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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The summer still lingers with us, but the shortening days and lengthening shadows warn us of the approach of winter, and we must, without delay, make our plans for our winter's work.

The present month will, if all is well, see the re-commencement of our various organisations which have been in abeyance for a little while.

The Band of Hope will begin its meetings on Monday, the 18th inst., in the Girls' Schoolroom at 6 p.m. Miss Short will again kindly act as Secretary. The members pay one half-penny a week, and are entitled to a monthly magazine and a tea once a quarter. An effort will be made to make the evenings as bright and interesting as possible. Additional helpers will be heartily welcomed.

The Sunday School Teachers' Meeting will be held as usual on and after Tuesday, the 5th inst. at the Vicarage at 6 p.m.

The Missionary Working Party, in connection with the S.P.G., will resume its meetings on Friday, the 22nd inst., at the Vicarage at 2.30 p.m. The Secretary of the Central Association wrote to Mrs. Job as follows, after the last box of work was sent :

"Your box of work was opened and packed to-day by the ladies of our committee, who very much admired some of the beautiful garments. Some of them have been allotted to Tokyo, in Japan, where we always send some of our best things, and the others have been divided between Ranchi and Grahamstown. Will you please thank all who have helped in sending us such a delightful box, and tell them how much they are appreciated."

We shall be very glad to see all the old members, and hope also to welcome many new helpers. The management will again be in the hands of Mrs. Job, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Handcock, and Miss Barnard.

The Lads' Brigade, owing to the departure of Captain Isdell and Mr. Clarkson, must necessarily undergo a little re-organisation, but we hope to have it in working order before the middle of the month. The Pantile Mission Room will be open two evenings a week for the members as before.

A scheme of Winter Entertainments will very shortly be arranged on similar lines as before, but it is very likely that the committee will determine to hold them in the new Hall, which is now rapidly approaching completion, and which promises to be a great boon to the parish. It will be larger, more convenient in arrangement, and more accessible than the schools. I feel sure that it will prove a most valuable adjunct in promoting the social life of the village.

The Inspection of the Day Schools in Religious Knowledge took place on the 24th ult. The Report will, no doubt, be received in time for insertion next month. I am glad to say nearly the whole of the children were present.

The Drawing Examination is fixed for Friday, the 22nd, and it is very important that every boy should be in his place.

The list of Subscriptions to the Schools will be found below. Several subscribers have been lost through removal, but I am glad to say there are several new ones. The number of subscribing parents of the children has largely increased. However, further sums are still needed,

and the managers will be grateful for any support from those who at present do not subscribe. The managers have decided to open a Night School (or "Continuation School") for boys and young men on the 15th inst. This will be under the direction of the Education Department, and of the Science and Art Department, and is intended to help forward those who have left school, and who wish for further teaching and improvement. There will be a charge of twopence a week. All books and apparatus will be provided by the managers. Mr. Basey will be the master. We hope a large number of young men will attend. Names should be given at once to Mr. Basey.

The County Council have arranged through the local Committee for the following Classes to be held in the Eastbank Hall: "Ambulance," for men, by Dr. J. C. Barker, on Tuesday evenings at 8.30; and "Cottage Cookery" on Thursday afternoons from 3 to 5. The Classes are free. Miss Hadland is the local Secretary, from whom all information may be obtained.

The Subscriptions to the Rev. H. Clarkson's testimonial amounted to £36 os. 10d., from 117 subscribers. Mrs. Powell kindly acted as Treasurer to the fund. As it was uncertain when Mr. Clarkson would be likely to pay a visit to the parish, it was thought that the best plan was to send the money to him; this has accordingly been done by Mrs. Powell to-day.

Mr. Phillips is to be ordained on Sunday next, and will commence work in the parish immediately. He will have a room at 4, Milford villas, Park Road.

The Church and the parish generally have just now suffered a very serious loss, owing to the

departure from amongst us of some of our most valued friends. First and foremost is Mr. Bowling Trevanion, who has for twenty years been a leader in everything that is good in our midst. His place can never perhaps be quite supplied. His genial warm heartedness and his generous kindness we shall sorely miss. However, a sense of duty calls him elsewhere, and we can only with all our hearts wish him God speed. The loss is the more acute, owing to the fact that others are leaving us at the same time. Mrs. Arthur Bowling and Miss Williams have been long associated with our Church life and work, and their departure will be deeply felt by us all. Then Captain, Mrs. and Miss Isdell, and the Misses Lambert, who have been closely connected with the history of the parish for more than twenty years, will be truly missed. The Lads' Brigade, the Day and Sunday Schools, the District, the Entertainments, the Band of Hope, and the Church Decorations, all will suffer, for all will lose valued workers in them.

Our regrets are deep and real, and we can only hope that others, as willing, as loyal, and as devoted to all that is good, may at no distant date take their places. And we will still cherish the hope that Hampton Hill may at some future time welcome their return to their old friends and surroundings.

The Album, to be presented to Mr. Bowling Trevanion, is now bound and complete; it contains a beautiful illuminated address—expressive of our deep regard to him—and in addition to about 150 signatures of his old friends, a number of photographs of places of personal interest to Mr. Trevanion have been inserted. There are