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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Let me ask you to remember the Harvest Festival on Thursday, the 6th inst., and on the following Sunday. The preacher on Thursday night will be the Rev. A. W. Gough, M.A., who has just been selected by the Bishop to preach the Ordination Sermon at St. Paul's Cathedral. The offertories on Thursday night and on Sunday will be for the Day Schools. The offertory at the 11 o'clock service on Thursday will be for the Church Missionary Society. We have more than ever to be thankful for this year, for the harvest has been good and well gathered; the year has been prosperous; and our country at home, and abroad, has had many blessings. We certainly ought to be a very grateful people.

I am asked by Mrs. Mason, whose husband died a month ago, to express her deepest thanks for the many acts of kindness and the generous help given to her in her great trouble. Her husband was deservedly respected, and the sympathy for Mrs. Mason and her five children was naturally very great.

Mrs. Graffy Smith will commence the Bible Class for Young Women, in the Eastbank Mission Room, on Sunday, the 2nd inst., at 3.30, and hopes soon to have many members.

The Continuation School for Youths has been re-commenced, and a good number have joined. A specially interesting class is one on the "Duties of the Citizen," illustrated with lantern pictures. There is a small charge of 2d. a week, and all books and apparatus are provided by the Managers. Mr. Basey is the teacher.

The Technical Instruction Committee of the County Council have, through our local Committee, arranged two series of Classes for the Autumn, as follows; one for Cookery at the Eastbank Mission Hall, on Tuesday afternoons, from 3 to 5; and one for Book-Keeping, in the Boys' School, on Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 9, commencing on the 4th and 5th respectively.

There will be a Special Service for the members of the Mothers' Union, in Church, on Tuesday afternoon, the 11th inst., at 3 p.m.

Members and all interested are earnestly invited to be present.

The Drills of the Lads' Brigade will recommence on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Schools. Dr. Howard has kindly consented to take the place of Captain Isdell. Serjeant Martin will act as Drill Instructor, Mr. Hodgson will teach the Band, as before. Boys wishing to join must give their names to the Rev. E. S. Phillips. Recruits must be of good character, and must be willing to attend the Sunday School or Bible Class conducted by Mr. Golden. A small contingent, consisting of six of the Brigade, joined the Summer Camp at Bexhill-on-Sea in August, and the Company of which they formed a part had the honour of gaining the Red Ribbon for good conduct and smartness of drill and dress, and the Officer in charge attributed this success largely to the behaviour and assistance given by our contingent.

The Missionary Working Party, in connection with the S.P.G., will re-commence on Friday, the 28th inst., at 2.30, at the Vicarage. Notices will be sent to the members in due course. New helpers will be heartily welcomed. Mrs. Hubbard, Miss Barnard and Mrs. Job have kindly consented to take the management again. Mrs. Handcock, who has been Treasurer for a number of years, expects to be much from home, and so will not be able to act this year.

The Band of Hope will re-open on Monday, the 17th inst., in the Girls' School, at 6 o'clock, under the direction of Mr. Phillips, with Miss Short as Secretary.

The Winter Entertainments Committee met on the 27th ult. The balance sheet for last season was read and adopted. The net proceeds of the two Concerts and two Dramatic Performances, with a balance of 9/6 from the previous year, amounted to £9 2s. 10d. This was apportioned in the following way:—

	£	s.	d.
Day Schools	2	2	4
Sunday Schools	2	10	0
Lads' Brigade... ..	2	0	0
Mission Rooms'	2	10	0
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