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MY DEAR PEOPLE,

As one steps out into a New Year there is in most minds the spoken or unspoken thought: "I wonder what 1929 will bring." And into the general expectant wondering the Church enters with her message. And what is that message? I think it is just the simple though sustaining word, "Hope." The pessimist may shake his head and point to the condition of the miners, the housing problem, the unemployed, and many of the problems that caused great anxiety during 1928 and are perturbing even now. But through all the gloom there is a very strong ray of hope. Just stop and consider the splendid response to the appeal for the miners; think also of what has been done and is being done to relieve the overcrowding in various parts of London; certain steps have been taken with regard to the industrial problems, from which we may expect some good results. At any rate the employer and the employed seem to be understanding each other better.

Internationally the League of Nations is doing good work, and I think that through its efforts there is a greater desire for mutual understanding and friendship. With regard to the Church, I believe the so-called setbacks due to the rejection of the New Prayer Book by Parliament will prove to be a blessing in disguise, by drawing the various parties in the Church closer to one another. In fact, in my humble opinion, the outlook is full of hope.

Turning to our own Parish I have the same hopeful feeling. On the surface the fact that we were unable to retain an Assistant Priest did make it appear as if things were not as flourishing as they should be. However, we started last year with a small adverse balance and we have paid a Curate's salary for eleven months, as well as raised

quite a considerable sum in connection with the extension of the Churchyard. My one regret on the financial side is that we have paid only a little over half our quota of obligation to the London Diocesan Fund. On the whole our congregations have been quite up to average, the communicants at the Great Festival over the average and at ordinary times they show a steady advance on former years. I think, therefore, we can thank God, take courage and begin another year in a hopeful spirit.

Our Christmas Festival was full of joy and happiness, the congregations were good, and the alms to the Sick and Poor Fund amounted to over fourteen pounds. I am extremely grateful to all who sent flowers for the decorations and also to the decorators, and extend my best thanks.

Before the year has advanced many weeks we shall be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and I do hope that all who are enrolled on the Parochial Electoral Roll will make a very great effort to attend. The greatest hope for the future lies in an increased interest in the affairs of the Church, and it is by attendance at this meeting that members show their interest and have an opportunity of stimulating their interest. It is at this meeting that the Parochial Church Council is elected for the year. This year we are asking that nominations should be sent in as soon as possible, in order to save time and to prevent the meeting from becoming wearisome. I hope a number of names will be forthcoming.

Just lately it has been quite a luxury to find a hymn book in the choir which contains all the hymns for any one service. On Christmas Day, however, new Ancient and Modern hymn books, with all the supplements, were available for the full choir. The supplying of these books was made possible by a generous grant made by the Committee of Hymns Ancient and Modern, to whom we are grateful, by the gift of a sum of

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money (£2 5s. 9d.) from the old Parochial Socials' Committee, which, at any rate for the time being, has ceased to function, and by drawing on a balance I had by me from a concert given in aid of the choir some two years ago. It will be necessary for members of the congregation either to secure separate copies of the new supplement or to see that when purchasing new hymn and prayer books they are included.

The Side-shows Committee is already at work in preparation for the Annual Fête, and under its new and energetic chairman, Mr. Alford, the side-shows should retrieve their old position as the chief attraction at the Fête. I hope soon to be able to call a meeting of the whole congregation to discuss plans for making our 1929 effort eclipse all former efforts. If we are to have a Parish Hall worthy of its name we shall need a balance ever so much greater than previous Fête balances. We must therefore put every ounce of effort into the preparations for this annual fixture. There may be some who have excellent suggestions to make as to how to improve and make things more attractive. Now is the time to make such suggestions and I shall welcome them.

Wishing you all a Bright and Prosperous New Year, I remain,

Your faithful friend and Vicar,

FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

INTERCESSIONS.

At 7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion

Mondays: Sunday Schools, Day Schools.

Tuesdays: District Visiting, Mothers' Union, Voluntary Workers in the Church, Cleaners, &c.

Wednesdays: Choir and Services, Parochial Church Council.

Thursdays: Temperance Work, Band of Hope, Crusaders and Adult Branch, C.E.T.S.

Fridays: Church Missions, Home & Over-seas

Saturdays: Church Lads' Brigade, Girl Guides, Girls' Friendly Society.

IMPORTANT.—Will all those who are responsible for Church Work please send in a full report by the 20th of each month, by so doing it will not only be of great use to our readers, but greatly forward the work of the Church. Applications for Advertisements in the Magazine should be made to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. A. SIMMONS, 7, Oxford Road, Teddington.

