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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

With the present aspect of the war it is scarcely possible to realise the terrible anxiety through which we were passing less than two months ago. Then success followed success with marvellous rapidity, and with the one exception of poor Mafeking, all goes well and satisfactorily. The turn of events was startling in its suddenness. For a long time almost every fresh item of news was a disaster, and it was with feelings of painful apprehension that we opened our morning papers: then all at once came victory, which became the order of the day, each day, and so it goes on. No doubt many causes have contributed to this, but it is most important that we should remember that the turn in the tide came just at the time when the whole nation turned to God in prayer. In spite of all the horrors and misery of the war, many good things will come of it, and, amongst others, one of the best will be an increased faith in prayer.

The Special Lent Services have, on the whole, been very well attended so far. On Easter Day there will be three Celebrations of Holy Communion, viz.: at 6.45 a.m., 7 a.m. and mid-day. This is one of the three special days when all Christians are expected to come. Not that any should come only on those days, but none should absent themselves. All who come are asked to very kindly put their names in the basket placed in the porch for the purpose. Attention to this is a great convenience to me in making returns to the Bishop.

The Confirmation took place at Hampton Wick, on Tuesday, the 20th March, when 20 candidates from this parish were presented. Bishop Barry officiated for the Bishop of London. The service was very impressive, and the quiet, earnest words of the Bishop will long be remembered by the candidates. Most of these will come to the Holy Communion for the first

time on Easter Day, and I hope that their parents and god-parents, if possible, will be present with them.

A very beautiful stained glass window has just been put in the Church by the family of the late Mr. Pemberton, formerly of Hampton. The subjects represented are Zacharias and Elizabeth, the father and mother of S. John the Baptist. Zacharias holds in his hand a scroll containing the first words of the "Benedictus," (of which he was the author), "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel." Beneath the two chief figures are small groups representing the Meeting of the Virgin Mary and Elizabeth, and the Presentation of the Infant John the Baptist in the Temple. Above the two main lights an exquisitely executed Angel is depicted, announcing the Beatitude, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." The whole is so delicately tinted that it scarcely interferes with the passage of the light, and it is a most pleasing addition to our Church. The work has been designed and carried out by Messrs. Shrigley & Hunt.

Another small window, which is being given by the Communicants' Association and others, will I hope, be in its place by Easter. It will be at the west end of the north aisle. The subject will be the "Hiring of the labourers for the Vineyard." The work is being done by Messrs. Arthur Moore & Co.

On the 12th ult., a very old and faithful servant of the Church, Mr. Chandler, entered into his rest. He had been Verger and Sexton of the Church from the time it was opened, 36 years ago, until his death, when he had reached the ripe age of 81 years. He had been present at almost every funeral that had taken place in the Churchyard—numbering 1007—and until quite lately, was never absent from his duty at the Church. He knew his work well, and strove to do it to the last. His familiar figure will long be missed. A desire has been expressed that a suitable stone should be erected upon his grave by public subscription. Anyone willing to assist in this object may send their

contribution to Mrs. FitzWygram, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Storey, or myself.

After careful consideration Mr. Charles Hallt has been appointed to succeed Mr. Chandler. He is well known, and is not unfamiliar with the duties of the office. All notices with reference to Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals, should, in the first instance, be sent to him.

Mrs. Powell asks me to say that she regrets that owing to her work on the Board of Guardians she feels compelled to give up acting as Secretary to the Societies for "Waifs and Strays," and "The Prevention of Cruelty to Children." Mrs. Rowell will, however, until some one else is found to take her place, receive any subscriptions that may be sent to her for the former, and forward them to proper quarters. Subscriptions for the latter will be received by Miss Makepeace, at the Post Office.

I am, my dear friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

COLONIAL AND CONTINENTAL CHURCH SOCIETY.

LADIES' ASSOCIATION.—HAMPTON HILL BRANCH.

Mrs. Job, the Hon. Sec., has been able to send a large parcel of work from the members, and also £2 1s. in money. The following letter from the Secretary has been received in acknowledgment:

March 1st, 1900.

"MY DEAR MRS. JOB,

I have again the pleasure of thanking you for the beautiful supply of work, both in quality and quantity. Every thing is fresh and dainty, and we are very grateful to you and all the members for this valuable help.

You will see the work is mentioned in our March Magazine. It is certainly beautiful.

Many thanks for kindly sending me the Members' Subscriptions, for which I enclose the receipt.

Yours sincerely,

M. C. WOOLMER,

Sec. Ladies' C. C. C. S. Association."

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mar. 4—Curate's Fund ...	4 9 7	1 15 9	6 5 4
„ 11—Churchwardens' Fund	3 15 6	1 19 6	5 15 0
„ 18—Churchwardens' Fund	3 18 5	0 18 5	4 16 10
„ 25—Churchwardens' Fund	3 7 0	1 9 1	4 16 1
Ash Wednesday—Colonial and Continental Church Society	1 4 8	2 15 4	4 0 0
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Mar. 4, 6/7; Mar. 11, 8/3; Mar. 18, 4/1; Mar. 25, 6/9 ...	...	...	1 5 8
Children's Services (Missions), Mar. 4, 3/6; Mar. 11, 5/-; Mar. 18, 3/9; Mar. 25, 3/4 ...	...	...	0 15 7
Special Celebrations (Thursdays) Mar. 1, 13/2; Mar. 8, 12/6; Mar. 15, 13/9; Mar. 22, 10/3 ...	...	...	2 9 8
Special Service—Communicants' Association ...	...	...	0 10 11
			<u>£30 15 1</u>

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."

- Mar. 6—Doris Naomi Revill.
 „ 11—Harriet Fanny Martin.
 „ 11—Ada Louisa Parker.
 „ 11—Henrietta Eliza Higgs.
 „ 11—Florence Edith Mansfield.
 „ 11—Godfrey Herbert Shail.
 „ 11—Frederick James Dewer.
 „ 15—Lucy Jane Richards.
 „ 18—George Edward Hogston.

MARRIAGES.

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

- Mar. 3—Alfred William Wellings to Bertha Annie Wise.
 „ 25—Robert Thomas Chasey Bremridge to Ada Peckover.
 „ 25—Harry Griggs to Louisa Helen Harris.

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.

- Mar. 1—John Allen, aged 34 years.
 „ 17—William Chandler, aged 81 years.