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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Below will be found the Report of the Government Inspector upon the Day Schools, and it will be noticed that it is exceedingly good. The Government Inspector could scarcely have expressed himself more favourably, and the Inspectors in Religious Knowledge are equally emphatic in their approval. Their report is held over until next month. I hope every parent will read these reports, and that they will do their best by taking a personal interest in the work of the children, to keep up the standard that has been reached. I am glad to say that a new branch of teaching has just been commenced as part of the school work, about thirty of the older boys are being taught practical gardening by an efficient teacher. A quarter-of-an-acre of land has been taken and the boys have had their first experiences of active operations, and are as enthusiastic about it as if it were a game of cricket.

The *Conversazione* on the 6th ult. was unfortunate in the weather, but otherwise a great success. The rain came down in sheets and bucketfuls, but the Hall was full of people, and the entertainment was delightful. We shall look forward to seeing Mr. Chester and Miss Hummel again. Their performances were fresh and bright and overflowing with innocent mirth. After paying all expenses which amounted to £10 os. 2d. we had £3 os. 5d. to hand over to Mr. Carless for the Curate's Fund. We were much indebted to the "Lend-a-hand" Society and to all the friends who assisted at the tea.

On the 15th, the quarterly service of the Girls' Friendly Society took place. After the service the girls were entertained to tea by Mrs. FitzWygram.

The Mothers' Union had a service on the 19th ult., when about seventy members were present. This is the largest attendance we have yet had. Two new members were admitted. Mothers are feeling the value of this Society.

We had a capital Temperance Meeting on Tuesday, the 20th, when Mr. Blenkhorn attended from the central office, to give an account of the "semi-teetotal" pledge. His address was very warm and stirring and earnestly religious. Many questions were asked and a lively discussion took place in which Messrs. Storey, Hallam, Everest and Redwood took part. The next meeting is to be on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when the Rev. F. L. Boyd, Vicar of Teddington, has promised to give an address. There is sure to be a good attendance.

Missionary sermons will be preached on Advent Sunday, the 2nd inst., in the morning, by the Rev. H. Gainer, Rural Dean of Demarara, in South America, and in the evening by the Rev. J. F. Teakle, from New Zealand.

On Wednesday the 12th inst., there will be a service at 3 p.m. in connection with the Hampton, Teddington, and Hampton Hill Rescue and Preventive Society.

The year is moving on apace, we are close upon Advent, and Christmas is very near. Papers referring to the special services of these seasons are already published. The objects of announcing the services in this way are that those who are accustomed to come to church may take a keener interest in all that goes on there, and that some who do not come may be tempted to make a beginning, and that those who have grown slack may make a fresh start. Slackness is one of our greatest troubles in religious matters. There are so many people who always keep on the outskirts of religion. They follow it a bit, whenever it suits them, and then leave it. They are irregular, half-hearted, lukewarm, unreliable, and of course they get neither help nor comfort out of it. If our religion is to do anything for us it must be whole-hearted, warm and enthusiastic. Is it not "high time to awake out of sleep"?

There will be the usual services on Christmas Day, and the usual opportunities for coming to the Holy Communion.

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There will be a midnight service on New Year's Eve.

On the Friday evenings in Advent, Dec. 7th, 14th, and 21st, I hope to have a meeting in the Westbank Mission Room, at 8 p.m., and to show some beautiful pictures illustrating the "Life of our Lord." I hope the people in that neighbourhood will come.

The Confirmation will be on March 15th, at Hampton. I shall be glad to have the names of candidates at once. Classes will begin soon after Christmas.

The next Intercession Meeting for Missions will be in the Mission Room, at 5 p.m., on December 19th.

Mrs. Russell, Stanley Road, is having a little Sale of Work for some of our parish needs on Thursday afternoon, December 13th, at 2.30 p.m. I hope she will meet with encouragement and support

The Provident Club money will be paid out at the Mission Room, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, December 12th.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

THE DAY SCHOOLS.

Copy of H.M. Inspector's Report (Mr. Streetfield).

"BOYS. The boys are well-behaved, manly and intelligent, and do their work willingly and well. The written exercises, Drawing and Brush work are exceedingly good, and the introduction of oral composition has been successful. There seems to be a need for more variety of Reading Books in all the classes.

"GIRLS. This school is ably organized and superintended, and excellent influences are brought to bear on the girls. The work generally reaches a high standard.

"INFANTS. These infants are bright, happy and natural, the result of earnest teaching by sensible and intelligent methods. The new desks used by the 1st class are too low, and are only suitable for very little children."

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Oct. 21—Church Expenses ...	3 11 9	1 15 2	5 6 11
„ 28—Church Expenses ...	2 13 11	1 0 0	3 13 11
Nov. 4—Curate's Fund ...	3 17 4	0 17 9	4 15 1
„ 11—Church Expenses ...	3 15 8	1 16 10	5 12 6
„ 18—Church Expenses ...	2 9 2	1 14 10	4 4 0
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund) Oct. 21, 13/10; Oct. 28, 11/10; Nov. 4, 4/4; Nov. 11, 13/6; Nov. 18, 18/1			3 1 7
Children's Services (Missions), Oct. 21, 3/9; Oct. 28, 1/2; Nov. 4, 1/3; Nov. 11, 1/6; Nov. 18, 1/8 ...			0 9 4
Special Celebrations, Oct. 18, St. Luke's Day, 6-; Nov. 1, All Saints' Day, Q.V.C.F., £3 10s. 1d. ...			3 16 1
Special Services, Oct. 31, All Saints' Eve, Q.V.C.F. ...			1 12 5
Nov. 5, Communicants' Guild ...			0 11 9
„ 15, Girls' Friendly Society ...			0 3 7
„ 19, Mothers' Union ...			0 11 1
			£33 18 3

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."

- Oct. 21—Arthur George Brede.
- „ 31—Ralph Edgar Perring.
- Nov. 4—William Francis Green.
- „ 4—Dorothy Maud Painter.
- „ 4—Dorothy Maud Grey.

MARRIAGES.

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

- Nov. 10—Philip Ward Cooper to Katherine Foster.

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.

- Oct. 24—Alfred Henry Wheeler, aged 11 months.
- „ 27—Dorothy Gertrude Chaplin, aged 8 months.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

DATE.	MORNING.		AFTERNOON.		EVENING.	
Dec. 2	51	45 48	48	340	51	47 360
		362		291		203
„ 5			48 463 (1, 2)
„ 9	52	243 205	338	566		46 520 52
		270		331		46 520 (1, 3)
„ 12			53 463 (1, 3, 4)
„ 16	50	352 220	343	335	50	353 585
				341		463 (1, 5)
„ 19			47 463 (1, 5)
„ 23	245	53 203	334	568	45	362 49
				569		464
Xmas Eve			62 Carols
Xmas Day	60	61 59		...		Carols
Dec. 30	60	Anthem	330	329	59	Anthem
		182 Carol 62		62	58	Carols