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MY DEAR FRIENDS.

The past month has been full of parochial treats and festivities of various kinds, and although the weather has been most changeable and uncertain, we have been most fortunate in this respect.

On the 6th ult. the Annual Meeting of the Communicants' Association took place in the Vicarage garden, when about sixty members were present. The programme included tea, games, and a short entertainment, kindly arranged by Miss Geraldine Cooke. I was able to state that the number of acts of Communion had increased from 2,449 to 4,450 in ten years, and the Easter communicants had increased from 214 to 465 in the same period. The statement of accounts showed that there was a balance in hand of £4 14s. 11d. On the motion of Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mr. Seward, it was decided to give one guinea to the Nurse Fund, and to reserve the rest. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Miss Barnard for the trouble she had taken as hon. secretary.

The Working Men's Club Sports on the 8th ult. proved to be the best in many respects the Club has ever had. There were many more competitions than usual; more prizes and more subscriptions were given, and more money was taken at the gate. Unfortunately the proceedings were marred by a distressing accident; one of the men connected with the roundabouts became entangled in the machinery whilst it was in motion and his leg was terribly crushed. He was taken to Teddington Cottage Hospital, and is doing well. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Job. The Secretary, Mr. Arthur Singleton, and the Committee are to be congratulated on the result of their efforts.

On the 9th ult., the Annual Meeting of the Mother's Union took place. There was first the usual service in Church, when several new members were formally admitted; an adjournment to the Vicarage garden followed, when an address was given under the trees by Mrs. Hamilton Fox, of Chislehurst; then came the important item of tea. There were upwards of 50 members present.

On the 14th the Girl's Friendly Festival took place in the Vicarage grounds, when, in addition to our own members, contingents came from Hampton, Hampton Court, Sunbury and Hanworth. The Rev. Prebendary Ram, the Rural Dean, gave a bright and stirring address to the girls, and then rewards and certificates were distributed by Mrs. Job. Miss Hedges, the Secretary, was, unfortunately, not able to be present, owing to the death of her brother. On the same day, in the evening, the members of our branch of the C.E.T.S. assembled in the Vicarage garden, when Mr. Billington, the Police Court Missionary, gave a most interesting address on his personal experiences in police courts and prisons. Tea and light refreshments followed. The arrangements were excellently carried out by the Secretaries and the Committee.

On the 15th came the Flower Show at Garrick Villa, when Hampton Hill was well to the fore with cottage garden exhibits and vegetables. The Show was a decided success, and visitors strongly expressed their approval that there were no noisy roundabouts, and better things were said about the Show than we have heard for some years.

The Sunday School Treat to the Crystal Palace took place on the 16th. Our numbers were not quite so large as usual owing to the recent invasion of measles. A thoroughly enjoyable day was spent, and the behaviour of the children was excellent, by which the anxieties of the teachers were reduced to a minimum.

The greatest events of the month amongst us centre round St. James's Day. The observance began with a choral service on the Friday evening, when an eloquent and impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. A. W. Gough. The Church looked as attractive as usual with the beautiful decorations. The procession of children through the village on Saturday was a sight to be remembered. Most of the Day School teachers were present, as well as the Sunday School teachers, and there was no lack of other helpers, and all were untiring in their efforts to wait upon and amuse the children. Miss Barnard, as usual, manufactured the oceans of tea, and Messrs. Singleton & Sons gave great help by lending and fixing timber barricades, &c. About 900 souls entered the grounds, and there would, no doubt, have been many more if it had not been for the counter attraction of Molesey regatta. A large number of subscriptions, gifts of provisions, sweets and toys were received, for all of which I am most grateful. The list of subscriptions will be printed next month.

On the Sunday after St. James's Day the Festival services were continued. Unfortunately the rain prevented many people from attending Church. The sermon by the Bishop of Kensington will long be remembered by all who heard it. Those who were not present missed much. The Bishop addressed a few words to the organist and choir in the vestry which were most appreciative and stirring. The offertories for the repairs to the roof of the church, with some subsequent additions, amounted to about £23. The Churchwardens and I hope that all members of the congregation who were not present will be kind enough to send contributions for the fund. The total sum required at first was £50.

I am, my dear friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

P.S.—During the month of August the Teachers' Bible Class will be omitted. The morning Sunday School will go on as usual; on the Sunday afternoons there will be no school, but the children will be marked for attendance at Church at the service at a quarter-past three.

OFFERTORIES.

		11 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
June	28—Church Expenses ...	3 16 0	1 10 6	5 6 6
July	5—Curate's Fund ...	5 4 0	1 3 9	6 7 9
„	12—Church Expenses ...	2 16 5	1 8 9	4 5 2
„	19—Church Expenses ...	4 13 2	1 3 8	5 16 10
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund) June 28, 11/1; July 5,				
	13/10; July 12, 18/3; July 19, 18/2	2 13 4
Children's Services (Missions), June 28, 2/2; July 5,				
	1/8; July 12, 3/-; July 19, 18/2	0 8 11
Special Celebrations—June 24, St. John Baptist Day,				
	8/9; June 29, St. Peter's Day, £1 17s. 6d.	2 6 3
Special Services—July 14, S.P.G. ...				
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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."

- June 28—Reginald Napier Sherwood.
- „ 28—Bernard Charles John Carter.
- July 12—Doris Elizabeth Cooper.
- „ 12—Gilbert Allen Fountain
- „ 12—Arthur Ernest Weedon.
- „ 12—Edward Walter Hankin.
- „ 12—Charlotte Maud Napier.
- „ 12—Doris May Caine.
- „ 19—George Henry Whymark.