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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

January has as usual been a very busy month, and our parochial festivities have been numerous; to most of these I must make a brief reference.

On the 2nd ultimo Mrs. FitzWygram entertained the members of her Men's Bible Class to supper, when about thirty were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to the hostess for her kindness, and for all her good work in behalf of the class.

On the 7th ultimo the Annual Supper in connection with the Working Men's Club took place. The enlarged room was quite full. Amongst those present were Messrs. Bowling-Trevanion, Mr. H. C. Garrett, and the Clergy. Several loyal and patriotic and other toasts were celebrated with enthusiasm, and the rest of the evening was spent in music and singing, arranged by Mr. Ernest Singleton. The room presented a very attractive appearance, having been tastefully arranged and decorated by the Secretary, Mr. Hallt, and Mr. May. Several of the speakers referred to the great improvement caused by the enlargement of the Club-room, and the increased attractiveness of the Club by means of the beautiful additional billiard table which has just been purchased. There is every reason to hope that the Club will continue to grow in popularity. The catering was exceedingly well done by Mr. and Mrs. Player.

On the 13th ultimo the Band of Hope children had their Tea and Entertainment, which was as usual arranged by Miss Eastland and the ladies who assist in the management throughout the year. The Entertainment consisted of Action Songs by the members, and a Magic Lantern exhibition of "Alice in Wonderland."

On the 14th ultimo the Sunday School children had their Prize Giving, when about forty prizes, consisting chiefly of Bibles and Prayer Books were distributed amongst them. A Magic Lantern exhibition followed, and the children (275 in number) were dismissed with a bun and an orange each, after giving very hearty votes of thanks to Mrs. Job for distributing the prizes, and to the teachers for their work amongst the children.

On the 16th we had the pleasure of receiving the members of the Choir at the Vicarage. Our excellent Organist has now been at his post for twenty years, and I am sure that his patient care and faithful and efficient services are thoroughly appreciated by every member of the congregation.

In the afternoon of the same day the quarterly service of the Girls' Friendly Society took place; after which the members, to the number of 46, were entertained to tea at Larkfield. There has recently been a considerable increase in the membership, and the Society seems to be doing excellent work amongst our young people. We propose to commence a series "Evenings" for the members on Tuesday next, the 4th instant, at the Eastbank Mission Room, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. A small number of ladies have kindly promised to meet the girls. There will be no charge for the members. The first part of the evening will be spent in some useful occupation, and the second in games, looking at illustrated papers, &c. I hope that this will be found attractive, useful and profitable. Gifts of games, &c. will be thankfully received by Mrs. Job, Mrs. Hodge, and Miss M. Hubbard.

The Ambulance students who have attended Dr. Barker's Lectures in connection with the County Council Technical Classes, were examined on the 18th ultimo, and I understand from the Examiner that they did very well. Classes in Shorthand are now being held on Saturday Evenings, in the Boys' Schoolroom, from 7 to 9 p.m. The Classes are free and open to all.

On the 22nd the distribution of Prizes to children attending the Day Schools took place. A very large number of books were given, which had been provided for by subscriptions and by the proceeds of an Entertainment. Several of the parents and others interested in the Schools were present, including Messrs. Bowling-Trevanion, Evans, Etlinger, H. Cremer, A. E. Storey, and Rev. H. Clarkson, Mrs. Job, (who presented the Prizes) and Miss Cremer. The good work done by the Head Teachers and the Assistants was referred to with appreciation.

On the 23rd Mrs. FitzWygram gave a supper to the members of the Young Men's Bible Class, when about twenty-eight were present. On the

whole the attendance at this class is very regular, and the members thoroughly appreciate the kindness of their teacher.

On the 27th a Concert, arranged by the Winter Entertainments Committee, took place, and, notwithstanding some disappointments, the programme was exceedingly good from first to last. Unfortunately the attendance was not large.

The Annual Meeting of the Horticultural Society was held on the 28th, when the Report and Balance Sheet were presented and adopted, and the officers for the ensuing year elected. It was decided to hold the Show in the Vicarage Grounds, on Wednesday, the 15th July next. It is hoped that intending exhibitors will begin early to make their plans, and that the Show will in no way be behind its predecessors.

