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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The Winter Entertainments were brought to a close on Monday, the 13th ult., by a Dramatic Performance, when, although the night was most tempestuous, the Hall was quite full. Great pains had been taken by the large number taking part, and the audience frequently shewed their strong approval by giving well deserved applause. The following were the performers: Mrs. Blandford Newson, Miss Griffiths, Miss Locke, Mrs. Hetherington, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Clive Griffiths, Mr. Dudley Larcombe, Captain Durham, Dr. Dashwood Howard, Mr. Kestin, Mr. Kestin, jun., and Mr. E. Williams. Very great regret was felt that this would be the last appearance, for a while at least, of Mrs. Blandford Newson at our Entertainments, as she and her husband were just on the eve of their departure from Hampton Hill. From the time Mrs. Blandford Newson came to the parish she has given the greatest assistance to our many local festivities. Her help was always readily and kindly given, and always acceptable. Not only did she give her own services, but frequently found us other helpers as well. Her place will not be easily filled. She has, I am glad to say, very kindly promised to come again at any time when she is in the neighbourhood. We are grateful to her, and our best wishes go with her and Mr. Blandford Newson.

Our Company of the Lads' Brigade had their first public distribution of badges and stripes, &c., on Monday, the 20th ult. There was a large attendance of friends, and an excellent programme of music, singing and recitations was provided. The lads looked very smart in their uniform, and those who received their promotions, good conduct

badges, &c., were greeted with strong marks of approval. Dr. Dashwood Howard, the Acting Captain, and the Rev. E. S. Phillips, the Chaplain to the Company, arranged the order of proceedings, and are to be congratulated upon the success of the evening. Sergeant Martin and Corporal Strand, the voluntary Drill Instructors, each received a small recognition of their services, which had been subscribed for by the boys. Hearty thanks were accorded to all who had contributed to the enjoyment of the evening. The Officers hope that they may count upon the support of the parishioners in this excellent work.

The Parochial Lending Library does not seem to be so well known or used as it deserves to be. It contains a very large number of excellent books, and its home is at the Eastbank Mission Room. It is mainly for grown up people, but there are some books suitable for children as well. It has been thought desirable to change the hour of opening. On and after March 6th, the Library will be open from 11.30 to 1. This will probably be a more convenient time for the greater number. Miss Barnard will always very kindly be in attendance at that hour.

I am glad to say that a large number of young people are attending the Confirmation Classes, and the attendance has been most regular. About fifty-four will be Confirmed. The rite will be administered by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Islington. The service will be at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 8th inst. Those who wish to be present should be in their places in good time.

The next service for the Members of the Mothers' Union will be on Saturday, March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation. This is chosen as the "Mother' Union" Day, and services will

be general everywhere. Particulars will be sent to the Members. All mothers will be heartily welcomed.

On March 10th (Friday), Mrs. Graffty Smith has very kindly promised to give an account of Mission Work amongst the natives of East Africa, with oxy-hydrogen lime-light pictures. Mrs. Smith has spent several years in that part of the world, and can speak from experience. Admission will be free to adults, and there will be a collection. The proceeds will go to the Church Missionary Society. This Society is holding its centenary this year, and there will be comparatively few parishes in which there is not some practical expression of sympathy with its great and growing work.

I am thankful to say that the Special Week-day Lent Services are being better attended than usual, and the attendance on Sunday mornings leaves little to be desired. I wish the same could be said of that on the Sunday evenings. One excuse used to be that the roads were so bad, but that can no longer be urged.

I am very thankful to say that the appeal issued a month ago for £160 for repairs to the roof of the Church, and some small improvements, has been responded to most readily and generously. Already the whole amount has been subscribed, and something over. The Churchwardens and I are most grateful to all those who by their willing help have freed us from anxiety in the matter. All the work that was contemplated at the first will be carried out, and also other small desirable improvements will be attended to according to the funds available. If possible an effort will be made to remedy the draughts in the North Aisle by placing a sheet of glass inside each window. We should also like to improve the flooring, and to place mats in all the seats.

Much of this must however remain for a future effort.

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. 29—General Fund	... 2 8 11	1 9 6	3 18 5
Feb. 5—Curate's Fund	... 2 12 4	1 17 6	4 9 10
,, 12—General Fund	... 3 0 11	1 10 0	4 10 11
,, 19—General Fund	... 3 14 4	1 6 10	5 1 2
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Jan. 29, 5/6; Feb. 5, 3/3; Feb. 12, 9/3; Feb. 19, 12/10 ...	... ... ...	... ...	1 10 10
Children's Services (Missions), Jan. 29, 2/-; Feb. 5, 1/9; Feb. 12, 2/1; Feb. 19, 3/-	... ...	... ...	0 8 10
Special Celebrations—Feb. 2, 6/9; Feb. 16 (Thursday) 10/9	... ...	... ...	0 17 6
Special Service, Communicants' Association, Feb. 6	... ...	... ...	0 9 3
		£21 6 9	

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."

Feb. 4.—Ernest Charles Lister Bearcroft.

" 12.—Charles George Green.

" 12.—Ethel Watson.

MARRIAGE.

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

Jan. 31.—Cecil John Miers Probyn to Edith Annie Halls.

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.

Jan. 30.—Charles Singleton, aged 60 years.

Feb. 20.—Frederick Martin, aged 5 months.