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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

July is generally a month for parochial festivities, and we have had our usual share this year, and on the whole we have been very fortunate in the weather, upon which so much depends in these things. The Flower Show on the 8th ult. was an exception to this rule, the weather was most unfavourable, it rained nearly the whole day, and although the show was exceptionally good, especially the ladies' tent, the attendance was not large. I do not think the Committee could have done more to secure success, and the Comic Cricket Match was a most amusing feature, but there was no possibility of providing against dull skies and drenching rain. However we all felt that the whole country was profiting by the down-pour and that was some consolation. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Elsee. Mr Elsee, the president, took the chair at the luncheon and at the prize giving.

The Annual Meeting of the Communicants' Guild was held in the Vicarage Garden on the 9th ult. The weather was quite fine for tea, and a considerable number were present. It was intended to have had a little Musical Entertainment, which had been arranged by Mr. Phillips, but as rain came on this had to be abandoned, and we all went into the church where a very pleasant hour was spent. Mr. Dawkins played some selections on the organ, we sang hymns, and had a short address.

On Friday, the 17th ult., the Annual Meeting of the Mothers' Union was held. After service in church, the members adjourned to the Vicarage Garden, where a most interesting and impressive address was given by Mrs. Donaldson, who is now well known amongst us, and very much appreciated. Upwards of ninety were present at tea, and the weather was all that could be desired.

The Nurse Fund accounts will be found below. I am glad to say they show an increase in contributions, which is most satisfactory. Further sums will be most thankfully received by Mrs. Stutchbury. The Nurse will go away for three weeks holiday on the 19th inst.

The Schools are at present undergoing thorough repairs, they are being re-painted and distempered throughout, and the improvement will be very great indeed. The total cost of this is about £160. The County Council will provide about £100, and the rest will have to be provided by us, and I would express the hope that all our friends will subscribe generously to the Day Schools this year to meet this special and most

necessary expenditure. Miss Barnard will shortly make her annual call for this fund.

The New Parish Room is now set up in the Vicarage field. It is no worse for its transportation from its former home. It will be most useful for all kinds of church purposes, and we are most thankful to have it. The donations towards the cost of re-erection have not come in so fast as we hoped they would, but I feel sure that as soon as people know what a valuable room we now have, they will readily help towards the cost. Contributions should be sent to Mr. Vine Griffiths or to me.

Our Dedication Festival, which began on Friday, St. James's Eve, was a great success. The weather was perfect. The children assembled at the schools at 2 p.m., and marched through the village to the church, preceded by the Fortescue House Band, and with flags and banners they made a brave show. Many of the parishioners displayed bunting in honour of the occasion. Mr. White, coal merchant, sent a large waggon, into which we packed about forty infants, and these, in this way, headed the procession. After a brief service, the children went to the Vicarage Field, and there the first business was "tea." It was no light work to feed them all, but we had plenty of willing helpers, and Miss Barnard brewing the tea, and so of course all went well. After tea the fun began. Mrs. Creane, Miss Williams and Mr. Basey and all their assistants, were busy for two or three hours arranging races and games, and distributing prizes to the winners. Punch and Judy were at work with an eager group around them. The swings were kept continually on the move, while big and little tried a cocoanut shy. Then inside the Parish Room a little Missionary Sale of Work was going on, under the care of Mrs. Griffiths, Miss White, Mrs. Carpenter, Miss Hayes, Mrs. Handcock, and others, while under the shade of the trees Mrs. Wallace and her helpers were selling plants and flowers for the same purpose. On the lawn Mrs. Job welcomed about 300 friends to tea, after which groups of boys and girls gave displays of drilling, under the direction of Mrs. Creane, Mr. Basey, Miss H. Davies and Mr. Phillips. This concluded, the Bishop of Kensington, who was present, distributed a few prizes and certificates to G.F.S. Girls, which had been sent by the Hon. Agnes Leigh. Gladys McDowal obtaining a second prize and Victoria Wells a third. The Bishop then in a brief speech spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be present on such an occasion, and referred to it as a kind of family gathering, shewing just those signs of friendliness that ought to exist amongst members of the same congregation. The Bishop has been

very good in coming to us, and his great kindness and his cordiality were thoroughly appreciated by every one present. His visit did us all good and we shall not soon forget it. At the Evening Service the church was fairly filled. The Service was bright and reverential, and called forth the expression of warm appreciation from the Bishop. The sermon was a great treat to us all. The Bishop's text was:—St. John x. 22-23: "And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch." The preacher spoke eloquently of the past and the present in the life of a church. 'At a Dedication Festival it was natural to look back to the earlier days, which might be compared to the winter, the time of struggle, of anxiety, of hard work, but of hope, for the summer was coming; and now the summer was here with all its brightness and its fruitfulness, but there would have been none of it without the earlier season of toil. We might say:—"The winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth and the time of the singing of birds is come," therefore, "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away!" Arise to fresh effort; arise, for God has blessed you, and use the opportunity to bless the world around you; make what you have reached a starting point for higher aims.' I must not forget to mention the decorations, which were really very beautiful, and I must express our great indebtedness to all our helpers, in the church, and in the field, who worked so ungrudgingly; to all who sent flowers and plants, toys and cakes, and contributions of any kind, to Mr. Hall for attending at the gate, to Messrs. Singleton & Sons for lending timber and giving labour, and to Miss Barnard for hard work everywhere. The little Sale of Work produced a little over £20 clear for Foreign Missions.

The Rev. E. S. Phillips is starting a Choral Society, which is really a development of the old "Lend-a-Hand" Society. No doubt there are many who will be glad to join this larger effort. Particulars will be found in the advertisement.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

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 22—Margaret Anna Hemery.

July 12—Robert Ernest Timbrell.

„ 12—John Leslie Beckett.

MARRIAGES.

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

June 22—Edward World to Martha Griffin.

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.

June 22—Eva Cassandra Venton, aged 23 months.

„ 23—Sarah Palmer, aged 82 years.

„ 27—Jessica Boulter, aged 29 years,

July 7—Leslie Goffin, aged 14 months.

„ 11—Mary Jane Mansell, aged 50 years.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
June 21—Richmond Hospital ...	6 19 10	2 10 8	9 10 6
„ 28—Church Expenses ...	3 17 7	1 14 10	5 11 7
July 5—Curate's Fund ...	4 4 11	1 11 7	5 16 6
„ 12—Church Expenses ...	3 14 3	1 2 7	4 16 10
„ 19— „ „ ...	4 1 4	1 12 2	5 13 6
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), June 28, 14/5; July 5, 16/10; July 12, 10/7; July 19, 6/2 ...	...	...	2 8 0
Children's Services (Missions), June 28, 1/8; July 5, 2/6; July 12, 2/7; July 19, 1/4 ...	...	...	0 8 1
Special Celebrations—June 24 (St. John Baptist's Day), 8/4; June 29 (St. Peter's Day), S.P.G., 12/3	1 0 7
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HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

DATE.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
Aug. 2	7 318	332 281 330	217 175 267 28
„ 5	...	...	263 238
„ 9	9 209 550	335 261 333	545 527 265 271
„ 12	...	...	279 280
„ 16	186 184	331 547 331	298 176 181 294
„ 19	...	...	239 261
„ 23	247 207 303	338 336 341	210 513 419 223
„ 26	...	...	240 269
„ 30	36 164 230	571 567 569	540 196 270 224