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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

This is just the busiest time in the year so far as the Church is concerned, and so I have many things to refer to.

The MOTHERS' UNION Service on the 1st of last month was very well attended in spite of the bad weather, and some new members were admitted. Let me remind the members that there will be Special Communion for them on Saturday, March 25th, at 10 a.m. I hope all who can will be present.

There was a Church Parade for the local companies of the LADS' BRIGADE on Sunday, the 19th ult., and there was a very fine muster, under the charge of the Captain, the Rev. W. Merritt. The effect as they marched to and from the Church was most pleasing, and their behaviour at the service was excellent.

It will have been noticed that the UPPER LIGHT, referred to in my last letter, has been fixed in the Church, and the effect is most marked, even the one new window has greatly improved the light. I am glad to say that three others have been promised, one each by Mr. and Mrs. Downes Norton and Miss Roberts. This only leaves one to be provided to complete the series. I hope that someone will come forward to give this while the workmen are still engaged upon the work. The cost of each is a little over £13. If it is not given by one individual perhaps it might be a joint gift.

We had our meeting for the election of representatives to the RURI-DECANAL CONFERENCE on the 15th inst. The meeting was fairly representative. Six candidates were proposed, and the following were elected:—

Mr. Richard Davies, J.P., Mr. W. J. Lavington, Mr. C. Howard Carpenter, and Mr. Arthur J. Kestin.

The MEN'S SOCIETY (C.E.M.S.) had an interesting Meeting on the 21st ult., when a paper on "Socialism" was read by Mr. C. H. Carpenter, in which he showed the difference between Social Reform, which all men desire, and Socialism as represented by the extremists, and which could only end in national disaster and ruin. A discussion followed in which several members took part.

A MEN'S SERVICE took place on Sunday the 26th, when there were 76 men present, and the address was given by the Rev. F. Scott, Rector of Hanworth, on "The Secret of Influence," and was impressive, pointed, and inspiring.

The DAY SCHOOL Prize Distribution took place on Friday the 24th ult. Many friends of the schools, and a larger number of parents than usual were present, indeed it was not easy to find room for them. The prizes were given away by Mrs. Lavington, and it was a long business to get through the piles of books that had been provided. Mr. Stutchbury, one of the Managers, proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Lavington and spoke of the excellent reports of the Inspectors. Miss Brewer, also one of the Managers, seconded, and the Rev. E. S. Phillips supported the resolution, mentioning also the good work done by the teachers.

Papers of the LENT SERVICES are now in your hands. There are special preachers for the Wednesday evenings, and I hope that many who do not usually come to a week-day service will attend on these occasions. And will all members of the congregation make a point of coming to the services with regularity during Lent? The object of Lent is that our whole life may be braced up and everything better

done than is usual with us. May it be a time in which by drawing near to God we may gather strength for the battle of life! The usual opportunities will be afforded for special gifts to objects needing help, according to the wishes of the givers, and envelopes for this purpose will be in the hands of the vergers.

The CONFIRMATION this year will be at Hampton on Sunday, May 7th, at 3.30 p.m. Classes will be commenced immediately. Candidates should give in their names to me or to Mr. Phillips at once. The times of the classes will be given in a few days.

During Lent there will be a short MISSION SERVICE on Friday evenings in the Boys' School-room at 8 p.m. Magic lantern pictures, illustrating the Life of Our Lord, will be shown. Admission will be free.

On March 17th there will be a MISSIONARY MEETING at 8 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. L. Lloyd, Missionary from China, who will show pictures illustrating his work in China. The chair will be taken by Mr. J. W. Lavington. There will be a collection for the C.M.S. I hope we shall have a good meeting.

The CHORAL SOCIETY, under the conductorship of Mr. Ridgway, will give a performance of the Oratorio, "St. Paul," on Thursday evening, April 6th. This deserves, and, no doubt, will secure a large audience.

Mrs. Waterhouse is arranging to hold the Annual Meeting of "Our Dumb Friends' League" in the Church Room on Thursday evening, the 16th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

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—Church Expenses ...	2 15 1	1 10 8	4 5 9
Feb. 5—Curate's Fund... ..	4 4 4	2 4 10	6 9 2
„ 12—Church Expenses ...	3 10 1	1 7 3	4 17 4
„ 19—Teddington Hospital... ..	6 16 9	1 19 6	8 16 3
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Jan. 29, 7/5; Feb. 5, 12/2; Feb. 12, 4/6; Feb. 19, 11/3 ... ..	...	...	1 15 4
Children's Services (Missions), Jan. 29, 2/5; Feb. 5, 3/9; Feb. 12, 4/9; Feb. 19, 4/1 ... ..	...	...	0 15 0
Special Celebrations, Feb. 2, <i>The Purification</i> ... ..	...	...	0 4 2
<i>Thursdays</i> , Feb. 9, 5/8; Feb. 16, 2/4 ... ..	...	...	0 8 0
Special Service, Feb. 6, Communicants' Guild... ..	...	...	0 7 5
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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.

- Feb. 4—James Collins, aged 77 years.
- „ 8—Jane Malyon, aged 48 years.
- „ 15—Ada Mason, aged 51 years.
- „ 18—Maria Brockliss, aged 76 years.
- „ 18—Rupert Fossey, aged 32 years.

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. 12—Alick William Westrup.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

DATE.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
Mar. 1	200 217	...	84 362 633
„ 5	92 84	332 338 569	627 85 354 245
„ 8	...	...	198 465 pt. i.
„ 12	87 94 287	261 334 570	637 90 182 493
„ 15	...	...	254 465 pt. ii.
„ 19	491 528	280 94 568	634 91 266 259
„ 22	...	...	244 465 pt. iii.
„ 26	183 90 254	281 335 571	631 256 93 255
„ 29	...	...	277 466