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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The past month has been one of many festivities, and I fear it will scarcely be possible for me to do full justice to the many events that have taken place in the space at my disposal.

There was, first, the Horticultural Show, which took place on the 11th ult. The unfavourable weather that had prevailed for several days made the Committee somewhat anxious, but happily the clouds passed away and the sun shone brightly during the whole afternoon. The number of exhibits was considerably in excess of last year, and a really rich display of flowers, fruits and vegetables was produced, a display that did great credit to Hampton Hill and Hampton. The number of visitors was quite equal to that of any previous year. And after giving £45 in prizes, in addition to a number of others given in kind, and after meeting all expenses, the Committee hope to have a very fair balance in hand. This is as it should be, and shows that a real interest is being taken in the pleasant, practical and humanizing pursuit of horticulture in the neighbourhood. The results from many of the small gardens were surprisingly good and did great credit to the cultivators. Such a hobby as this is a moral blessing to a man, and has the extra advantage of being a profitable one as well. I feel that it is quite within the sphere of a clergyman's work to encourage it, and I hope that every year will find an addition to the list of competitors.

On the 16th ult. the Annual Examination of the Day Schools in Religious Knowledge took place, and the following is the report of the Inspector, the Rev. H. C. Batterbury:—

“BOYS' SCHOOL.—The Boys' School has improved since last year, and is now very good. Division I is carefully and thoughtfully taught; the Bible knowledge is full and accurate and well diffused, and praiseworthy pains have been taken to make the meaning of the Catechism clearly and practically understood. Promising work has been done in Division II, the boys have a good knowledge of facts, but more depth is desirable in the teaching. Division III is correctly and suitably taught throughout.

“Summary of Results: Division I—Very Good.

” ” II—Good.

” ” III—Very Good.”

“GIRLS' SCHOOL.—The Religious Instruction continues to be faithfully and earnestly given. In Division I the girls have a sound knowledge of Holy Scripture, and there is a commendable tone in the answering; profitable attention has also been given to the Prayer Book and Catechism subjects. Skilful and conscientious work has been done in Division II, and much of the answering was excellent in character. Division III is improved, and has been brightly and carefully taught.

“Summary of Results: Division I—Very Good.

” ” II—Very Good.

” ” III—Very Good.”

“INFANTS' SCHOOL.—The Infants' School which has been under the charge of Miss GASS since January last, passed a very good examination. In Division I the Religious Instruction is well and reverently given; the answering might have been more general, but it was accurate and pleasing. Diligent work has been done in Division II, but more practice is needed in the individual answering of short questions. Division III is skilfully taught and managed, and in each Division the repetition is clearly and correctly said.

“Summary of Results: Division I—Very good.

” ” II—Good.

” ” III—Excellent.”

The above is very satisfactory, and shows that this most important part of the Teachers' work has been well and conscientiously done. The result of such careful scriptural teaching cannot be lost upon the children in years to come. May it long be possible for the National Schools of our land to be maintained, in which the teaching of Christianity has a foremost place! I am sure the parents will rejoice with the Managers that the Report is so good.

On the 17th ult. the Girls' Friendly Society of the district had their Annual Festival, which was this year held at Hanworth. Thirty-three of our members were able to go. A covered conveyance was very kindly provided for them by Mrs. FitzWygram, who manages the local branch. After service in Church, the members partook of tea in the Board Schools, and then adjourned to the Vicarage field, where the prizes for faithful service were distributed by the Rector of Hanworth, a very fair share falling to our own members. The rest of the afternoon was spent in games.

On the 19th ult. the Men's and Youths' Bible Classes, which are conducted by Mrs. FitzWygram, were taken up the river at her expense. Many of the men's wives accompanied them, making up altogether a total of nearly ninety. The journey commenced at 9 a.m., the destination being Windsor, where a short stay was made of two hours. Luncheon and tea were provided on board, and the excursion was a most enjoyable one. As we neared home several well-known hymns were

sung, and after many hearty cheers for the kind and generous hostess, we came to the landing-stage to the strains of "God save the Queen."