The Dramatic Entertainment announced for the 17th instant, will take place on Friday, the 14th instant. I believe every effort is being made to make it attractive, and a large audience is a certainty.

The members of the Lads' Brigade are to have a Tea at the Pantile Mission Room, on Monday, the 10th instant.

The Offertories on Sunday, the 16th will be for the Bishop of London's Fund, from which assistance is given for Church work to all the poorer parishes in the Diocese.

Confirmation Classes have now commenced, and are held at the Vicarage as follows:—For Men and Youths on Tuesday evenings; at 8 p.m. For Girls on Wednesday afternoons at 3, and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. The Classes are open to any who may wish to come, even if they have not made up their minds to be confirmed this year. The Confirmation will take place at Teddington about the middle of March.

Throughout Lent there will be special Preachers on the Wednesday evenings. I propose to preach a course of Sermons on Sunday mornings, on the Epistles to the Churches of Asia in the Book of Revelations. On the Week-days, excepting Wednesdays and Thursdays, there will be Services at 5.30 p.m., with short Readings from Dean Goulburn. On the Thursdays there will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 11 a.m., when a course of Addresses will be given on "The Kingdom of Heaven." I hope all will try to attend such of these Services as they can, and I pray that the season may be blessed to us all.

The past month has been a disastrous one for England in the removal of so many of her great men. Amongst those who have we believe been called to a higher service above, we notice such names as General Richard Lawrence, the last of a group of brothers, who all served their country

nobly, brilliantly, and unselfishly in India; the Rev. William Rogers, the well-known London Clergyman; Mr. Alexander Macmillan, the large hearted and large minded Publisher; Lord Leighton, the most honoured of our modern Painters; Sir Joseph Barnby, the great Composer; and last, but not least, Prince Henry of Battenberg, who has fallen a victim to his devotion to duty. While we lament the loss of so many who were so good and great we deeply sympathise with the loved ones they have left behind, and at the same time, we pray that there never may be wanting in England men of like courage and refinement, and truth and devotion to duty.

I am, my dear Friends,
Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

The following lines will be read with interest:

THE LATE PRINCE HENRY OF BATTENBERG, K.G.

Born October 5th, 1858. Died January 20th, 1896.

Proud are we all of Prince Henry, Queen Victoria's adopted son,

Right nobly he died for England, tho' no battle was fought or won.

In the pathway of Duty he perished, his wish, ev'ry danger to share:

No self-glory he sought . . . but to inspire his comrades to do and to dare.

Courageously faced he the perils of Ashanti's pestilent clime.

Endeared to all true British hearts, shall his memory be for all time.

He has gone to a Land where all warfare, all pain and suffering cease.

E'en o'er his dying bed hovered, the ministering Angel of Peace.

No shot was fired . . . King Prempeh submits . . . our troops on their homeward way

Remember with sorrow their Prince, and the debt he has had to pay,

Yet think with redoubled devotion of the Royal Mourners to-day.

F. T. BLYTH.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.			7 p.m.			TOTALS.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Dec. 29.—General Fund	...	3	12	2	1	7	4	4	19	6
Jan. 5.—Curate's Fund	...	3	12	8	1	15	2	5	7	10
" 12.—General Fund	...	2	14	1	1	5	3	3	19	4
" 19.—General Fund	...	3	16	0	1	7	1	5	3	1
" 26.—General Fund	...	2	16	3	1	3	9	4	0	0
Poor Fund (Early Celebrations)	Dec. 29, 1/2; Jan. 5, 5/6; Jan. 12, 4/4; Jan. 19, 6/2; Jan. 26, 6/6							1	3	8
Children's Services (Missions)	Dec. 29, 2/11; Jan. 5, 1/9; Jan. 12, 2/5; Jan. 19, 2/6; Jan. 26, 3/3							12	10	
Special Celebrations.—Dec. 27 (St. John the Evangelist Day)	18	2	
Dec. 28 (The Innocents' Day)	2/3; Jan. 1, 7/4									
Jan. 25 (The Conversion of St. Paul)	4/7									

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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."

- Jan. 12.—William Charles Carter.
- " 12.—William George Foster.
- " 12.—Rhoda Ellen Jennings.