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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

We are now in the busiest part of the year from a church point of view, and engagements of all kinds crowd upon us. The offertories for Teddington Cottage Hospital were fairly good. The Hospital has great need of support. I should be grateful if any subscribers would spare me any "letters" that they can, as the demand for them is far greater than I can supply.

We had a most inspiring sermon from Archdeacon Renison on Ash Wednesday, on the "Church in Canada," and we had excellent collections, amounting to over £9, for the Colonial and Continental Church Society.

On the 11th of last month there was a Quarterly Service for the members of the G.F.S., who were entertained afterwards as usual at Larkfield. The attendance was good.

We had a large congregation at the Mothers' Union Service on the 17th, and several new members were admitted. Our Branch is growing stronger every quarter. I believe the Society is one of the most important that we have. I wish all mothers of all classes would join. I am sure it would help them. Will members please remember the Holy Communion on Lady-day?

On the 14th there was a most interesting Church Parade of the local battalion of the Lads' Brigade. They and their friends filled the Church, and it was a very inspiring sight. I am glad to say our local company is doing well.

The Annual Meeting of the Working Men's Club was held on the 11th. The accounts showed that the Club had paid its way for the past year, but there were some outstanding accounts, and the Club-room sorely needs renovating. I am glad to say older men are becoming members. The Secretary, Mr. Barwell, was re-elected. Further subscriptions would be thankfully received.

The Day School Prizes for the Boys' and Girls' departments were distributed on the 19th by Mrs. Stutchbury. The Infants' will come on later. The "Reports" have already appeared, which showed how excellent the work of the

year has been. Mr. Stutchbury, Mr. Joseph and the Rev. E. S. Phillips spoke, and a warm vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Stutchbury.

The Annual Meeting in connection with the Horticultural Society was held on the 26th. Mr. Elsee was elected President for the second time. It was decided to hold the Show in the Manor House Grounds, Hampton, on Wednesday, July 14th. The Society is free from debt, but much generous support will be needed if it is to pay its way this year. It has existed for 38 years, and deserves to live as long again. Mr. Hallt is the Secretary, and Mr. Makepeace the hon. Treasurer.

I hope many will attend the Lectures on "Church History," to be given in the Church Room, by the Rev. W. D. Fanshawe, on Tuesday afternoons, at 3.30. They are sure to be full of interest. The Secretaries for the Church Reading Union are Mrs. Job and Mr. Joseph, from whom any information may be had.

Some changes have recently taken place in the staff of our District Visitors. We have lost two most valuable helpers in Miss White and Mrs. Russell. The former from ill-health, and the latter owing to removal from the neighbourhood. Miss White has carried on her work with most painstaking care for sixteen years, and Mrs. Russell could scarcely be excelled. We are most grateful to them both. I am glad to say that their places have been supplied—Miss Irene Watts having undertaken High Street; Miss Watts, Seymour Road and Burton's Road; and Miss Lavington, Wolsey Road (right).

Envelopes for Lent Offerings will be found in the Church Porch. I hope many will be taken and used. Everybody may choose their own object. I would mention the Curate's Fund and Nurse Fund, as objects that need further support; and there are still a few pounds owing for the Church Room.

We are commencing a new system of Catechising on Sunday afternoons, which I believe will be much more interesting and instructive for the children. I am very anxious that children who do not go to Sunday School should attend as well as those who do. They will be supplied with questions to learn during the week.

Twenty-two Candidates will be presented to-day from St. James' for Confirmation at Hampton Wick. They will come to the Holy Communion

for the first time next Sunday, and I hope, as many as possible of their friends and relatives will attend with them.

There will be a Missionary (C.M.S.) Meeting in the Boys' School on Tuesday, the 30th inst., when the deputation will be the Rev. Dr. Richards. I hope all who are interested in Missions will come.

On March 31st the Musical Society will give the "Messiah" at the Victoria Hall. Long and careful preparation is being made for this under the conductorship of the Rev. E. S. Phillips. Full particulars will be announced in due time:

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.
Jan. 31—Church Expenses ...	3 9 10	1 9 11	4 19 9
Feb. 7—Curate's Fund ...	2 19 9	2 6 3	5 6 0
" 14—Church Expenses ...	3 5 10	1 7 7	4 13 5
" 21—Teddington Cottage Hospital ...	5 10 10	2 15 4	8 6 2
" 24—(Ash Wednesday), Colonial and Continental Church Society ...	1 8 0	8 0 6	9 8 6
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Jan. 31, 6/7; Feb. 7, 11/4; Feb. 14, 13/-; Feb. 21, 5/2 ...	...	...	1 16 1
Children's Services (Missions), Jan. 31, 2/9; Feb. 7, 3/2; Feb. 21, 2/11 ...	...	...	0 8 10
Special Celebrations, Feb. 2 (Purification of the Virgin) ...	...	...	0 5 9
Special Services, Feb. 1 (Communicants' Guild)	0 12 9
" " " 14 (Girls' Friendly Society)	0 3 8
" " " 17 (Mothers' Union Service)	0 18 5

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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.

Feb. 14—Dorothy Elizabeth Wraight.

" 14—George Clifford Kast.

" 14—Winifred Alice Lee.

" 20—Vivien Joyce Vine Griffiths.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

DATE.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
March 3	...	...	354 244
" 7	490 182 85	281 92 331	637 287 277 86
" 10	...	...	631 249
" 14	90 266 491	338 261 346	634 91 93 252
" 17	...	...	633 94
" 21	112 91 269	197 244 568	634 183 257 254
" 24	...	...	409 253
" 28	96 198 528	332 194 200	637 187 94 200
" 31	...	...	96 495