We are grateful to our Advertisers for their support of our Magazine, and confidently hope our readers will support them.

Parish Wants.

1. A Parish Hall.
2. A Bier for use in Church at Funerals, approximate cost about £30.
3. Two Urns.

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, between the hours of 8.45 and 10 a.m. And on any day, except Mondays, between the hours of 6 and 7 p.m.

CHURCHYARD.—Contributions towards keeping the Churchyard and the graves tidy will be welcomed, and may be sent to Mr. C. H. Evans (Churchwarden), Roseneath, Edward road, Hampton Hill.

Parish News.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—For boys in the Boys' School and for girls in the Girls' School at 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. For infants in the Church Room at 10.30 in the morning and in the Infants' School at 2.30 in the afternoon.

BIBLE CLASS.—A Class for Girls over fourteen years of age meets in the Girls' School on Sundays at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

LADS' CLUB.—The Club is open on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. for lads over fourteen years of age. Members' subscription is from a penny a week. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr Creane, School Road.

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MOTHERS' UNION.—The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Church Room on Wednesday, January 2nd, at 2.30 p.m. The Quarterly Day is Wednesday, January 16th. There will be a Corporate Communion at 10 a.m. and a service in Church at 3.30 p.m. After the service Miss E. A. Russell, who has been working in the Punjaub, India, will address the mothers in the Church Room.

MOTHERS' MEETING.—This Meeting is held on Thursdays in the Church Room, at 2.30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' PREPARATION CLASS will be held in the Vestry on Fridays in the month at 8 p.m.

SAINTS' DAYS & FESTIVALS.—The Circumcision, January 1st, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. and 12 noon. The Epiphany, January 6th, usual Sunday services. The Conversion of St. Paul, January 25th, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. and 12 noon.

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.—The Monthly Service and Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 23rd, at 8 p.m.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—The Monthly Intercession Service will be held immediately after Matins on Sunday, January 13th. There will be no Meeting of the Association during January.

CHOIR BOYS' TREAT.—The boys have decided that they would like to visit the Circus at Olympia again. Monday, January 7th, is the day fixed for the outing. The Vicar would be grateful for donations towards the expenses of the treat.

BAND OF HOPE.—The helpers have arranged to entertain the children with a Christmas Tree, on Saturday, January 12th. Gifts of toys to furnish the tree will be gratefully received on or before January 11th.

WORKING PARTY.—The Vicarage Working Party will meet on Friday, January 25th, at 2.30 p.m. For the first half of the year the efforts of the members are directed towards furnishing a stall at

the Annual Fête. During the second half of the year they work for the Annual Sale of Work on behalf of Missions Overseas. The annual subscription is from 2/6. Mrs. Harvey would welcome new members.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.—This is a meeting for all who are enrolled on the Church Electoral Roll of the Parish. Amongst other business which is transacted is the election of the Parochial Church Council. It is hoped that nominations will be sent in to the Parochial Church Officer or one of the Churchwardens before Wednesday, January 9th. Such nominations should have the name of the person proposed, together with the names of the proposer and seconder. In this way a considerable amount of time at the meeting will be saved. There are still quite a number whose names are not yet inscribed on the Roll. The date of the meeting is January 22nd, in the old Boys' School, at 8.15 p.m.

GIRL GUIDES.—Some little time ago Miss Dowsett was obliged to resign her position as Captain of the 1st Hampton Hill Company owing to ill health. Miss Dowsett was a popular Captain and the Company very much regretted losing her. Miss Newman, the senior Lieutenant, has been nobly carrying on the Captain's work pro tem. Owing to circumstances she felt unable to take the position of Captain. At last another Captain has been found: Miss Looker has consented to take the position and will start in the New Year. To Miss Newman a great debt of gratitude is due for her untiring and enthusiastic interest in the Company, and it is hoped that she will still be able for a while to continue as senior Lieutenant.

