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The Vicarage,

HAMPTON HILL,

February 1st, 1924.

My Dear People,

Two notable events occurred fast month of extreme importance to the political and industrial life of the Country. For the first time in the history of this country the Labour Party have been called upon to govern the Country. In many quarters this has caused much anxiety, but as Christians it is not for us to pass judgment until the Government has had a fair trial. Our duty is plain-to persevere in our prayers for Parliament that those in power may, under the guidance and grace of Almighty God, work for His Glory, the good of His Church, the well-being of our Soverign and his Dominions, and so bring about a state of affairs in which peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, are firmly established among us.

The railway strike is a serious matter, as it affects the whole community, and does much harm to the industry of the Country. But here again, without trying to place the blame for such a state of affairs, we must pray for a speedy settlement on grounds which are equitable to all concerned. These changes and disturbances all seem to me to point to an opportunity for the Church of Christ, irrespective of denomination, to make a great endeavour to put forth a much greater spiritual influence which will so touch the hearts of men as to stir them to think less of self and more of others. Thus the nation will come before the Party, the good of the whole rather than the grievance of the very few. The Church must take a more prominent and influential place in Social and Political Life. May I then bring to your notice a Meeting to be held in the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W., on

Friday, February 15th, at 8 o'clock. The Industrial Christian Fellowship is arranging this Meeting. The subject is "The Church's Challenge to Social and Political Life," and amongst the speakers are the Bishop of Lichfield, Miss Constance Smith, Mr. H. H. Slesser, and Mr. W. Cash. Admission is by ticket, and I shall be pleased to get tickets for those wishing to be present.

The Magazine matter for the January issue had to be sent to the printer before the Christmas Festival. I would therefore like to thank all who sent flowers, holly and evergreens for the decorations, and also the decorators for the very tasteful way in which they adorned the Church. Congregations were good, and the choir rendered their part excellently.

On the last Sunday in the old year we dedicated the window in the Baptistry to the memory of the Rev. R. Coad Pryor. The Rev. R. F. Scott performed the ceremony of dedication and preached the Sermon. We shall, I am sure, long remember his comforting words of advice.

Many treats and parties took place during the Christmas season, and I should like here to say how very grateful I am to many friends, who by their liberality helped to provide our children with a very happy entertainment. Nor do I forget the labour of those who organise and carry through the various functions. It means giving up a lot of time and spending much energy to run a treat successfully. Our good workers are therefore deserving of our very best thanks.

I have been asked why there was no Jumble Sale last year. The reason is that we might do better if this popular item in our Parochial annual programme were held at Easter time, when we might secure the Boys' School for the purpose,

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and when many are turning out their odds and ends at the yearly Spring cleaning. Should there be families that have no room to store what they would have sent to the sale last November, I shall be pleased to find a place for their contributions if they will send them along.

The Parochial Working Party has commenced its meetings again. It meets at the Vicarage on alternate Fridays at 2.30 p.m. As I told you its efforts are to be directed to supplying the financial needs not only of the Church over-seas, but also of the Parish in so far as extraordinary expenditure is concerned. Mrs. Harvey will welcome new members.

The Confirmation will be held in our church this year, on June 30th. Classes will begin in March, and I shall be glad to have names of prospective Candidates as soon as possible.

We heartily congratulate Miss Lush on her success at the recent Associated Board of Music examination.

I hope to get away for a few days before Lent. Consequently there will be no daily celebration of the Holy Communion from February 24th to March 2nd inclusive.

I remain, your faithful friend and Vicar,

FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

INTERCESSIONS.

At. 7.30 a.m.-Holy Communion.

Mondays: Sunday Schools, Day Schools, Tuesdays: District Visiting, Mothers' Union, Voluntary Workers in the Church, Cleaners, &c.

Wednesdays: Choir and Services, Parochial Church Council.

Thursdays: Temperance Work, Band of Hope, Crusaders and Adult Branch, C.E.T.S.

