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My DEAR FRIENDS,

The past month has been one of the most exciting, and in some respects, the most disturbing that we can remember. An election has taken place, which I believe, has astonished everybody. The people have made their choice, and there is not much more to be said about it at present. It is however to be feared that at no distant date some change will take place with regard to our Schools. Nobody knows what it will be at present, but for a great many years matters have gone on so pleasantly in connection with our Schools here; there has been no friction; I have heard of no serious grievance on the part of our nonconformist friends, and there has been such general satisfaction on the part of the parents, that I shall be greatly distressed if we are not allowed to go on as we are, or at least that the changes may be so slight, that the religious teaching of the children may not be seriously affected.

The Prize-giving to our Sunday School children took place on the 12th ult. The number of prize winners was larger than ever, and they had been well earned. The Schoolroom was quite full of children and parents. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Phillips, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was given. The children had a child's delight in the shape of a Magic Lantern, and a good supply of buns and oranges. I do not know of any body of people more deserving of gratitude than our Sunday School teachers, who give up their time and do their work with so much devotion and care.

Mrs. FitzWygram gave a supper to the members of her Men's Bible Class on the 11th, and another to the young men on the 18th, and more appreciative gatherings there could not have been.

There was a Meeting of the Temperance Society on the 23rd, when I understand a most excellent address was given by Mr. Gibb, of Teddington. The Quarterly Service of the G.F.S. was held on the 25th, which was followed by the usual tea at Larkfield, when the members were specially pleased to welcome a visit from the Hon. Mrs. Bligh.

There was a good attendance at the Men's Service on the 28th ult. The next will be on the 25th inst., when the subject of the address will be "The Rescue of a Soul."

After a somewhat heavy time the District Nurse's work has grown a little lighter again. She has made 281 visits during the past month.

The Mothers' Supper will be on Tuesday, the 6th inst. There will be an excellent Entertainment after the supper, when the "Little Jappies" are coming, and we shall have glees by the "Lend a Hand Society." The admission for outsiders to the Entertainment will be Sixpence.

Confirmation Classes have been commenced:—for boys and youths in the Vestry, on Sunday evening at 6; for girls and young women, on Tuesday evening at 8 in the Vestry, and on Wednesday afternoon at 4.30 in the Mission Room. The Confirmation will be on March 1st.

I hope to give a Course of Lectures, in connection with the Church Reading Union, in March, on Thursday afternoons at 5, in the Mission Room, on English Church History, from 1776 to 1836, giving an account of Evangelical Revival, and of the early Oxford movement.

There will be a Meeting at the Mission Room, on the 14th inst., at 3.30 p.m., in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Rev. W. Norman will attend as a deputation, and give an account of the work of the Society. All who are interested are earnestly invited to attend. There will be a Collection.

The next Meeting for Intercession for Missions will be on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at 5.30 p.m., at the Mission Room.

The Annual Collections for the Teddington Cottage Hospital will take place on Sunday, the 14th

inst. Many improvements have lately been made in the Hospital, and it is doing a most excellent work, and thoroughly deserves our support.

On Ash Wednesday, the 28th inst., the offertories will be given to the Colonial and Continental Society. This Society provides Clergymen for our Colonists in Canada, South Africa and Australia, and supplies Chaplains where English people congregate on the Continent.

It seems a little early to speak of the Horticultural Show, but people who intend to exhibit have to begin to make their plans early if they wish for success, and I take this opportunity of mentioning that I believe a great effort will be made this year to make the Show a great success. The Society will make known its plans in a few days.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

A Special Service for Church Workers will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral, on Monday, February 26th, at 8 p.m. Preacher: The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Kensington. Tickets to be obtained from the Parochial Clergy.

The Annual Service of the Queen Victoria Clergy Fund will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral, on Wednesday, February 21st, at 4 o'clock. The Bishop of Birmingham will preach the sermon. The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London will attend officially; the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, accompanied by the Municipal Mayors, will attend in State. Tickets can be had if application be made by letter (with stamped envelope enclosed) to Prebendary Covington, Hon. Sec., Office of Q.V. C.F. (London Branch), Chapter House, E.C.

OFFERTORIES.

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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."

Dec. 24—Ernest Hamilton Simmons.
Jan. 7—Albert Arthur Martin.

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14-William Horace Highmore.

MARRIAGE.

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

Jan. 14-Francis William Parks to Florence Harris.

BURIALS.

"I am the resurection 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. 26-Alice Victoria Gosden, aged 18 years.

,, 29—Mary Harwood, aged 71 years. ,, 33—Lilie Emma Lloyd, aged 44 years.

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