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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Let me first wish a most happy and prosperous New Year to all the readers of our Parish Magazine; above all, I wish that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon you.

December was, as usual, very full of parochial events. On the 14th ult. the Entertainment Committee provided us with a really excellent Concert, which included a most amusing dialogue by two friends of Mrs. Harkness. The whole programme was good, and those who came had a thoroughly pleasant evening. The attendance was not large, but the weather was bad and the roads were worse, and so there was some excuse.

The Parish Tea took place on Monday, the 21st. There were not so many present as we expected, perhaps it was not wise to have it so near Christmas, when everybody is busy. Another year we must take care that it is earlier. The Entertainment that followed was very kindly got up by Miss Butler, and was very attractive.

Wednesday, the 23rd ult., was an important day for our Schools in more ways than one; it being the occasion of the Annual Distribution of Prizes to the Scholars, and of various presentations to Miss Eastland on her departure from our midst. The following School Managers were present: Mr. H. P. Bowling Trevanion, Captain Isdell, Mr. G. F. Stutchbury, Mr. G. Evans, the Rev. H. Clarkson, and the Hon. Secretary to the Managers, Mr. H. C. Garrett. There was also a good attendance of subscribers and parents of the children. The prizes, which were more numerous than ever before, were distributed by Mrs. Job. The report of Her Majesty's Inspectors had arrived that morning, and is printed verbatim below. The condition of the Schools was considered so satisfactory by the Inspectors that the Managers have received an intimation from the Education Department that an examination will not be held in 1897. The efficient state of the Schools is no doubt owing, not only to the hard work of the teachers, but also to the way in which

the parents have assisted the Managers by sending their children with so much regularity. The grant is the highest the School has ever received, notwithstanding the fact that we have not quite so many children on the books as we had two years ago.

A shadow was, however, cast over our proceedings by the fact that we had to bid farewell to Miss Eastland, who for 23 years had filled the position of Head Mistress of the Girls' School, and whose departure is a most real loss to the Schools and the parish. Miss Eastland was not allowed to go without some practical proofs of the estimation in which she has been held here. First there came the presentation of a Work Basket and a Satchel from the Sunday School Teachers, in recognition of her voluntary help given on the Sunday. Then followed the gift of a very beautiful Travelling Case from the Day School Teachers, the children and parents. This was succeeded by an Illuminated Address and a purse containing £30 from parishioners and friends. The address, to which was appended the names of the subscribers, was beautifully painted by Mr. W. Singleton, free of charge.

Mr. Trevanion and Mr. Stutchbury both spoke of the high estimation in which Miss Eastland was held, and heartily joined in wishing her "God speed."

I have had a letter from Miss Eastland since her departure, asking me to thank most sincerely all those who so kindly contributed to the testimonials.

On Christmas Day the Church, in its most appropriate decorations, looked as attractive as ever. There were 203 Communicants; and the offertories, which were for the poor fund, amounted to £18 3s. od., shewing a large improvement upon last year. The services were exceedingly bright, the result of patient care at the Choir practices.

The Provident Club Money was paid out on the 10th ult., and amounted to £487 8s. 6d. including interest, the total being £38 in advance of last year. The statement of accounts will be printed with the others at Easter, but I would take this opportunity of thanking the subscribers who sent

ample funds for the interest. In addition to the above, about £50 was paid out by Mrs. FitzWygram to the members of her Classes.

The Mothers' Meetings Supper took place on the 30th, and was well attended. Thanks were heartily given to the ladies who manage the Meetings, who are as follows: Mrs. FitzWygram, Miss Barnard, Miss Cremer, Mrs. Hodge, Miss Butler, and Mrs. Barker. The Supper was followed by an excellent entertainment arranged by Miss Butler.

Confirmation Classes will be commenced in about a fortnight. The Confirmation will take place at our Church about the middle of March. I have already received the names of some candidates, and shall be glad to receive the names of all who wish to offer themselves, as soon as possible. Classes will be held for adults as well as for young people.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

OUR DAY SCHOOLS.

REPORT OF H.M. INSPECTOR.

BOYS' SCHOOL.—"Considerable improvement has been made in the discipline and general tone of the School, and gratifying progress has also been made in the instruction in elementary subjects, especially in Mental Arithmetic. The Writing Exercises in the Second, Fourth and Fifth Standards are weak, and copy books need special care in the First Standard. The Class subjects are creditable, but Recitation is still wanting in life and expression, though the meanings and allusions have been carefully prepared."

GIRLS' SCHOOL.—"The Girls are quiet and orderly, and the instruction continues to be given with much care and very fair success."

INFANTS' SCHOOL.—"The School is in good order, and the children are interested in their work. The instruction is well given, but the loss of a valuable assistant has perhaps prevented the attainments in some points from being as high as they were last year. Drill is nicely done, but a musical instrument is greatly needed."

"My Lords have sanctioned the omission of the Annual Inspection of your School, due in November, 1897."

REPORT OF SCIENCE AND ART DEPARTMENT.—Respecting Drawing in the Boys' School, "Good."

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.		7 p.m.		TOTAL.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Nov. 29.—S.P.G. ...	4	12 9	2	19 3	7	12 0
Dec. 6.—Curate's Fund ...	3	16 11	1	11 4	5	8 3
„ 13.—General Fund ...	2	17 5	1	9 7	4	7 0
„ 20.—General Fund ...	3	10 6	1	3 0	4	13 6
Xmas Day.—Poor Fund, 7 and 8 { a.m., ... 3 9 1 {	12	19 5	1	14 6	18	3 0
„ 22.—General Fund ...	4	0 4	1	14 9	5	15 1
Poor Fund (Early Celebrations) Nov. 29, 10/3; Dec. 6, 6/2; Dec. 13, 4/-; Dec. 20, 3/9; Dec. 27, 4/- ...					1	10 2
Children's Services (Missions) Nov. 29, S.P.G., 5/10; Dec. 6, 1/6; Dec. 13, 2/4; Dec. 20, 2/4; Dec. 27, 4/4					0	16 4
Special Celebrations, Nov. 30, St. Andrew's Day, S.P.G. St. Thomas' Day, 4/3; Holy Innocents' Day 3/9 ...					1	12 10
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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."

- Nov. 28.—Reginald Vaughan McCombie.
- „ 29.—Walter Percy Coles.
- Dec. 3.—Reginald Campbell Mann.
- „ 4.—Gladys Dorothy Sherwood.
- „ 13.—Edgar Ernest Shepherd.
- „ 13.—Annie Dorothy Huggell.
- „ 13.—Ernest John Garnett.
- „ 13.—Freda May Ford.

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. 3.—Sidney Highmore, aged 15 years.
- „ 11.—John Hill, aged 50 years.
- „ 12.—Queenie Tayler, aged 2½ months.
- „ 19.—William Henry Austin Page, aged 5 months, 4
- „ 19.—Martha Coomber, aged 77 years. [days
- „ 24.—Charles Hill, aged 47 years.