and according to their own statements they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Among those who assisted were: Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Hodge, Mrs. G. Smith, Miss Barnard, Miss Butler, Miss Cremer, Misses Barton, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Job, Mr. Evans and Rev. E. S. Phillips. Supper was followed by an excellent Entertainment.

On the 5th, Mrs. FitzWygram very kindly entertained the members of the Men's Bible Class to Supper at Larkfield; and this was succeeded by a similar festivity on the 10th to the members of the Young Men's Class. Upwards of 50 were present on the two occasions; and the pleasure experienced by all, will, I am sure, be long remembered with gratitude.

On the 13th, the Annual Distribution of Prizes to the Sunday School Children took place. Miss Kidner called out the names of the girls, Mr. Phillips those of the boys, and the prizes were handed to the recipients by Mrs. Job. The Entertainment consisted of "Alice in Wonderland," with Magic Lantern Pictures. Mr. Cubison very kindly working the lantern with his newly-invented instrument for producing gas, which proved very successful. I am glad to say that there has been a gradual improvement in the attendance of both boys and girls in the past year.

On the 20th, another Distribution of Prizes took place, this being to the Day School Children. As a very full account appeared in the newspapers, I need only say very few words about it. Ten boys and two girls received medals for having been never absent and never late for the whole year. A very large number of prizes were given, about £13 being spent upon them. In addition to these, special prizes were given for sewing, by Mrs. Butler and Miss Hayes, and for good conduct, by Mr. Evans. Mr.

Phillips and Mr. Sanders gave short addresses, and a very hearty vote of thanks was given to the Head Teachers, Mrs. Creane, Miss Williams and Mr. Basey, and to the Assistants and Pupil Teachers, for the way in which they tried to promote the interests of the children, and to Mrs. Job for giving away the prizes.

On the 23rd, the Annual Meeting of the Flower Show Committee was held in the Parish Room at Hampton. The report and balance sheet showed that the show of last year had been in some respects the most successful in the history of the Society. Captain Christie was elected President for the ensuing year, and he kindly placed his grounds at the disposal of the Committee for the purpose of the Show. The Committee hope that the residents in Hampton Hill will support the Show with the same spirit that they did last year.

On the 31st, the Annual Meeting of the Cricket Club took place at the Coffee Tavern, when the attendance was very large. The balance sheet showed that the income had more than doubled in the course of the year, but the expenditure had increased in even larger proportion, and the year closed with a small deficit. The extra expense was owing to the large outlay for the laying on of water to the ground, which is a great advantage. Mr. Basey was re-elected Secretary, and Mr. Rowland Moores, Treasurer.

The Lads' Brigade has been rapidly increasing in numbers, and for the present it has been decided not to admit any more recruits. The number at the last drill was 50, and the School-room is not large enough for more. As vacancies occur, other boys will be admitted.

The next Meeting of the members of the Mothers' Union will be at the Eastbank Mission Room, on Monday, the 6th, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Cave (of Strawberry Hill) has kindly promised to give an address. It is hoped that all members will be present, and any others will be heartily welcomed.

The next and last of the Winter Entertainments will be at the Victoria Hall, on Monday, the 13th inst. It will be a Dramatic Performance, and I understand it is likely to be very good.

I would again draw attention to the Confirmation Classes which are being held. A large number of young people have given their names.

Others can be received for another week only. There may be some adults who have not been Confirmed, and who would like to be; I shall be very glad to make special arrangements for seeing them apart from the younger ones, if they will communicate with me. In addition to the Classes already announced, Mr. Phillips will have one for youths in the Vestry, on Wednesday nights, at 9 p.m.

The lists of Lent Services will be published very shortly.

Most of you have already heard of the necessity for certain large repairs being done to the roof of the Church. The ridge tiles and lead gutters must be entirely renewed, as in many places they are so defective as to allow the rain to get through. It is also felt that a covered chamber ought to be erected over the heating furnace, and that an improvement should be effected in the ventilation of the Church. Plans, &c., have been prepared by Mr. Wm. Thorold Lowdell, Architect, and estimates have been obtained. The whole scheme was submitted to a Meeting held in the Vestry, on the 25th ult., when the scheme was unanimously adopted, and it was decided to open a fund at once for the purpose of raising the required sum, which is estimated at not less than £160. The Churchwardens, Messrs. Vine Griffiths and A. E. Storey, were appointed Treasurers. A list of the sums already received or promised will be found below, and I would earnestly ask that the whole sum may be subscribed as early as possible. It is not a large amount, and if all will help, the matter will be simple and easy. It will be a great saving of time, of expense, and of trouble, if it is given without recourse having to be had to a sale of work. Small sums as well as large will be thankfully received. There will not, of course, be very much to see for the expenditure, but the work must be done or a very much larger sum would have to be spent at no distant date. I feel sure the help will be given.

The new curtains at the west end of the Church, to exclude the draught, have been most kindly given by Mr. Vine Griffiths.

I am, my dear friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

CHURCH REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENT FUND.

DONATIONS RECEIVED OR PROMISED.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. FitzWygram	5	0	0
Mr. Griffiths	5	5	0
Anonymous	2	2	0
Mrs. Singleton	2	2	0
Mr. Ballard	1	1	0
Mr. W. Singleton	1	1	0
Mr. E. Singleton	1	1	0
Mr. F. Singleton	1	1	0
Mrs. Evans	1	0	0
Mr. Larcombe	1	1	0
Mr. Humber	5	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. Powell	5	5	0
Mr. Foster	5	5	0
Rev. C. R. & Mrs. Job	3	3	0
Mrs. Nicholson	2	2	0
Mrs. Rixen	1	0	0
Mr. Turner	1	1	0
Mr. Storey	1	1	0
Mr. Joseph	1	1	0
Mr. W. C. B. Hall	2	2	0
Mrs. Thompson	0	5	0
Mr. G. F. Stutchbury	3	3	0
Mr. H. C. Garrett	2	2	0
Mrs. V. C. Griffiths	2	2	0
Miss Hayes	3	0	0
Miss Ballard	1	1	0

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.		7 p.m.		TOTAL
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan. 1—Curate's Fund	4	11 5	1	18 3	6 9 8
„ 8—General Fund	3	3 6	1	15 2	4 18 8
„ 15—General Fund	1	14 10	1	12 2	3 7 0
„ 22—Teddington Cottage Hospital	6	12 6	3	14 0	10 6 6
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Jan. 1, 13/5; Jan. 8, 7/7; Jan. 15, 5/6; Jan. 22, 7/3	...	...	...	...	1 13 9
Children's Services (Missions), Jan. 1, 2/9; Jan. 8, 3/9; Jan. 15, 2/8; Jan. 22, 3/6	...	...	...	...	0 12 8
Special Services, The Epiphany, 10/5; The Conversion of St. Paul, 5/-	...	...	...	...	0 15 5
					£28 3 8

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. 1.—Violet Annie Seward.
- „ 3.—Emily Oldfield Dale.
- „ 3.—Ivy Lillian Claridge Foster.
- „ 8.—John Albert Hedges.
- „ 8.—Hilda Kate Harding.

MARRIAGE.

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

- Jan. 14.—William Howard to Elizabeth Jane Tursman.

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.

- Dec. 31.—Frances Benham, aged 79 years.
- Jan. 7.—John Miles, aged 57 years.
- „ 17.—Mary Ball, aged 54 years.
- „ 21.—Florence Foster, aged 52 years.