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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

January has, as usual, been a very busy month, full of Meetings, Entertainments, Teas and Suppers.

On Thursday, the 13th ult., we had our Distribution of Prizes to the Sunday School Children. About 250 children were present, nearly all the teachers and a fair number of parents. About 40 prizes were given, consisting of Bibles, Prayer Books and Story Books. Mr. Bridger most kindly came with his lantern and showed a number of pictures, instructive and amusing. Buns and oranges were distributed during the evening. Hearty cheers were given for the teachers who so kindly give their services for the good of the children.

The Day School Prizes were distributed on Friday, the 21st ult. The number given was larger than before, about £16 having been spent upon them, which had been raised by subscription and by the concert given by the children in the Victoria Hall. The prizes were distributed partly by Mrs. Job and partly by the Hon. Mrs. Bligh, whom we were all very glad to see amongst us. I am glad to say that the attendance at the Schools at the present time is exceedingly good.

The members of the Young Men's Bible Class were entertained by Mrs. FitzWygram, at Larkfield, on the 4th, and another of those bright, happy evenings was spent, which they will not soon forget. This was followed by a similar festivity for the Men's Bible Class on the 12th. There were nearly sixty members present on the two occasions.

The Girls' Friendly Society had their quarterly service at the Church on the 20th, after which they were entertained at tea by Mrs. FitzWygram, and a most interesting address on Missionary work was given by Mrs. Graffy Smith, who has been an active worker on the East Coast of Africa, and whose husband returned there a few weeks ago.

Dr. Dashwood Howard and Mr. Bridger are very kindly giving exhibitions of chemical experiments to the members of the Lads' Brigade on alternate Friday evenings, in the Pantile Mission Room.

A thoroughly good Variety Entertainment took place in the Victoria Hall, on the 17th ult., under the direction of the Winter Entertainments Committee, a full account of which appeared in the local papers. It was perhaps one of the brightest and best we have had, and our only regret was that the Hall was not crowded.

The next Entertainment will be a Dramatic Performance on the 21st inst., which is being prepared for with the utmost care, and is, I believe, sure to be a great success.

A Meeting for the Election of two School Managers in the places of Mr. Trevanion and Captain Isdell, took place in the Vestry, on Wednesday, the 19th inst. Mr. C. R. Foster and Mr. H. C. Garrett were proposed by Mr. W. C. B. Hall and seconded by Mr. Vine Griffiths, and unanimously elected. Both these gentlemen have had experience in the management of Elementary Schools, and their assistance will be of great value to us.

Confirmation classes will be commenced on Thursday, the 10th inst. For girls and young women, at the Vicarage, at 4.30 p.m. and at

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8 p.m.; and for youth, on Friday, at 8 p.m. Names of candidates should be given to me, or to Mr. Phillips, at once. May I ask parents to bring the matter before their young people, and may I also ask mistresses to mention it to their servants?

Notices respecting the Lent Services will be issued later in the month.

The beautiful verses printed below are specially contributed for our Magazine, they are by Miss Dempster, whose writings are no doubt known to many.

May I ask our readers to very kindly bring the Magazine to the notice of their friends, with a view of extending its circulation?

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

“Except ye be converted and become as little children ye cannot enter.”

Tired limbs and trembling,
Crouched upon the floor:
Slender frozen fingers
Groping for a door—

“I am cold and weary!
“Drenched and hungry too:
“Must I perish waiting
“With all Heaven in view?

“When I see its angels,
“On their sea of glass:
“Open! kindest Porter!
“Just to let me pass.”

“Pilgrim!” said the Porter,
Grave of face, but mild:
“There is room to pass here,
But only for a child.”

C.L.H.D.

Innocents Day.

OFFERTORIES.

		11 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan.	5.—Curate's Fund	4 5 3	1 19 6	6 4 9
„	9.—General Fund	3 8 3	1 2 0	4 10 3
„	16.—Teddington Cottage Hospital	7 3 6	1 19 3	9 2 9
„	26.—General Fund	2 2 6	1 4 3	3 6 9
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Jan. 2, 14/-; Jan. 9, 4/6;				
	Jan. 16, 6/5; Jan. 23, 5/6	1 10 5
Children's Services (Missions) Jan. 2, 2/2; Jan. 9, 5/10;				
	Jan. 16, 2/-; Jan. 23, 2/11	0 12 11
Special Celebrations.—Dec. 28, Innocents' Day, 2/9;				
	Jan. 1, The Circumcision, 9/3; Jan. 6, Epiphany, 8/6	1 0 6
				£26 8 4

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. 2.—Margaret Marianne Wing.
- „ 9.—Henry James Osborne.
- „ 9.—Annie Lucy Jessie Chandler.
- „ 9.—Arthur John Thomas Chandler.
- „ 9.—Charles Clement Watson.
- „ 9.—Kate Elizabeth Watson.

MARRIAGE.

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

- Jan. 6.—Henry Leighton Goudge to Ida de Beauchamp Collette

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. 30.—Florence Jubilee Tolfree, aged 6 months.
- Jan. 1.—Ann Gillson, aged 44 years.
- „ 7.—Eliza Ray, aged 77 years.
- „ 8.—Eliza Cuff, aged 73 years.
- „ 17.—Eliza Gollodge, aged 78 years.