Fridays : Church Missions; Home & Over-seas Saturdays : Church Lads' Brigade, Girl Guides, Girls' Friendly Society.

IMPORTANT.—Will all those who are responsible for Church Work please send in a full report by the 20th of each month, by so doing it will not only be of great use to our readers, but greatly forward the work of the Church. Applications for Advertisements in the Magazine, should be made to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. A. SIMMONS, 7, Oxford Road, Teddington.

Parish Wants.

1. A Parish Hall.

- 2. A Bier for use in Church at Funerals, approximate cost about \pounds 30.
- 3. A Piano for the Infants' School.

CHURCHYARD.—Contributions towards keeping the Churchyard and the graves tidy will be welcomed, and may be sent to Mr. C. H. Evans (Churchwarden), Roseneath, Edward road, Hampton Hill.

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage daily (Mondays excepted), between the hours of 8.45 and 10 a.m., and 6 and 7 p.m.

Parish News.

THE CHOIR.—Thanks to the generosity of a member of the congregation the Choir boys spent a delightful afternoon at the Wimbledon Theatre

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in the Christmas holidays. Such treats are much appreciated by the boys. The choir are busy just now at practice on "The Crucifixion," which they hope to render in Lent. The members would like to learn another sacred Cantata for that season, but owing to the price of music it will be impossible unless some member or members of the congregation will be good enough to present the copies.

BAND OF HOPE.—The Band of Hope Treat was a great success. After a programme of pianoforte solos, songs and recitations, in which, to the delight of the children, Mr. Evans took a part, the presents on the Christmas Tree were distributed. As the children left the hall they were presented with a bun and an orange each. Amongst other things the Band of Hope members are hard at work on a children's Operetta, which they are looking forward to perform soon after Easter.

THE GIRLS' CLUB.—The Committee entertained the girls at a party in the Boys' School last month. Competitions, games and dancing were indulged in during the evening, and were thoroughly enjoyed by the company present. The Club meets on Mondays in the Church Room at 7.30 The gift of a gramophone was much p.m. appreciated by the girls, who are very grateful to Mrs. White for her handsome present.

MOTHERS' UNION. A Deanery Meeting was held at the Vicarage, on January 24th. The afternoon was very wet, but about forty were Mrs. Staply gave a most interesting, present. instructive and helpful address. Mrs. Harvey entertained the visitors to tea after the meeting.

THE PAROCHIAL WORKING PARTY.—The Working Party will meet at the Vicarage on Fridays, February 8th and 22nd, at 2.30 p.m.

THE PARISH NURSE .--- At present Nurse Foysard is living at 70, Connaught Road, Teddington. Any needing her help may leave a message at "Heston," Park Road, or place a note in the box on the railings of Dr. Llewellyn's House.

THE WORKING PARTY .- After paying expenses, the proceeds of the two Sales of Work produced the sum of £59 14s. od. This sum was divided between the S.P.G., the C.M.S., and the C.C.C.S. in equal proportions. Each Society received £ 19 18s. od.

N. STEVENS, Hon. Treasurer.

OFFERTORY STATEMENT.

Dec. 23rd to Jan. 21st.

For Church Exp e nses For Missions	 •••	 •••	£ s. d. 29 1 3 018 0
For Assessment	 	 	£29 19 3 69 13 10
			£99 13 1

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

Jan. 13-Edna May Howard.

,, 13-May Grace Mansell.

,, 13-Eileen Blanch Upstone.

,, 13-Donald Walker.

., 16-Ernest Frederick Grange.

MARRIAGE.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Dec. 25-John Albert Lawn and Beatrice Fletcher.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Dec. 24-Robilliard King-Stephens, aged 81 years. ,, 29-Edward Daniel Smith, aged 76 years.

Jan. 1-Isable Frances Marie LeFevre, aged 47 years.

" 16-Olga Krajewsky, aged 79 years.

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, 19-Edward Albert Gray, aged 43 years.