

February 1st, 1894.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I am glad to know that the new Magazine has met with so kindly a welcome as it has. It has begun the year well, and I believe that the better it is known the more it will be appreciated.

The Mothers' Supper took place in Christmas week and proved a very happy meeting. The numbers present were a little less than usual, owing, I believe, to an unusual amount of sickness at the time. The Entertainment was arranged by Miss Butler, and thoroughly delighted all who were present. The Churchwardens, Messrs. Hall and Storey, and Messrs. Evans and Cobb, most kindly assisted the ladies in dispensing the fare.

The Prize Distribution to the Sunday School children on the 11th ult. passed off successfully. Nearly every child belonging to the Schools was present, and the behaviour was exceedingly good. Upwards of fifty prizes were given, the greater number consisting of Bibles and Prayer Books. Nearly all the Teachers were present and took charge of their classes. The Entertainment consisted chiefly of a Magic Lantern Exhibition by Mr. Bridger. The pictures were shown by lime-light, and were in most cases photographs taken by Mr. Bridger himself. The children were dismissed with a bun and an orange, and went home apparently thoroughly satisfied with their evening's entertainment. I am very anxious that the Sunday School should have an attendance more in proportion to the Day School than it has at present. I fear there are many children who do not go to any Sunday School at all, and I would beg all parents to take care that their children form the habit of regular Sunday observance while they are young. Habits formed in early days are rarely entirely lost. I believe one of the most valuable possessions we can secure to our children is a set of good habits, and there is nothing that they will one day be so grateful for.

Our Band of Hope is yet very young, but it is showing signs of strong and healthy vigour. The attendance is generally about a hundred, and an

excellent band of workers is always present, which makes the work of the chairman easy and pleasant. The members had their first quarterly tea on the 22nd ult. and a very pleasant gathering it was. After tea in the Girls' School, we all adjourned to the Boys' School for an Entertainment, the first part of which consisted of an excellent conjuring performance by Mr. Frank Hanrott, who greatly perplexed the juvenile minds before him. The remainder of the entertainment consisted of songs and recitations by the members. A large number of parents attended and evidently enjoyed the efforts of their children.

The Day School Children who had gained prizes received them at the Schools on the 24th ult., when many parents and friends of the Schools were present. The children were under the direction of their teachers, Mr. Basey, Miss Eastland and Miss Gass, and their assistants, and sang songs during the evening. The prizes were very numerous, and were provided out of a fund which was partly collected by the teachers and partly raised by means of an Entertainment got up by them. The distribution was performed by Mrs. Job. Mrs. Bowling, Mr. Evans and Mr. Bowling Trevanion were also present. The latter addressed a few well chosen words of advice and encouragement to the children.

A Drawing Room Meeting took place at the Vicarage, on the 17th ult., in connection with the Diocesan Church Reading Union, to hear a lecture by the Earl of Stamford upon "Bishop Rawle of Trinidad." There was a large attendance, and the lecture was of a most interesting character, showing the marvellous self-denial and devotion of the good Bishop. Colonel Philips in sympathetic words proposed a vote of thanks to Lord Stamford, which was accorded with great heartiness.

The members of the Communicants' Classes had their half-yearly tea in the Infants' School, on the 15th ult. The room was decorated with evergreens and flags and looked very attractive. Mr. Bridger delighted us all with a number of beautiful pictures shown by lime-light. Music, songs and recitations further added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Early in the month Mrs. FitzWygram entertained the members of her Bible Classes at

Larkfield. First there were the men to the number of five-and-twenty, who were treated to the time-honoured fare of roast beef and plum pudding; the evening being spent in music, singing and games. A few days after, an equal number of the youths were received to tea, and they fixed upon the occasion for presenting Mrs. FitzWygram with a beautiful vase as a mark of their appreciation of her thought and care in their behalf.

A former curate of Hampton Hill, the Rev. F. W. Keene, now Vicar of Misson, in Nottinghamshire, has written to me under the following circumstances:—Some months ago he was struck by lightning while in his Schools and seriously injured. After a period of rest he returned to his parish to carry on his duties, but on the very day he arrived his Church was struck by lightning and damage was done to the extent of £1,511, which was only partially met by insurance. And he is now asking if some of his old friends in Hampton Hill will give him a little assistance towards the restoration of the Church. By a very curious coincidence the Church is the one in which your present Vicar was baptized, and I am therefore naturally deeply interested in it, and I have willingly consented to receive any donations on behalf of the restoration fund, and to forward them to Mr. Keene. Contributions may be sent to me direct, and an opportunity will be afforded on Ash Wednesday for any further sums to be given at the Church.

I am glad to say that I have been able to engage a gentleman as curate, who will, I trust, be found very suitable for the position, viz., Mr. F. H. Taylor, B.A., of St. John's College, Oxford. Mr. Taylor will most likely come at once, and will assist me as a lay reader until his ordination.

The Confirmation Classes have now commenced, and I am glad to say that about sixty candidates have joined. No further names can be admitted after the 7th inst., except under special circumstances.

It will be seen from the Calendar that during Lent there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion every Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, and a short address. There will also be Special

Wednesday Evening Preachers, of which the following is a list:—

- Feb. 7, Ash Wednesday.—THE VICAR.
 „ 14.—(Not arranged).
 „ 21.—Rev. P. B. DRABBLE, M.A.,
 Vicar of Holy Trinity, Twickenham.
 „ 28.—Rev. ARNOLD LETCHWORTH, M.A.,
 Vicar of St. John's, Kingston.
 Mar. 7.—Rev. H. C. LAYCOCK, M.A.,
 Chaplain of the Industrial School, Feltham
 „ 14.—Rev. H. HOLLINGWORTH, M.A.,
 Vicar of East Molesey.

I hope that members of the congregation will try to attend as many of these services as possible.

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.”

- Jan. 4.—William Wingrove.
 „ 5.—Madge Englefield Salmon.
 „ 14.—Mabel Hopley.
 „ 14.—Alice Elizabeth Wiseman.

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.”

- Dec. 29.—Ralph David Gough, 1 month.
 „ 29.—Lucy Newport Druitt, 32 years.
 „ 30.—William George Higgins, 4 years 8 months.
 Jan. 9.—Ann Morris, 77 years.
 „ 11.—Alice James, 34 years.
 „ 12.—William Wingrove, 13 days.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.			7 p.m.			Totals.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 31.—General Fund..	2	11	10	1	12	2	4	4	0
Jan. 7.—Curate's Fund.....	2	10	7	1	9	0	3	19	7
„ 14.—General Fund.....	1	11	10	1	12	3	3	4	1
„ 21.—General Fund.....	3	5	9	1	7	10	4	13	7
Poor Fund at 8 a.m., Dec. 31, 3/-; Jan. 7, 4/-; } Jan. 14, 6/5; Jan 21, 5/-.....							0	18	5
Children's Services.—Missions—Dec. 31, 5/-; } Jan. 7, 1/5; Jan. 14, 5/4½; Jan. 21, 4/7 }							0	16	4½
Special Celebrations.—Jan. 1, 7/9; Jan. 6, 2/3 ...							0	10	0

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