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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The past month seems to have been one of Annual Meetings, Treats and Festivities, and for all of them we have been fortunate enough to have fine weather.

On Saturday, the 13th ult., the men of the CHOIR had an Excursion to Hastings; a long and happy day was spent, which we all enjoyed. We are most grateful to the adult members of the Choir who give their services without payment, and it is a great pleasure to us to give them this little recognition.

On Monday, the 15th ult., the BAND OF HOPE had their Annual Entertainment, and also the Distribution of Prizes and Awards, which was most kindly performed by Mrs. Dashwood Howard. The Band of Hope has done exceedingly well, and for three years it has gained the Challenge Shield for the Rural Deanery of Hampton, for the largest number of successes in the annual competitions, a success which is to be attributed to the work of the Rev. E. S. Phillips and those who have assisted him. In addition to the Band of Hope awards, a number of certificates were distributed to members of the Lads' Brigade who had passed the Ambulance Examination, the lectures for which were most kindly given by Dr. Dashwood Howard, assisted by Mr. Shail. The room was well filled, and the entertainment was excellent. Our thanks are due to all who helped to make it so. During the evening Mrs, Russell handed to Mr. Phillips a beautiful clock which had been subscribed for by the C.E.T.S. Crusaders.

On Tuesday, the 16th ult., the Annual Meeting of the C.E.T.S. was held in the Vicarage garden. About eighty members were present. An address was given by the Rev. L. B. Currie, the London Secretary of the Society, on Temperance work.

This was followed by another presentation to Mr. Phillips from the members, and consisted of an oak inkstand and stationery case, and which was handed to Mr. Phillips by the Secretary, Mr. W. Jordan. A short entertainment followed, which was arranged by Mr. Longster, and in which he and Messrs. Mote, Alfred Newman, Stoneleigh and Fenton Phillips took part. Light refreshments were provided and handed round under the management of Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Russell, the Misses Watts and Miss Poley. The refreshments were given by friends of the Society, so that all the proceeds from the sale of tickets went to the fund.

The chief event of the month was, of course, ST JAMES' FESTIVAL. This was observed on St. James' Day by Celebrations of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., and a choral service at 8 p.m., when there were fair congregations. On Friday we had the great gathering in the Vicarage garden, when we must have had a record number of children and adults. At the children's service there was not a vacant seat in the church. Immediately after the children's tea, and before they separated, a beautiful study chair was brought upon the scene and placed upon a table before the children. This had been subscribed for by the teachers and children of the Day and Sunday Schools, the members of the Band of Hope and of the Lads' Brigade, and was intended as a present to Mr. Phillips. Mr. Basey in a few well-chosen words. asked Mr. Phillips to accept it. After tea on the lawn the girls and boys gave exhibitions of drilling, dancing, May-pole dancing and skipping, under the direction of Mrs. Creane, Miss Blanchard, Miss Davies, Miss Oatway and Mr. Basey. Then followed more presentations to Mr. Phillips. I had the pleasure, in the name of the subscribers, of asking him to accept a purse containing a cheque for £66 5s. together with an illuminated address and a beautiful morocco album containing the names of the 320 subscribers. The total sum amounted to £76 5s. and varied from one penny to ten guineas. Mrs. Phillips was not forgotten, a handsome prayer and hymn book being handed to her. Short speeches were made by the churchwardens, Mr. Lavington and Mr. Oatway, and the ex-churchwardens, Mr. Davies and Mr. Storey, who referred to the good work Mr. Phillips had done in the

parish during the fifteen years he had been curate. Mr. Phillips replied warmly expressing his gratitude to everybody who had treated him so well. In addition to the presents referred to, the members of the Mothers' Meeting had previously made a presentation of their own. Then, while we were still standing on the lawn, Mr. Chapple, the hon. secretary of the CE.T.S. for the Rural Deanery of Hampton, stepped forward with Miss G. Ryan and asked Mr. Phillips to accept a silver salver which had been subscribed for by temperance workers outside the parish in recognition of his general work in the Deanery. I am sure Mr. Phillips has every cause to be pleased with the widespread way in which his work has been recognized, and I am also sure that we shall all wish him, and his, God's blessing in their new home and sphere.

I must not forget to mention with great gratitude our indebtedness to the many who helped us at the children's treat. Messrs. Singleton & Sons, Miss Barnard, Day and Sunday School Teachers, Mr. Hallt, Mr. L. Singleton, all who sent cakes and milk, all who lent cans and trays, and all who assisted in any way. It was a great pleasure to us to have amongst us our old friends Mr. Gerald Hodgson, Miss Kidner, Miss Emily Barton and Mrs. H. O. Russell.

On Sunday we had very beautiful services, when we had the great assistance of about a dozen instrumentalists, who most kindly and most efficiently gave their services in the absence of the organ. Mr. Phillips preached two farewell sermons, and spoke earnestly and gratefully of his connection with the parish and of the kindness with which he had always been met from the first day he came into it until now.

The Annual General Meeting of the subscribers to the NURSE FUND will be held in the Church Room on Wednesday morning, the 7th inst., at 11.15 a.m., for passing the accounts and the election of officers.

I am, my dear Friends,

Very sincerely yours,

CHARLES R. JOB.

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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.

March 10-Doris Ellen Cadwell.

June 26-Norman Redit.

" 27—Elizabeth Marjorie Dobson.

July 14—Cyril Henry James.

" 14-Robert William Whitta.

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" 14-Herbert Harry Wade.

MARRIAGES.

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

July 3-Frederick Charles Thorne to Amy Emma Warren., 3-John Ashley Stuttard to Mabel Grace Searle.

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 27—Louie Allder, aged 44 years. July 3—John Foster, aged 54 years.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

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