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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

January has been a very busy month in connection with our Church life, and we have had our usual round of Annual Meetings, "Teas," and "Suppers."

On Monday, the 11th ult., the Annual distribution of prizes to Sunday School children took place. About 250 children were present, and a number of parents and friends. Forty prizes were given, consisting of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Story Books. Mr. Bridger, with his usual kindness, came with his lime-light lantern, and the children had a feast of pictures, such as they love. Buns and Oranges were distributed during the evening.

The Members of the Men's Bible Class were entertained by Mrs. FitzWygram on Tuesday, the 5th, and had another of those pleasant evenings which are looked forward to and long remembered. This was followed by a similar festivity for the Young Men's Bible Class, on the 12th ult. Altogether, there were sixty guests on the two occasions.

A pleasing episode on the last, was the presentation of a Tea Service to Mr. Frank Ives, by his fellow members, on the occasion of his marriage. There is, if possible, a growing interest in these classes, and the attendance is exceedingly good.

A Tea was given to the members of the Lads' Brigade at the Pantle Mission Room, on Friday, the 22nd. The arrangements were under the direction of the Misses Lambert, Miss Isdell, Miss Williams, and Mr. Clarkson.

This little organization, which was at one time a source of great anxiety to us, is now a source of great pleasure. It would be a great benefit to the Brigade, if there were a little more money at the disposal of those who have charge of it. Captain Isdell is open to receive, and would very much appreciate a few additional donations.

All who are in the habit of using Fulwell Station will be pleased to know that steps are being taken for erecting a Memorial Stone to Mr. Veysey, the late Station Master. Donations will be received at the Station, and at the Post Office.

The Annual Meeting of the Horticultural Society was held at Hampton, on the 26th ult. The Report was of a very encouraging character, and the balance sheet showed that while the expenditure was the largest on record, there was a substantial balance in hand. The next Show was fixed to take place at the Manor House (by kind permission of J. P. Kitchin Esq.), on Wednesday, July 7th, and Aug. deWette Esq., J.P., C.C., was elected President for the ensuing year.

The Girls' Friendly Society had their quarterly Service at the Church, on Thursday, the 28th, after which they were entertained to tea by Mrs. FitzWygram.

Our Local Brass Band held their Annual Meeting on the 21st, for the passing of accounts, election of officers, &c. The year was shown to have been a fairly good one so far as members and public support were concerned, and still better results are looked for in the future.

A desire has been frequently expressed that an effort should be made to raise funds for a Parish Nurse, who should be available for cases of need in the parish, at an almost nominal charge. And an effort is now being made by a few ladies kindly interested in the matter, to ascertain what measure of support may be hoped for. The object is a most excellent one, and I feel sure that it will very shortly be attained.

The Confirmation is fixed for the second week in March, at our own Church. The Classes have now commenced, and are held at the Vicarage—for girls, on Thursday afternoons at 3, and Friday evenings at 8; for youths, on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m.

A representation has been made to me, that if the Sunday Evening Service commenced at 6.30 instead of 7, it would be much more convenient to the Congregation. If this is so, I should be most willing to make the change. The Evening Service certainly ought to be much better attended than it is, and if the lateness of the hour prevents people coming, the sooner we make the alteration the better. It may be well, at any rate, to try it, and therefore, during Lent, by way of experiment, the Sunday Evening Service will commence at half-past six o'clock, which I hope may meet the convenience of all.

On Sunday, the 21st inst., the Offertories will be for the Indian Famine Fund, which will certainly appeal to the sympathies of everybody.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—I understand that the new Scheme is now in operation, and that the

fees are reduced to £4 a year, which it is hoped will prove a great benefit to Hampton and Hampton Hill.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan. 3.—Curate's Fund ...	4 3 6	1 18 2	6 1 8
„ 10.—General Fund ...	3 4 0	1 2 6	4 6 6
„ 17.—Teddington Cottage Hospital ...	7 1 3	2 1 11	9 3 2
„ 24.—General Fund ...	2 12 2	1 4 1	3 16 3
„ 31.—General Fund ...			
Poor Fund (Early Celebrations) Jan. 3, 5/6; Jan. 10, 2/3; Jan. 17, 3/1; Jan. 24, 1/7 ...			0 12 5
Children's Services (Missions) Jan. 3, 2/-; Jan. 10, 2/2; Jan. 17, 1/6; Jan. 24, 2/4 ...			0 8 0
Special Celebrations, Jan. 1, The Circumcision, 12/9; Jan. 6, The Epiphany, 5/6; Jan. 25, St. Paul's Day, 2/7 ...			1 0 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.”

- Jan. 3—Edith Mary Seward.
- „ 10—Elsie Lilian Foster.
- „ 10—Violet Elizabeth Green.
- „ 10—Henry Charman.

MARRIAGES.

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

- Jan. 4—Ernest James Wing to Margaret Maria Willis.
- „ 23—Frank Edward Ives to Bessie Martin.

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.

- 1896.
- Dec. 30—Elizabeth Rose Mansell, aged 4 months.
- „ 31—Kate Mills, aged 6 years and 9 months.
- 1897.
- Jan. 12—Henry Frederick Burchett, aged 58 years.
- „ 22—Frederick Surman-Wells, aged 2 months.