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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

May I first say a word about the Horticultural Society, which, I believe, excites great interest among our local institutions, and especially so when its Annual Show is held in this parish. The General Meeting took place at the Schools, on the 30th of January. A good working Committee was elected, and everything seems to promise well for a successful year. The Show will be held in the Vicarage Grounds, and is fixed for the first or second Wednesday in July, as can be best arranged. It is hoped that the competition will be as widespread as possible, and especially that the cottagers will be largely represented amongst the exhibitors.

The object of the Show is to encourage people for their own advantage to try to produce the best flowers, fruit and vegetables that their gardens and their own skill are capable of.

The Concert on the 5th ult. was an exceedingly good one, thanks to the painstaking efforts of Mr. Gerald Hodgson, to whom, as well as to all other helpers, we are deeply indebted. There was a large audience and the monetary result proved to be a substantial sum. On the whole the Winter Entertainments have been very successful, and some of our parish charities will be largely benefited thereby. The Balance Sheet will be produced next month.

The Girls' Friendly Society had their quarterly service on the 1st ult., after which they were entertained at tea by Mrs. FitzWygram. I am thankful to say the branch maintains its flourishing vigour.

The appeal on behalf of the Rev. F. W. Keene's Church at Misson produced the very satisfactory sum of ten pounds, three shillings. Half of this was given in the offertories on Ash Wednesday, and the rest in donations.

Mr. Keene has written expressing his most sincere thanks to those who have so kindly helped him.

The Confirmation will take place on Monday, the 12th inst., at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. I hope that all who intend to be present will kindly be in their places ten minutes before the services commences. There will be candidates from Hampton and Hampton Wick as well as our own.

I am glad to say that Colonel Philips, Major Balguy, and Captain Isdell, have kindly consented to act as a Committee to work the Lads' Brigade, and we hope very shortly to re-organize it and make it a very attractive and beneficial institution for our youths. Only boys of good character will be admitted, and I hope that many of those connected with our schools and classes will join. The systematic drill and discipline of the Brigade will, I am sure, prove a great advantage to those who avail themselves of it.

Colonel Philips has kindly promised to conduct a Bible Class, which will be open to all, at the Pantile Mission Room. It will be held on the Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The date of commencement will be fully announced in a week or two. Colonel Philips is thoroughly experienced in work of this kind, and I am convinced that his class will be a boon to the neighbourhood. He will also have a class for boys in the East Bank

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Mission Room on Sunday afternoons at 3, commencing on Sunday, the 18th inst. This is intended for youths of 15 and 16. I shall be glad if those who would like to join will send their names to me or to Colonel Philips beforehand if possible, and come to the Mission Room at the time named. The special Lent preachers who have yet to come are the Rev. H. C. Laycock, Chaplain of the Industrial School at Feltham, on the 7th, and the Rev. H. Hollingworth, of East Molesey, on the 14th.

During Holy Week the services will be as follows: On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, there will be Morning Prayer at 10. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, there will be a short service in the evening at 8, when the "Story of the Cross" will be sung, and an address given on one of the last events in the life our Lord.

On Thursday morning there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10. On Good Friday the services will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The offertories on Thursday and Good Friday will be for the St. James' Home, Fulham.

On Easter Day there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7, 8 and 11. And I would remind you that the day on which we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord is one of the days when all Christians are directed to come to this Sacred Feast. And I would earnestly invite all who are, and may I not say, all who *ought to be* Communicants, to come. Those who are to be confirmed on the 12th will come for their first communion on Easter Day, and I hope that their parents and friends will, if possible, come with them. The address on Thursday night in Holy Week will have special reference to the institution of the Lord's Supper, and the preparation for the Easter Communion.

As I am very anxious to obtain a complete list

on Easter Day to write their name on a piece of paper, and place it, or their card, in a basket which will be in the porch for the purpose.

The Annual Vestry Meeting for receiving the Church Accounts, and for the election of Churchwardens and Sidesmen, will be held in the Vestry, on Thursday evening, the 29th inst., at 8 o'clock, when it is hoped that a large number of members of the congregation will be present.

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."

Feb. 3.—Claud Beresford Vernon Hodgson.
,, 11.—Ellen Fanny McKenzie.
,, 11.—Isabella Ledger.
,, 11.—Elsie Florence Driver.
,, 11.—Albert George Ernest Grace.

MARRIAGE.

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

Jan. 29.—Charles George Hardy Luker and Louisa Isles.

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."

Jan. 24.—Ann Hard, aged 88 years.

Feb. 19.—Lancelot Cyril Warne, aged 19 years.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan. 28.—General Fund.....	2 15 8	1 6 11	4 2 7
Feb. 4.—Curate's Fund.....	4 3 6	1 13 1	5 16 7
Ash Wednesday for Mission Church.....		1 14 8	3 7 4
Feb. 11.—General Fund.....	2 13 1	1 5 10	3 18 11
18.—Bishop of London's Fund.....		1 17 6	1 17 6
	3 15 p.m., 5/5.		
Poor Fund at 8 a.m., Jan. 28, 5/6; Feb. 4, 6/10; Feb. 11, 6/4; Feb. 18, 7/5.....			1 6 1
Children's Services—Missions, Jan. 28, 5/-; Feb. 4, 5/7; Feb. 11, 5/9; Feb. 18, 5/5.....			1 1 9
Special Celebrations—Jan. 25, 4/3; Feb. 1, 4/2; Feb. 8, 3/4; Feb. 15, 2/-; Feb. 22, 6/-.....			0 19 9