

THE VICARAGE,
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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

As we are printing most of the Church Accounts together this month, and there is a more than usual demand upon the available space in the Magazine, I must make my letter as short as possible. With reference to the accounts, I feel bound to express my sincere gratitude for the generous support which the various funds have received. A reference to them will show that they are on the whole in a very satisfactory condition, the adverse balances being few and small. A heavy demand has been made upon the Churchwardens' Fund, owing to extra repairs and special cleaning, and the building of a new Coal Shed. Then the offertories to this fund are now diminished by twelve Sundays a year for the benefit of the Curate's Fund. However, our good Churchwardens are under the impression that the expenses will be met, feeling that they can count upon the necessary support of the congregation.

Another year I hope to be able to publish the whole of the accounts together. This time two or three statements have already appeared, but I think in future it will be found more convenient if they are all presented complete as soon as possible after Easter.

It will be seen that the Winter Entertainments did exceedingly well, and that our parochial funds have benefited accordingly. Very special thanks are due to all those who worked so hard to make them a success.

The Vestry Meeting took place in Easter week and was largely attended. Mr. W. C. B. Hall was re-appointed Vicar's warden, and Mr. A. E. Storey was re-elected people's warden. The following were appointed sidesmen: Messrs. H. P. Bowling Trevanion, Geo. Evans, G. Dowsett, G. H. Cremer, W. Singleton, G. H. Garrett, J. D. McKenzie, Vine Griffiths, A. Daines, J. Embleton, and Major Balguy. A large amount of other important business was done, a full report of which appeared in the newspapers.

The Ladies' Working Parties have now closed until the autumn. Very satisfactory results are the outcome of their labours. After the payment for materials and sundry expenses, a balance of £3 11s. 1d. remained, which was sent to the Ladies' Association in connection with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. In addition to which £1 was contributed for special work in Madagascar. A large quantity of work was sent to the Ladies' Association, which was acknowledged to Mrs. Job in the following terms by the Secretary:—

"The large and valuable boxes of articles for sale, sent by you from the Hampton Hill Association, have now been seen by the Sub-Committee of work and clothing. All the contents were considered very nice and suitable, and will be sent out in the box now being prepared for Cawnpore."

I regret to say that it has been found necessary to disband the Company of the Lads' Brigade for the present. We hope after awhile to make a new beginning with better results.

The Bible Classes commenced by Colonel Philips promise to be of great use in the parish.

The Band of Hope closed the season with a Service of Song on the 16th ult. Very successful meetings have been held throughout the winter, and I am glad to say that the young organization is entirely self-supporting.

I beg to acknowledge with sincere thanks additional Easter Offerings amounting to £4 5s. od., making a total of £12 11s. 6d.

We are greatly in need of two or three additional Sunday School Teachers, partly owing to the fact that two of our valued lady teachers are leaving and going abroad, and also because we have felt it necessary to form two more classes. I feel sure that there are several in the parish who would be willing to give a little help in this way, and that I have only to make the want known for it to be supplied.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.