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THE VICARAGE,

February 1st, 1901.

My dear Friends,

The one thought in the minds of us all is the overwhelming sorrow that has come upon our country by the death of our most dearly beloved Queen. No sorrow has ever been so widespread and so deep. We feel the loss so terribly because we had previously known no other sovereign; because she was associated with all that is best in English life; because we knew she intensely loved her country, and because of her beautiful and touching sympathy with every sorrow that came upon her people. Her name will live in history as "Victoria the good," and her reign will be remembered, perhaps, as the most beneficent the world has ever known. It is good to have lived in such a reign. May we catch something of that spirit which has made it great-the spirit of real practical Christianity, of guilelessness and of tender humanity !

Owing to the National calamity some of our parochial events have been postponed. Early in the month we had our Annual Supper for the members of the Mothers' Meetings. The number present was rather less than usual. The Entertainment consisted of music and singing, and magic lantern pictures. Hearty votes of thanks were given to the ladies who conduct the Mothers' Meetings, viz., Mrs. FitzWygram, Mrs. Hodge, Miss Butler, Miss Barnard and Miss Cremer.

Mrs. FitzWygram entertained the members of her Bible Classes to Supper on the 8th and 15th ult. The total number present on the two occasions was about 50. Most enjoyable evenings were spent, and the members expressed their thorough appreciation of the kindness that had been shewn them.

The Sunday School prizes were distributed on Friday the 11th ult. There was a large attendance. The prizes were handed to the recipients by Mrs. Job, assisted by the Superintendents, Miss Kidner and Mr. Joseph, junr. Each child received a bun and an orange when leaving.

The Quarterly Service for the Mothers' Union took place on the 24th ult. There was a larger number than usual present, and four new members were admitted.

The Winter Entertainment that was to have taken place on the 28th ult. has been postponed until Monday, the 18th inst. Every effort is being made to make it thoroughly attractive, and as it will be the last this season, the Committee hope that there will be a full room.

The Day School prize-giving has been postponed until Thursday, the 7th inst., at 5 o'clock. Those interested in the Schools are invited to be present. Mrs. Griffiths has kindly promised to distribute the prizes.

From the Report of the Education Department, which will be found below, it will be seen that the Schools are in a very satisfactory condition. In the Girls' and Infants' Departments the highest possible grants have been obtained, and in the Boys' Department, almost the highest.

The Evening School suffered in attendance before Christmas, owing to the compulsory closing

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on account of the measles, but there has been a considerable improvement since Christmas, and very good work is being done in the drilling and wood carving and other subjects.

The Confirmation is fixed to take place at Hampton Church, on Wednesday, March 13th, at 7 p.m. Classes are held at the Vicarage—for females, on Wednesdays at 4, and Thursdays at 8; and for males, on Fridays at 8. Candidates can yet be received for a few days longer. Special arrangements will be made for those beyond the usual age, when desired.

Full particulars respecting the Lent Services will be given by handbills. On Ash Wednesday there will be services at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The preacher at 11 and 7 will be the Rev. G. E. Lloyd, of Toronto, Canada. The offertories will be for the Colonial and Continental Church Society.

I am, my dear friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

THE DAY SCHOOLS.

Inspector's Report, 15th January, 1901.

BOYS' SCHOOL.—"Considerable improvement appears to have been made in the order, but quieter methods might still be adopted in the first class. Satisfactory progress has been made in the third standard, and upwards, in reading and arithmetic; but in the first and second standards greater intelligence is needed. Drawing is good, and the class subjects are successfully taught." GIRLS' SCHOOL.—"Order, especially in the higher classes, is very praiseworthy, the instruction is well supervised, and is now for the most part very creditable. The higher principal grant is recommended to mark the improvement that has been made."

INFANTS' SCHOOL.—" Capital order is maintained, and the instruction, especially in the elements of number, is given with intelligence and success."

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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. 4-Kathleen Stella Page, aged 2 years and 10 months.

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