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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The re-opening of the Organ is the most important event during the past month from a Church point of view. We are delighted to have the instrument once more in its place, and so wonderfully improved that we do not recognize it. The opening was inaugurated by the Archdeacon of Middlesex with very suitable prayers, and although the electric "blower" had temporarily gone wrong, we were able to have the service, and we had a very fine sermon from Archdeacon Bevan, which I am sure made the congregation feel that they were compensated for the disappointment felt respecting the Organ. The Church was very full, and the collection was exactly £9, which, considering the fact that nearly everybody had already given, was very good. On Sunday the "blower" was in perfect order, and not only did we have beautiful services, but Mr. Gilberthorpe gave a "recital" after both the morning and evening services. The Church was very full on both occasions, and thus a great number of people had the fullest opportunity of hearing what the Organ was capable of. Further special opportunities will be given. Every Sunday evening Mr. Gilberthorpe will play one or more pieces after the Services, and on the Saturday afternoons at 5.30 we are to have a "Recital" by some well-known performers. A hymn will be sung during which there will be a collection for the Organ Fund. I should like to say that so far as we are able to judge, we consider that Messrs. Hele and Co., who have done the work, have done it exceedingly well, and that the workmen employed upon it were thoroughly reverential and obliging. I would also add a word of praise for our own Choir, who, during the time that we have been without an organ have been most regular and attentive in their attendance at practices and services. I must not forget an expression of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Whittet for lending us their excellent harmonium which saved us the cost of hiring. Mr. Gilberthorpe has been untiring in his attention to the work of erection, and no doubt now feels that he has his reward. As far as we know the debt now stands at just under £100. I am afraid that this means that a Sale of Work next summer is inevitable. 1913 will be the Jubilee of the Church, and so it will be a fitting occasion for us to set ourselves free from debt even if we cannot do much more.

The CHORAL SOCIETY has decided to give its first concert on Tuesday, January 14th. This will consist of the "Banner of St. George" and a miscellaneous programme. The tickets will be 2/- (reserved), 1/- and 6d. One or two professionals will be engaged, and a really good performance may be expected. Tickets may be obtained through members.

The CONVERSAZIONE on the 22nd was very pleasing. Mr. Chester and Miss Hummell were alone sufficient to insure that, and we had besides

an excellent programme in which the following took part:—Miss Lilian Wildish, Mrs. Gilberthorpe, Miss Thorpe, Miss Chapman, Miss Storey, and Mr. Stockwell. The attendance was good and we were able to do a little more than pay our way.

The C.E.M.S. has had two interesting gatherings during the month. Mr. Brewer's lecture on the Thames, on the 19th, was full of instruction and interest, and everybody was delighted when Mr. Brewer said he would take us further down the Thames after Christmas. The attendance at the Men's Service on the 24th was, I believe, the largest we have had. An excellent address was given by the Rev. James Nankivell, whom we are very glad to have amongst us.

The BAND OF HOPE is going strong. Mr. Wenn is most kindly getting up a "Fairy Play," which is to be given by the children at Christmas.

The next TEMPERANCE Meeting will take place in the Church Room on Friday, December 13th, when the address will be given by Mr. Nankivell.

The PROVIDENT CLUB Money will be paid out on Wednesday, the 11th inst., in the Mission Room, at 11 a.m. Depositors are asked to come themselves and not to send children.

The lists of ADVENT SERVICES are in your hands. May I ask you to make an effort to be present at as many as possible? Advent is a time for making a fresh start and making a definite improvement in all that we do.

On CHRISTMAS DAY there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6.45 a.m., at 8 a.m. and at mid-day. This is one of the three seasons in the year when all Christians should come to the Holy Communion, and I would earnestly invite all who ought to be communicants. The offertories at all the services will be for the Poor Fund.

On NEW YEAR'S EVE there will be a midnight service at 11.15 p.m.

The WAIFS' AND STRAYS' local secretary, the Rev. R. Leslie Morris, asks that our friends will think of the 400 little ones maintained by the Society, and to send some contribution to Miss Brewer to help it to carry out and to extend its work.

