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MY DEAR PEOPLE,

It is customary just now to be wishing each other a Bright and Prosperous New Year. I do indeed hope that 1930 may be for you all a year rich in blessings and true happiness. But what is the meaning of this familiar greeting? Well, it just depends in what spirit it is given. It may merely convey a hope that one's friends will have their full share of all the fun and enjoyment which the world has to dispense and that in business good fortune may smile upon them. It may, however, be the expression of an earnest desire for the well-being of our friends whatever the future may have in store for them. Few of us are likely to go through the next twelve months care-free and yet in spite of anxieties and even sorrows we may never be devoid of all happiness. And further as far as prosperity is concerned our wish if sincere does not mean that we hope all our friends will amass large fortunes but rather that success may follow in the wake of every endeavour made to fulfill the purpose for which they have been sent into the world; and it is in this sense that I wish you all a Happy New Year.

And now to turn to parochial matters. Before anticipating let us just glance back over the past year. I believe I am right in saying that some steady progress has been made. Although the congregations do not show any increase, there is no decrease in numbers and what is more a greater number individually have been coming to worship. Our Sunday School has been steadily growing and the afternoon Service is most encouraging. With regard to the organisations, the Band of Hope has nearly ninety children on

its roll of membership, the Lads' Club numbers over sixty members and is now meeting twice a week, a Girls' Club has lately been started which is steadily increasing in numbers and the Guides and Scouts are still going strong. We have not been able to have any social functions such as Dances or Concerts during the past year owing to the state of the Old School building and the fact that under the present circumstances we cannot get an entertainment licence, though we have had several lantern lectures on the Work of the Church Overseas which have been fairly well attended. In the matter of the alteration of the Old Boys' School Building into a Parish Hall we shall have something of interest and importance to report at the Annual Parochial Meeting which is to be held on Wednesday, January 22nd. We can say that great progress has been made in respect of this subject during the past twelve months. But what of the future? Well I am hoping that a more regular habit of churchgoing may result in larger congregations especially at the celebrations of the Holy Communion. I should also be glad if parents would see that their children were a little more regular in their attendance at Sunday School and I could wish for a far larger attendance at the afternoon Service of children not attached to the Sunday School. I am hoping to start a Junior Communicants' Guild to help our young communicants up to the age of eighteen years. Our first service and meeting will be held in Church on Monday, January 13th, at 8 p.m., when I hope to see a number of young people. I look forward to the completion of the alterations to the school building before the autumn. There is one matter which should have our serious consideration and it is the matter of the assistance of a Curate. One priest cannot possibly do the work that should be done. The visiting alone

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requires two men constantly at it. What I feel is that if we all put our shoulders to the wheel we should soon have guaranteed a sufficient sum to support an assistant Priest, but we must all help. We have now two hundred and ninety names on the Electoral Roll and before the Annual Church Meeting it will reach three hundred. Supposing that fifty of these belong to the Assessment Scheme and are really bearing their full share in the Parochial Expenses there remains another two hundred and fifty. If these would promise only an extra sixpence a week each we should have sufficient to give a minimum stipend to a full time man. When you have your notice of the Annual Meeting, will you please send an intimation to me or to one of the Churchwardens that you are willing to do this? If only we all co-operate for the good of the Church and the spiritual welfare of the parish we shall be able to report great progress this time next year.

Mr. Russe has asked me to invite men with voices and sight-readers to join the choir. The Choir practice is on Fridays at 8 p.m. Will prospective members kindly communicate with Mr. Russe at St. Kilda, Windmill Road.

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. Donations to the Parish Hall Fund.

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 Old Boys' School and for girls in the Old Infants' School at 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. For Infants in the Church Room at 10.30 in the morning and 2.30 in the afternoon.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.**—Teachers' Preparation Class will be held on the Fridays in the month at the Vicarage at 8 p.m.

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**BIBLE CLASS.**—A class for girls over fourteen years of age is held in the Old Infants' School on Sundays at 3 p.m.

**LADS' CLUB.**—The club is open on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 7 p.m.—9.30 p.m. in the Old Infants' School.

**GIRLS' CLUB.**—A club for girls over fourteen years of age is held on Fridays in the Old Infants' School, from 7.45 p.m.—10 p.m.

**MOTHERS' UNION.**—The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Church Room on Wednesday, January 1st, at 2.30 p.m.

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**BAND OF HOPE.**—The Meetings are held in the Old Boys' School on Mondays at 6.30 p.m.

**COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.**—The Monthly Service and Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22nd, at 8 p.m.

**GUILD OF ST. JAMES.**—A Guild for young Communicants up to the age of eighteen years will be inaugurated in Church on Monday, January 13th, at 8 p.m.

**SAINTS' AND FEAST DAYS.**—January 1st, Feast of the Circumcision, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. and 12. January 6th, Feast of the Epiphany, Holy Communion 7.30 and 12., Evensong 8 p.m. January 25th, Conversion of St. Paul, Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

**MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION NOTES.**—A Meeting will be held in the Church Room on Thursday, January 9th, at 8 p.m., when part of the first chapter of the Handbook on Burma will be discussed. Members are asked to collect information on "The Fascination of Burma" and also to be prepared with an answer to the following question—"What qualities of the various tribes seem to you likely to form a good basis for

Christian teaching? And for the building up of the Church in the future?"

