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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

May I take this opportunity of wishing all the readers of our Magazine a most Happy New Year, and I would pray that God's blessing may rest upon you.

A very successful Winter Entertainment took place on the 9th ult., when the performance of "The Jacobite" and "A Joint Household" brought together a very fair audience. Unfortunately I was not able to be present, but I hear on all hands that the performance gave the greatest pleasure to those who were there. The committee are vigorously at work preparing for the next.

The Provident Club money was paid out on the 12th ult. £574 5s. od. had been received in deposits, and to this was added about £17 for interest. This is in excess of all previous amounts, and shows that the year must have been a prosperous one in the Parish, and also that the people are inclined to be saving. I am sure the depositors are very much indebted to the District Visitors who so kindly collect the money week by week, and also to those who subscribed the interest.

On Christmas Day the decorations gave to the Church its most attractive appearance, and again we are greatly indebted to all who gave their time and trouble to bring this about. There were 227 Communicants, and the congregations were good throughout the day. The offertories amounted to about £13, and were for the Poor Fund.

An additional piece of beautiful work has been presented for the Holy Table, and was used for the first time on Christmas Day. It consists of the word "Alleluia" repeated three times, exquisitely worked on white satin. The donor wishes to remain anonymous.

Last month I was able to publish an excellent report of the examination in Religious Knowledge

in the Day Schools, and below will be found the Government Report which is also excellent, indeed I do not know that a better report could be obtained. The highest grant is gained in each department. It is a matter of great satisfaction that this result has been reached, just when great changes are about to be effected by the passing of the Education Act.

The Annual Supper for the members of the Mothers' Meetings, took place on Tuesday, the 30th ult. The attendance was fairly good. Mr. Griffiths, the Rev. E. S. Phillips and Mr. Cremer, carved the joints, and the following ladies attended upon the visitors—Mrs. Job, Mrs. Griffiths, Miss Butler, Miss Barnard, Miss Hemery, Miss Cremer, Mrs. Wallace and others. After Supper an Entertainment took place, in which the following assisted—Misses Swaine, Misses Foster, Mrs. Coope, Miss Butler (who arranged the programme), Miss Thompson, Messrs. Newman, B. Boulonois, F. Hill and Rev. E. S. Phillips. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent, and hearty votes of thanks were given to all who had assisted to make it so.

The Annual Day School Entertainment took place on the 18th ult., when the room was as usual quite full, and a very good sum was realized for the Prize Fund. Great pains had been taken both by teachers and children, and I understand that the result of their efforts was thoroughly appreciated. Mr. Phillips acted as Chairman.

The distribution of prizes to the Sunday School children will take place, if possible, on the 13th inst., at 6 o'clock.

The next Confirmation will take place on March 25th, at 3 p.m. Classes will be formed very shortly.

I am, my dear friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

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DAY SCHOOLS. GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

BOYS' SCHOOL.—"The order and discipline are now very good, and the instruction is quite satisfactory. The excellent work done by Mr. Evans deserves a special word of notice."

GIRLS' SCHOOL.—"The general efficiency of the School, as regards both instruction and discipline, is fully maintained. I think, however, that too much attention is paid to Arithmetic and Needlework, to the detriment of English subjects."

INFANTS' SCHOOL.—"Changes in the staff have somewhat interfered with the progress of the School, which continues however in a highly efficient state."

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. 7.—Dorothy Harriett Post.
- " 14.—George Kenneth Shaw Keates.
- " 14.—Muriel Harriett Shaw Keates.
- " 14.—Ethel Keziah Shaw Keates.
- " 26.—Ruby Florence Major.

MARRIAGES.

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

Nov. 29.—David Alfred Joy to Florence Maud Louisa Blackhall.

- Dec. 25.—William Henry Cox to Edith Forrow.
- " 25.—Charles Gregory to Lily Myrie Rutter.
- " 25.—William Ruben Butt to Alice Agnes Parry.
- " 25.—John Charles Mantell to Florence Haylock Bursell.

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.*

- Nov. 29.—Lilian Kathleen Twigg, aged 4 months.
- Dec. 17.—Agnes Grace Goodwin, aged 79 years.
- " 18.—Edward Victor Holmes, aged 23 months.
- " 20.—Ann Gravell, aged 84 years.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nov. 30.—S. P. G. ...	6 8 0	2 16 0	9 4 0
Dec. 7.—Curate's Fund ...	3 12 8	1 4 6	4 17 2
" 14.—Church Expenses ...	3 0 10	1 0 2	4 1 0
" 21.—Church Expenses ...	3 12 2	1 6 1	4 18 3
" 28.—Church Expenses ...	3 3 8	1 3 7	4 7 3
Christmas Day (Poor Fund), 7 a.m. 13/10; 8 a.m. £2/16/0; 8 14 6 0 13 2			12 17 0
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Dec. 7, 4/9; Dec. 14, 10/-; Dec. 21, 3/7; Dec. 28, 3/2 ...			1 1 6
Children's Services (Missions), Dec. 7, 2/9; Dec. 14, 1/10; Dec. 21, 1/6; Dec. 28, 3/- ...			0 9 1
Special Celebrations (Thursdays), Q. V. C. Fund, Dec. 4, 10/6; Dec. 11, 17/9; Dec. 18, 7/1 ...			1 15 4
Special Celebrations. Dec. 26, S. Stephen's Day, 3/10; S. John Evangelist, 5/4 ...			0 9 2

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