Lovers of the DAY SCHOOLS will be pleased to read the reports below, received from the Inspectors in Religious knowledge. I do not know that we could expect anything better.

I am, my dear Friends,

Very sincerely yours,

CHARLES R. JOB.

DAY SCHOOL REPORTS.

INFANTS—Each division as a whole:—1st Excellent; 2nd Excellent.

"Standard of excellence kept up. The answering was accurate and the children had a clear grasp of the subjects. A good foundation has certainly been laid."

E. BASIL REDLICK, *Inspector.*

GIRLS—Each division as a whole:—1st Excellent; 2nd Excellent; 3rd Excellent; 4th Excellent.

“The School is again excellent, Div. I. especially so. There is earnest and skilled teaching, thoughtful answering, and of a character which seems to show that the girls have been influenced.

In Div. II. the Creed is fully and sensibly explained, and much correct knowledge is shown. All subjects are very praiseworthy in Div. III. Old Testament subjects need more explanation of the marvellous, and a little more attention to the meaning of words would be an advantage, but earnest work is evident. The Bible knowledge is not quite full enough in Div. IV., but effective and spiritual work is done.”

BERNARD REYNOLDS,
Inspector.

BOYS—Each division as a whole:—1st Excellent; 2nd Excellent; 3rd Excellent; 4th Excellent.

“The Boys’ School passed an excellent examination.

In Div. I. clear doctrinal teaching of an influential character is given, and most of the boys show a sound knowledge of the Bible subjects and more especially of the Old Testament.

In Div. II. the Bible knowledge is intelligent, and very general and useful instruction has been given on the Commandments.

Div. III. shows studied work and skilled teaching, and the answering is spirited and general. Painstaking work is done in Div. IV., facts are clearly informed and for the most part well understood.”

H. C. BATTERBURY,
Inspector.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Oct. 27—Church Expenses ...	2 14 6	1 10 11	4 5 5
Nov. 3—Curate’s Fund ...	3 13 6	1 10 8	5 4 2
“ 10—Church Expenses ...	3 1 7	1 9 5	4 11 0
“ 17—Church Expenses ...	2 17 2	1 7 8	4 4 10
“ 21—Organ Fund ...	...	9 0 0	9 0 0
“ 24—Organ Fund ...	6 14 2	3 3 3	9 17 5
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Oct. 27, 13/4; Nov. 3, 7/11; Nov. 10, 19/-; Nov. 17, 8/9; Nov. 24, 6/4	...	...	2 15 4
Children’s Services (Missions), Oct. 27, 1/7; Nov. 3, 2/9; Nov. 10, 3/6; Nov. 17, 3/-; Nov. 24, 2/8	...	...	0 13 6
Special Celebrations, Oct. 28, SS. Simon and Jude ...	...	...	0 2 0
“ Nov. 1, All Saints’ Day, Q.V.C.F.	...	...	0 19 10
“ Thursdays, Nov. 7, 3/1; Nov. 14, 2/3	...	...	0 5 4
Special Service, Nov. 11, Communicant’s Guild	...	...	0 7 6
			£42 6 4

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. 26—Escolene John Wiles.
- Nov. 6—Denis Arthur Gass.
- “ 10—Muriel Florence Looker.
- “ 10—John Herbert Watts.
- “ 10—Vera Maria Coe.

MARRIAGES.

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

- Oct. 22—John Alderman to Caroline Skinner.
- “ 28—Archibald Welch to Minnie Mason.
- “ 30—Arthur William Bentley to Sarah Essie Beddall.

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. 26—Kenelm William Edwards, aged 78 years.
- Nov. 11—Jane Ann Chatterton, aged 86 years.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

DATE.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
Dec. 1	51 403 359	...	48 Anthem 586 203
“ 4	...	...	273 48
“ 8	52 243 217	...	531 Anthem 47 222
“ 11	...	...	238 46
“ 15	49 321	...	537 Anthem 355 50
“ 18	...	...	198 217
“ 22	202 46 203	...	193 Anthem 49 53
“ 25	61 Anthem 60	...	62 Anthem Carols
“ 29	60 Anthem 523 482 58	...	179 Anthem 59 62 Carols