Several new leaflets and stories have been placed in the tract case. Missionary Intercessions will be said after evening service on Sunday, January 12th.

**MISSIONARY SALE OF WORK.**—The following is the Balance Sheet of the Sale of Work held in the Old Boys' School on November 20th, 1929.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cake Stall	... ..	5	14	7			
Working Party Stall	... ..	12	4	7			
Mrs. Douty's Stall	... ..	7	9	6			
Mystery Stall	... ..	6	13	0			
Oddments Stall	... ..	5	13	0			
After Sales	... ..	1	1	6			
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Refreshments	... ..						2 15 0
Admission	... ..						0 16 2
Donations	... ..						3 15 0
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EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Printing	... ..						0 14 0
Hire of Room	... ..						0 7 6
To Working Party	... ..						1 0 1
Balance							
To S.P.G.	... ..	14	13	7			
,, C.M.S.	... ..	14	13	7			
,, C.C.C.S.	... ..	14	13	7			
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**CHOIR BOYS' TREAT.**—The Vicar hopes to take the Choir Boys to the Circus at Olympia on Tuesday, December 31st. He will gratefully welcome donations towards the expenses.

**BAND OF HOPE TREAT.**—The Annual Christmas Tea and Tree will be given on Saturday, January 18th in the Old Boys' School. Gifts of Toys for the Tree and cakes, etc., for the tea will be thankfully received. They should be sent to the Vicar any time before the day, or to the School on the day between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING AND TREAT.**—This will take place on Saturday, January 25th. It is

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hoped that as many parents as possible will be present for the Prize-giving at about 6.30 p.m.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND WAIFS AND STRAYS SOCIETY

I feel sure our readers will be pleased to know that Miss Hanson, the Principal of St. Mary's College, Hampton Hill, has recently made a present of 50 velour and straw hats to the St. Ursula's Home of the Waifs' and Strays' Society, Teddington. Needless to say the Local Committee and the Matron express their grateful thanks for such a valuable and useful gift to the girls.

H. A. Simmonds, Hon. Sec.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.—The Annual Meeting will be held in the Old Boys' School on Wednesday, January 22nd, at 8.15 p.m. This is a meeting of all whose names are on the Electoral Roll. At this meeting the out-going Parochial Church Council will produce a copy of the Electoral Roll. It will also give a report of its doings during the past year for the reception and adoption of the meeting. A report on the financial affairs of the parish will also be presented. The meeting will then proceed to the election of lay representatives to the Parochial Church Council and to the Ruridecanal Conference and of the Sidesmen. Any qualified person may ask any question about Parochial Church matters or put forward recommendations to the Parochial Church Council at this meeting. It is important that all persons being lay members of the Church of England, of either sex, and of eighteen years and upwards being parishioners, or habitually attending St. James' Church should make sure that their names are on the Electoral Roll. Those whose names are not already enrolled should obtain forms of application from the Vicar, the Churchwardens or the Verger and return them duly filled in and signed on or before Wednesday, 8th. An important and interesting item at this year's meeting

will be a statement with regard to the proposed alteration of the Old Boys' School into a Parish Hall.

BIBLE READING UNION.—As the outcome of a sermon on the Bible which was preached in St. James' Church on the 2nd Sunday in Advent, several members of the congregation have asked for a little book of Daily Readings and Notes which is published monthly by the S.P.C.K., Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C. 2. The subscription for the year is 2/6, which includes postage. If at least twenty-four people join as subscribers in a parish, the price per month is one penny or a shilling a year. The Vicar has obtained two dozen copies for January, which may be had at the Book Stall in the Baptistry after morning or evening service.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The following is a statement of money collected by the Mothers at their Thursday afternoon meetings for the work of the Church at Home and Abroad and for Local Hospitals:—

			£	s.	d.
Missions to Seamen	...	...	1	2	6
S.P.G. General Fund	...	...	0	19	6
„ Medical Missions	...	...	1	18	6
M.O.M., C.E.Z., C.M.S.	...	...	1	0	0
Richmond Hospital	...	...	0	18	8
Teddington Hospital	...	...	1	0	6
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			£6	19	8

BAPTISMS.

- “Made a Member of Christ.”  
Dec. 8th—Hazel Brenda Funnell.  
„ 21st—Hugh Neil Waterhouse.  
„ 22nd—Audrey Edith Pitman.

MARRIAGES.

- “Those whom God hath joined together.”  
Dec. 7th.—Leonard Martin and Daisy Matilda Reynolds.

BURIALS.

- “I am the Resurrection and the Life.”  
Nov. 27th—Ann Bull, aged 79 years.  
Dec. 4th—John White, aged 75 years.  
Dec. 4th—William Charles Barker, 19 years.  
Dec. 24th—Robert Peter Ballard, aged 5 years.