MISSIONARY SALE OF WORK.—The financial result of this Annual Sale was very gratifying, although it fell short of last year's effort by about five pounds. The reasons for this probably are that the date was changed from October to Novem-

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ber, and to a day upon which there were several other events in the district. Mrs. Harvey wishes to thank very sincerely all who helped and all who gave things to furnish the various stalls. The following is a financial statement:—

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
C. & C.C.S. Stall ...	...	8	8	6
Doll Stall ...	...	8	10	0
Missionary Association Stall ...	...	7	8	0
Working Party Stall ...	...	12	5	8
Cake Stall ...	...	5	1	6
Teas and Refreshments ...	...	2	0	2
Bran Tub ...	...	1	1	5
Tickets sold ...	...	0	19	9
Taken at the door ...	...	0	12	0
Lantern Lecture Collection ...	...	0	16	3
Donations ...	...	0	17	6
		£48	0	9
EXPENSES.		£	s.	d.
Hire of Room ...	...	0	7	6
Caretaker ...	...	0	2	6
Printing... ..	...	0	15	0
		£1	5	0
Balance ... ..	...	46	15	9
		£48	0	9

Division of the balance:—

To S.P.G.	15	11	11
To C.M.S.	15	11	11
To C. & C.C.S.	15	11	11
	£46	15	9

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO CHURCH FUNDS, 1928.

ASSESSMENT FUND.—Miss Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Basey, The Misses Betts, Mrs. Boughton, Mrs. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Coe, Mr. and Mrs. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Creane, Mr. Ellen, Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Miss Foreman, Mr. Frobisher, Mrs. Grange, Mr. Grey, Miss Golding, Mrs. Hewes, Miss Horncastle, Mr. Jakeman, Mr. and Mrs. Kestin, Mr. and Mrs. King-Stephens, The Misses Lambert, Mrs. Lee, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Looker, Mr. Lovell, Miss Lush, Mrs. A. Mason, Mrs. and Miss H. T. Mason, Miss Marshall, Miss Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Donald Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Payne, Miss Payne, Miss Piper, Miss Sapsford, Mr. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Lewin Singleton, Mr. Smart, Lady Stanton, Mrs. and the Misses Styles, Mrs. and Miss Swaine, Mrs. Tandy, Miss Uzzell,

Mrs. and Miss Warne, Mr. and Miss Watts, Mr. Webb, Miss Wilmot.

GENERAL FUND (in response to Finance Committee's Appeal and Donations to the Assessment Fund).—Anonymous (4), Mr. Barrett, Mr. Carter, Miss Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. Constable, Mr. Devonshire, Mrs. Douty, Mr. Eletcher, Mrs. Gascoyne, Mrs. Godwin, Miss Griffiths, Miss Hayes, Mrs. and Miss Heap, Mrs. Hetherington, Miss Horncastle, General Kennedy, Mrs. Nightingale, Mr. Norton, Miss Silvester, Mr. Smith, Lady Stanton, S.D., Mr. and Mrs. Tozer, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Wootton.

Special Subscriptions to Funds included in the General Fund:—

CHOIR.—Miss Griffiths, Mrs. Hetherington, Mr. Norton.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Anonymous (2), Mrs. Doughty, Miss Griffiths, Mrs. Hetherington, Mr. Lovell, Mr. Norton.
 DIOCESAN QUOTA.—Mrs. Hetherington.
 CHURCH LIGHTING (in addition to List of Subscribers for lamps published in October, towards cost of wiring, etc.)—Mr. Jakeman, Mr. Norton.
 CHURCHYARD AND CHURCHYARD EXTENSION.—Miss Griffiths, Mrs. Hetherington, Mr. Norton, Mr. Stutchbury.

“CHRIST AND SOCIETY.”—A Meeting will be held in the Central Hall, Westminster, on Tuesday, 5th February, 1929, at 8 p.m. Subject: “Christ and Society.” Chairman: The Bishop of Lichfield. Speakers: Bishop Gore, D.D., and Miss Maude Royden. Tickets for reserved seats, 1/- each; unreserved, free. Early application should be made to Rev. P. T. R. Kirk, General Director, Industrial Christian Fellowship, Fellowship House, 4, The Sanctuary, Westminster, S.W.

BAPTISMS.

“Made a Member of Christ.”
 December 9th—Beryl May Serjeant.
 ,, 9th—Peter Cain.
 ,, 23rd—Barbara Gamgee.

MARRIAGES.

“Those whom God hath joined together.”
 December 23rd—Percy Arthur Testor and Lilian Mary Newcombe.
 ,, 26th—John William Bullock and Ada Phyllis Powney.
 ,, 26th—Charles Ernest Court and Elsie Hayward.

BURIALS.

“I am the Resurrection and the Life.”
 December 5th—John Williams, aged 82 years.
 ,, 5th—Charles Edward Warwick, aged 65 years.