And now we come to St. James' Day, which is the great day of the year to us from some points of view. The decorations lacked none of their accustomed beauty, and the renovated gas standards gave added brightness to the Church. About 570 children met at the schools at 2.30, and preceded by the local Band, marched with innumerable flags to Church. A few drops of rain fell and depressed the spirits of us all, but happily when the service was over the sun was shining with much more than its accustomed 1894 brightness. The teachers and many friends were present to help at the tea, and made the work as easy and as pleasant as it could be. The conduct of the children was excellent and left nothing to be desired. After tea the usual games were indulged in for several hours, upwards of 100 prizes being gained by the youthful competitors. I cannot mention one name without mentioning all of those who assisted, and the list would be too long. I would only say that the Day School Teachers were indefatigable, and the Sunday School Teachers did everything in their power, as did also many other friends besides, to make the day thoroughly enjoyable to the children. I am also glad to say that the entire cost was more than provided for, and there will probably be a balance in hand of not less than £4.

A list of those who most kindly sent provisions and other requisites will be found below, and also a second list of subscribers to the fund. The first list appeared last month. If any names of those who sent provisions are omitted, I hope they will overlook it, owing the fact that many things came together, and it is possible some names may have escaped us.

There have been two or three recent gifts to the Church, which I feel I must publicly acknowledge, although the donors wish to remain unknown. A very beautiful "Frontal" worked in gold on a crimson ground, surrounded with very valuable lace from the island of Corfu, was given by one devoted friend to the Church, and worked by another. New prayer books and a new hymn book, all beautifully bound, have been given for the prayer desks by one who only wishes to be known as "a daughter of the Church." I mention these

generous gifts because I am quite sure that the congregation will wish to know of them.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

Contributors of Provisions, Toys, or other Requisites for the Treat on St. James' Day.

The Day School Teachers, Mrs. FitzWygram, Mrs. White, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Storey, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Dale, Mrs. Singleton, Mrs. Daines, Mrs. Prewett, Mrs. Morley, Mr. Moles, Mr. Howe, Mr. Deacon Howe, Messrs. J. Singleton and Sons.

Subscriptions for the Treats Fund—Second List.

£ s. d.			£ s. d.				
Mrs. Hayes.....	0	5	0	Mrs. Griffiths.....	0	5	0
Mrs. Milne.....	0	5	0	Mrs. A. Bowling....	0	5	0
Mrs. Butler.....	0	10	0	Miss Williams.....	0	2	6
Mr. R. Moores.....	0	5	0	Mrs. Hubbard.....	0	5	0
Mrs. Jefferson.....	0	5	0	Mr. Bailey.....	0	2	0
Mrs. Coope.....	0	2	6	Mrs. Hodge.....	0	3	0
Mrs. Coape.....	0	2	6	S. T.....	0	3	0
Mrs. Reynolds.....	0	4	0	Mrs. Bowden.....	0	2	6
Mrs. Uzzell.....	0	4	0	Mrs. James.....	0	3	0
Mrs. Woodgate....	0	5	0	Mrs. W. C. B. Hall	0	10	0
Mrs. Blyth.....	0	5	0	Mr. Dowsett.....	0	3	0
Mr. Rudland.....	0	2	6	Mrs. Carr.....	1	0	0
Anon.....	0	2	0	Mrs. Hogg.....	0	2	6
Mr. A. Pasbach.....	0	5	0	Mrs. Roe.....	0	5	0
Misses Vincent.....	0	5	0	Mrs. Salmon.....	0	10	0
Mrs. Jno. Garrett...	0	5	0				

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."

July 8th.—Edward Cyril Watson.

MARRIAGE.

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

July 26th.—Albert Groome to Ellen Blanchard.

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."

June 30th.—Herbert Martin, aged 1 month.

July 4th.—Jemima White, aged 55 years.

„ 4th.—Elizabeth Willis, aged 50 years.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.		7 p.m.		TOTALS.				
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.				
July 1st.—Curates' Fund....	3	13	9	1	1	2	4	14	11
„ 8th.—General Fund...	3	5	0	1	11	0	4	16	0
„ 15th.—General Fund...	2	14	3	1	10	6	4	4	9
„ 22nd.—General Fund...	3	9	4	1	4	11	4	14	3
At 8 a.m. for Poor Fund, July 1st, 13/5; 8th, 11/4; } 15th, 7/10; 22nd, 10/4. }					2	2	11		
At 3.15 p.m. for Missions, July 1st, 3/-; 8th, 4/6; } 15th, 4/-; 22nd, 4/1 }					0	15	7		
St. James' Day for Treats Fund					3	6	0		