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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

My first pleasure and privilege is to wish you a very Happy New Year, and to pray that God's blessing may rest upon our congregation and the parishioners generally.

The old year has closed more or less in gloom; the dull, dark days have in themselves been trying even to the strong, and really distressing to the weak. Many old people have suffered, and some have passed away with the dying year. The serious outbreak of measles in the parish made things worse, although the cases have been for the most part slight ones. The Day and Sunday Schools had to be closed because of the outbreak, and the children have had to have long holidays when there was not much opportunity to enjoy them. Then it has been a time of bad trade, and many men have been out of work. So that on the whole we are rather glad to turn our backs upon 1904. With lengthening days and brighter weather we may look for better times. Indeed we are told that there are already signs that the worst is past, and that some measure of prosperity may be expected ere long.

Christmas always comes with a glow of brightness. This time, owing to the dark surroundings, it seemed specially so. The congregations were large and there were many communicants. The services were very cheerful and in accord with the great festival. The offertories amounted to nearly £15. A large number of helpers worked hard in making the Church look Christ-

mas-like, and they certainly succeeded, and we are very much indebted to them.

The parish has lost a friend by the death of Sir Frederick FitzWygram, who never forgot to send contributions to our funds. His name has long been associated with Hampton Hill, and our Church owes much to his kindness of heart. Such old friends are not easily replaced. We grieve for their loss and cannot forget them. Many will feel deep sympathy with his family.

A valuable parishioner and familiar figure has just been taken from us in the person of Mr. Player, of the Coffee House, of which he was a most excellent manager. He was just the man for the place and we are not likely to look on his like again. He had long been in failing health, and yet the end seemed to come all too soon.

The total deposits in the Provident Club during the year were the highest on record, and amounted to £589 os. 1d. To this sum £17 10s. 7d. was added by way of interest, chiefly raised by subscriptions. The District Visitors take an immense amount of trouble with the Club, and I am sure the depositors must be very grateful to them.

Owing to the increase in sickness the district nurse has had more to do than usual. She paid 228 visits during the last month and 2,148 during the year.

Confirmation classes will be commenced about the middle of the month and will be fully announced. There will be classes for adults as well as young people. The Confirmation will be at our own church this year. Names should be sent in at once.

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The lecture I promised to give on Egypt will be at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday, the 31st inst. The proceeds will be for the Curate's Fund and the Nurse Fund. Tickets will be ready in a few days.

The Mothers' Supper is fixed for Tuesday, the 17th, at 7 p.m., when we hope to see the members and their husbands.

The Sunday School prize-giving will, if possible, be on Friday, the 20th inst.

The quarterly service for the Girls' Friendly Society will be held on Thursday, the 26th inst.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nov. 27—S.P.G. ...	5 7 7	4 2 1	9 9 8
Dec. 4—Curate's Fund...	3 16 8	1 11 3	5 7 1
„ 11—Church Expenses ...	2 15 6	0 19 9	3 15 3
„ 18—Church Expenses ...	2 8 10	1 14 6	4 3 4
Xmas Day—Poor Fund, 7 a.m., 14/6; 8 a.m., £1 19s. 10d.	9 16 9	2 6 11	14 18 0
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund) Dec. 4, 6/6; Dec. 11, 7/2; Dec. 18, 4/8 ...	...	...	0 18 4
Children's Services (Missions), Dec. 4, 1/10; Dec. 11, 2/6; Dec. 18, 1/6 ...	...	...	0 5 10
Special Celebrations, Nov. 30 (St. Andrew's Day), C.M.S., 5/4; S.P.G., 5/3 ...	...	...	0 10 7
Thursdays—Ordination Candidates Fund, Dec. 1st, 3/11; Dec. 8th, 8/5; Dec. 15th, £1 os. 2d.; Dec. 22nd, £1 os. 6d. ...	...	...	2 13 0
St. Thomas' Day, 2/7; St. Stephen's Day, 2/3...	0 4 10
Special Service, Communicants' Association	0 14 6

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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.'

Nov. 20—William Charles Leslie Clabourne.

„ 23—Percy John Hutchins.

„ 23—Clara Nellie Hutchins.

„ 23—Ethel Frances Hutchins.

„ 23—Albert Marshall Hutchins.

Dec. 25—Alice Joan Browning.

MARRIAGES.

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

Dec. 25—Henry Thomas Wheeler to Elsie Louise Farrant.

„ 26—James John Silcox Moore to Mary Florence Carter.

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. 19—Charlotte Clynick, aged 82 years.

„ 26—John Player, aged 52 years.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

DATE.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
Jan. 1	179 71 74	175 325	62 Anthem,
	482	329	70 72 Carols.
„ 4	...	...	74 178
„ 8	78 79 56	330 76	488 483 80
		333	Carols.
„ 11	...	...	78 265
„ 15	537 81	334 79	75 79 31
		331	Carols.
„ 18	...	...	176 22
„ 22	165 486 177	341 338	255 77 178
		569	
„ 25	..	...	405 448
„ 29	405 417 271	432 281	406 282 510
		566	