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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

There are many matters to refer to this month, but my space is very limited, so my remarks must be very brief. On the 7th ult., a missionary meeting was held in the Eastbank Mission Room, when a most interesting address was given by the Rev. A. Grafty Smith, Missionary from Rahai, East Africa. The room was quite full, and the collection at the close realized £4 1s. 10d. for the Church Missionary Society.

The quarterly service of the G.F.S. was held on the 14th inst., after which the girls adjourned to Mrs. FitzWygram's for tea and to listen to an address on India by Mrs. Scott, who had spent many years at Delhi, and who gave a most entertaining account of Indian life, and Christian work amongst the people.

The quarterly service for the members of the Mothers' Union took place on the 21st inst. There was a fair attendance, and two new members were admitted.

The Annual Conversazione was held at the Victoria Hall on the 19th ult. The room was quite full. A number of ladies and gentlemen distributed the tea with great attention to the wants of all. Some remains from the Sale of Work were on sale and a fair amount of business was done, producing, with private sales, exactly £14, which has been handed over to the Curates' Fund. The Conversazione produced a net profit of £3 6s. 2d. after the payment for the tea and all other expenses. Great credit is due to Miss Barnard for her activity in the disposal of tickets.

A balance sheet showing the total result of the Sale of Work will be found below. Particulars of the takings of the different stalls were given in the August Magazine. In the statement there has been added £10 2s. 0d. from the Photograph stall under the care of Mr. Turner and Mr. Clive Griffiths, and other small items. It will be seen that the net proceeds were upwards of £307. At the final meeting of the committee it was decided that any

balance remaining in hand after the payment for the various matters decided upon, be placed in the hands of the Vicar and Churchwardens to expend as they may see fit for the Church. We have some hopes that this may enable us to place an additional bell in the tower. At the same meeting warm votes of thanks were passed to the Secretary, Mr. Elsee, and the Treasurer, Mr. Griffiths.

From the school accounts printed below it will be seen that a large amount of voluntary support has been given during the year, and that notwithstanding this there is a balance on the wrong side of £92. It is most important that everyone interested in the Schools should help liberally to maintain them. Old subscribers from time to time move from the parish, and new ones are continually needed to take their places. Miss Barnard has been indefatigable in collecting subscriptions and we are much indebted to her. I am glad to say the attendance is going up, and with this the grant may be expected to increase. I hope everybody will read the report of the Diocesan examination below, which I am sure will give great pleasure to all who are interested in the religious teaching of the children. I am sorry to say we have just lost the services of Miss Emma Wilton, Assistant Teacher in the Boys' School; she has been with us four years, and has given great satisfaction to the Managers. Having obtained her certificate she has been able to greatly improve her position. The Managers have appointed Miss Kate Moss, of Tonbridge, to take her place. The teachers and scholars presented Miss Wilton with a handsome dressing case as a mark of their appreciation of her and her work in the School.

The Provident Club money will be paid out at the Mission Room at 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning, the 11th inst.

The Winter Entertainments Committee have arranged to give a Dramatic Performance on the 16th inst. Full particulars will be obtained from the bills. The tickets, 1/- and 6d, will be ready in a few days. A full room is anticipated—"Bubbles," and "Nine Points of the Law," are sure to draw.