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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

My first duty and pleasure is to wish all the readers of our Magazine a most Happy New Year. I wish, above all, that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon you.

The closing month of the year is always a very busy one, and December was no exception to the rule. On the 5th the "Winter Entertainments Committee" provided us with one of their best Entertainments, in which they were largely assisted by the "Amista" Ladies' Band. The audience was a large one, and most appreciative.

On the 14th, a Drawing Room Meeting, on behalf of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, took place at the Vicarage. Addresses were given by two clergymen from Canada, and by the Rev. Maurice Ham. The Society exists for the purpose of sending clergymen to work amongst English Colonists, and for providing services at the places of resort on the Continent. The collection amounted to about £3.

It will be noticed from the list of offertories below, that the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts, received very generous support on Advent Sunday, *i.e.*, about £5 more than usual.

The Day School Children's Entertainment took place on the 20th, in the Schools. The room was literally crammed with parents and friends. The children acquitted themselves with very great credit, and showed with what care they must have been prepared by the Teachers. There were also unmistakable signs in the dress and appearance of the children of the interest the mothers had shown in the matter.

The Day School Report will be found below, and will be read with interest by everybody.

Our Church is always pleasant to look at, both within and without, but it never looks better than at Christmas. I do not know that the diligent decorators ever performed their labour of love with more appropriate effect than this time. The congregations were large; there were 244 communicants, and the offertories for the poor amounted to £22 8s. 7d. The carols, old and new, are always a welcome feature at our Christmas services, and they will be used for yet another week or two.

The names of candidates for the Confirmation which is fixed for March 8th, should be sent in to me at once. The classes will begin about the middle of the month.

The Distribution of Prizes to the Sunday School children will take place on Tuesday, the 10th inst. in the Boys' Schoolroom. Sunday School children will be admitted free by ticket.

The parish Almanack may be obtained from the District Visitors, price 1d. each.

I would call special attention to the announcement below, with reference to a Missionary Loan Exhibition, which is to take place at Twickenham Town Hall, on the 18th, 19th and 20th. I believe this is to be of an exceptionally interesting character, and will be well worth a visit by all who are interested in Foreign Missions, which ought to mean everybody, or at least all christians.

I am, my dear friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

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THE DAY SCHOOLS.

REPORT OF HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTOR.

Boys' School.—"Good order is maintained, and the instruction on the whole is making creditable progress, but more attention to Mental Arithmetic in the higher standards is greatly needed."

Girls' School.—"The girls are in very nice order, and improvement is being made in some respects in the intelligence of the teaching, but the lessons on common objects require more careful treatment and illustration. The School furniture, &c., has been greatly improved."

Infant's School.—"The children are in capital order, and the instruction is, for the most part, sound and intelligent."



MISSIONARY LOAN EXHIBITION.

A Missionary Loan Exhibition will be held in the Town Hall, Twickenham, on January 18th, 19th and 20th, 1899. Curios from Palestine, India, China, Africa, &c. A life-size Indian Zenana, a Medical Exhibit, and a large model of St. Catherine's Hospital and Mission at Armitsar, will be among the exhibits. There will also be a model of the Tabernacle of Moses. *Sale Stalls.*—Indian Widows' Work: Missionary Literature; English Work. The Exhibition will be opened on Wednesday by the Rev. Prebendary Prösser, at 2.30; on Thursday by the Rev. Leonard Dawson, M.A., at 2.30; and on Friday by the Rev. George Tonge, M.A., at 2.30. Refreshment Stall and Tea Room at right side of platform, open at all times. Teas 6d. each in the afternoon; 4d. each after 6 p.m. **ADMISSION.**—*First Day:* 1/-, 2.30 p.m. 6d. 6 p.m. *Second Day:* 1/-, 2.30 p.m. 6d. 6 p.m. *Third Day:* 6d., 2.30 p.m. 2d., 6 p.m. Children half-price.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Nov. 27—S.P.G., 8 a.m.	£2 9/8	7 12 10	4 19 1	15 1 7
Dec. 4—Curate's Fund	... 3 19 4	1 15 5	5 14 9	
„ 11—General Fund	... 4 5 5	1 13 1	5 18 6	
„ 18—General Fund	... 3 13 0	1 18 4	5 11 4	
Christmas Day—Poor Fund, 7 and 8 a.m., £4 8/7	15 7 5	2 12 2	22 8 9	
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Dec. 4, 7/6; Dec. 11, 12/7; Dec. 18, 4/-	1 4 1	
Children's Services (Missions), Nov. 27, S.P.G. 4/9; Dec. 4, 2/11; Dec. 11, 2/1; Dec. 18, 3/1	0 12 10	
Special Celebrations, Nov. 30, S. Andrew's Day, 9/1; Dec. 21, S. Thomas' Day, 8/-; Dec. 26, S. Stephen's Day, 7/4; Dec. 27, St. John's (Evangelist) Day, 3/3; Dec. 28, Holy Innocents' Day, 3/10	1 11 6	
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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."
Dec. 18—Hilda Doris Lowdell.
„ 19—Kate Smith.

MARRIAGES.

"O Lord, send them help from Thy Holy Place, and evermore mightily defend them."
Dec. 8—Henry Hobbs Gibbs to Mary Ellen Rylett.
„ 18—Frank Huggins to Kate Underdown.
„ 24—George Robert James Rumbol to Janie Thomas Williams.

BURIAL.

"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. 23—Caroline Barbara James, aged 46 years.