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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

We have spent our first Lent and Easter together, and a very happy, peaceful and, I trust, helpful time it has been to us all. I was rejoiced to see so many Communicants on Easter day. Our thanks are given to those who so kindly sent gifts of flowers and so beautifully decorated our Church for Easter.

I record, with very deep regret, the death of Mrs. Green, which occurred with startling suddenness; her quiet work, specially in connection with the magazine will be much missed, and her son has our sincere sympathy. I am glad to say that Miss E. J. Cooke has kindly undertaken this work in future.

It was a great pleasure welcoming among us your very old friend Mr. Phillips, who, of course, had a very hearty reception. He unveiled a singularly beautiful window, placed in the North Aisle by Miss Butler in memory of her late father and mother; this window is a valuable addition to the adornment of our Church.

A very interesting little ceremony took place in the Infants' School on March 31st, when Miss Williams, helped by the Assistant Teachers, arranged for an afternoon tea party. All the provisions were given by the parents, a goodly number of whom were present. Altogether the children spent a very happy time, and the "good things" disappeared with a marvellous rapidity, which showed how much they were appreciated!

Elsewhere will appear news and notices in connection with the Band of Hope and the C.E.T.S. adult branch, to which I earnestly invite your attention.

On Ascension Day, May 21st, there will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7 and 8, and after the morning Service. I have arranged the earlier hour to give an opportunity to those who leave the Parish rather early in the morning, for observing this great Festival of the Church. The Children will have their service at 9.10 a.m., and the morning service will be at 12. The Preacher will be the Rev. A. C. Kestin, and the

offertory will be given to the Church of England Scripture Readers' Association; there will be Evensong and Sermon at 8 p.m. There will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7, 8, and 11 a.m. on Whitsun-day.

I am glad to say that the Church Lads' Brigade is now out of debt. This object has been attained as a result of a Jumble Sale, kindly and ably organized by Mrs. Poley, which produced over £10. To Mrs. Poley and her band of helpers we are much indebted.

The Free-will offering scheme is now making headway, but there are still a great many additional names which we should like to see on the list.

I hope to preach a course of Sermons on the "Apostles' Creed" on the Sunday Evenings in May, June and July.

Yours truly,

R. COAD PRYOR.

Parish News.

EASTER VESTRY, 1914. The Easter Vestry was held on Thursday, 16th April, the attendance reaching a record of 31, including 8 ladies.

Mr. Oatway (People's Warden) extended a cordial welcome to Mr. Coad Pryor, the new Vicar.

The report of the Churchwardens was as follows:

It was also reported that a memorial to Miss Barnard had been erected in the form of a stone in the churchyard and a mosaic in the church, and that a memorial to Mrs. FitzWygram of three windows in the baptistry had been erected, one by the parishioners and friends and the other two by the family.

The various accounts were submitted and passed subject to audit. They will appear in due course.

The total of the offertories was £388 2s. 2d. The Church Expenses Account showed a debit balance of £10 7s. 6d., rather less than last year.

Before moving the nomination of the Vicar's Warden, Mr. Coad Pryor paid a warm tribute to the work of his predecessor, Mr. Job, and said that he appreciated coming into a parish which had been so well worked. He also thanked the

congregation for the hearty welcome extended to him and to Mrs. Coad Pryor, and he further expressed his appreciation of the assistance of the Rev. St. C. Goldie, and he added his thanks for the generous Easter Offering. As to the parochial funds, he emphasised the necessity of placing the Assistant Clergy Fund on a firmer basis. With regard to the Sunday Schools, he referred to the work of the teachers and asked for more helpers. As to the Day Schools, he expressed his view after twenty-five years' experience as a school manager, that Hampton Hill Day Schools came second to none in his experience.

He asked for better support for the Wednesday evening services, and invited suggestions as to any change in the hour which might lead to that result.

Mr. C. H. Carpenter was nominated Vicar's Warden, and Mr. C. H. Oatway was appointed Parish Warden.

The following Sidesmen were re-elected: Messrs. Basey, Cremer, Daines, Douty, Dawson, Etlinger, Evans, Frere, E. Job, Jordan, Kestin, Kynaston, Lowdell, Lovell, Meynell, Newton, Arthur Poley, A. E. Storey, Stutchbury, H. A. Simmonds, and Messrs. F. Singleton, Balch, and A. F. King-Stephens were added to the list.

After other customary business, the meeting recorded its protest against the Bill for the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales, and decided to ask the Member for the division, the Hon. C. T. Mills, to use all his efforts and interest in opposition to the measure.

BAND OF HOPE. A capital exhibition of musical drill, etc. was given in the School on Friday, April 24th, which reflected great credit on Miss Lush, Mr. Basey, Miss Oatway, and others, who have been responsible for the training of the children. The following is the result of the recent Diocesan Syllabus Examination: 2nd Class Prize, Robert E. Chaplin; 1st Class Certificates, Beatrice K. Chaplin, Kathleen Brown, Doris Manning, Albert Burr, Ethel Shail, G. M. Rivers, Marjorie Parker, P. Burr; 2nd Class Certificate, A. R. Webb. This is a great improvement on last year, and is largely owing to the work of Miss Blanchard and Mr. Hunter.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. At the last Committee Meeting of this Association the serious position of finance was discussed, the account had been overdrawn £10, but owing to the efforts of the Treasurer, Miss Swain—not only was the deficiency made good, but a balance in hand of £1 11s. 0d. was reported. New names were added to the Committee, and it is hoped that a more widespread interest will be taken in such an important work which tends to the well-being of the community. New donations: Mrs. Coad Pryor, President, £1, and Mrs. Howard-Craggs, £1.

FREE-WILL OFFERING SCHEME. The following additional names have been received from those supporting the scheme: Mr. H. W. Barras, Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Isdell, Mr. Scott-Leefe, Mrs. Miles, Mr. D. E. Norton, Mrs. Ridgway, Mr. R. Schön. A box has been fixed in the Church, into which the envelopes may be placed at any time.

Parish Notices.

BAND OF HOPE. A Concert on behalf of the Funds will be given in the Boys' School, on Friday, May 15th. It is hoped that it will be well attended.

C.E.M.S. Monthly Service on Sunday, May 31st; the Annual Meeting on May 26th, at 8 p.m. in the Church Room, and the Corporate Communion on Sunday, May 31st, at 8 a.m.

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD. Next Service, Monday, May 4th, at 8 p.m. The Vicar will give the first of a Series of Addresses on portions of the Book of Revelation.

EMPIRE DAY. The Children will celebrate this Event on Friday, May 22nd. They will assemble around the flag in the Public Recreation ground at 11.30 a.m. All interested in the Schools are invited to be present.

C.E.T.S. The next meeting will take place in the Church Room on Tuesday, May 12th, at 8 p.m. Head-quarters are sending down a lady speaker.

C.L.B. There will be a Church Parade of the Battalion on Sunday, May 17th, at 4 p.m.

PAROCHIAL FUNDS. These will be published this year in the form of a small book, and will be in the hands of subscribers sometime soon.

The School Managers will meet at the Vicarage on Wednesday, May 13th, at 9 p.m., and the District Visitors on May 29th, at 11.15 in the Vestry.