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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The *Conversazione* which took place on the 15th ult., in lieu of the 'Parish Tea,' proved a greater success than we had dared to hope for. Close upon 300 people were present, several of whom, alas! could not find seats. The ladies who had charge of the refreshments, aided by a large number of assistants, carried out their work most efficiently. We were much indebted to Mr. Bridger for lending his lantern and working it, and to Dr. Howard for the very amusing slides, illustrating "St. James's Day at the Vicarage," and the Working Men's Club Sports. The music and songs met with much well deserved applause. Our sincere thanks are due to all who helped to make the evening a success, not forgetting Mr. Dowsett, who patiently occupied his place at the door for the whole evening. The last Parish Tea involved a loss of nearly £1. The *Conversazione* left us with a balance in hand of £2 11s. 2d.

On Friday, the 4th ult., Mrs. Matthew, the Secretary of the "Mothers' Union," gave a most interesting address, at the Vicarage, to upwards of fifty ladies, on the work of the Society, with a view to forming a branch in this parish. The objects of the Society are (1) To awaken a sense of the great responsibility of mothers, and others concerned in the care of children, in the training of boys and girls—the future men and women of England. (2) To organize in every place a band of mothers, who will unite in prayer, and seek by their own example to lead their families in purity and holiness of life. At the close of the Meeting between twenty and thirty ladies gave in their names for membership. Mrs. Matthew is most kindly coming again to give an address to the members of the Mothers' Meetings and others, at

the Eastbank Mission Hall, on Monday, the 6th inst., at 3 p.m. I sincerely hope the Branch may prove a great help to many in the parish.

The first Concert of the season, in connection with the Winter Entertainments, took place at the Victoria Hall, on the 22nd ult. The event marks the commencement of a "new and enlarged series" of the "Entertainments," which it is to be hoped will have a long and successful career in the New "Hall." Certainly the latter is a most valuable adjunct to our village life, and the refined programme and the large audience at the Concert, were both pleasing and encouraging. Full accounts have appeared in the local Newspapers, and so I need not do more here than to say that every item on the programme was excellent, and we are very grateful to all who gave their services so willingly. The Secretaries are to be congratulated upon the way in which the arrangements were carried out.

There will be a Dramatic Entertainment on the 20th inst., which is sure to secure a large audience.

I may also mention that the Football Club has an Entertainment at the Victoria Hall, on the 8th inst.; the Cycling Club one on the 16th inst.; and the Teachers and Children of the Day Schools one for the Prize Fund on the 17th inst.

I am requested by Mr. H. P. Bowling-Trevanion to express his most sincere thanks to all the signatories to the Memorial Album, which I had the honour of presenting to him, in the name of the subscribers, on the 24th ult., and to assure them that they could not have done anything to give him greater pleasure than this.

A sum approaching £500 has been paid in by the members of the Provident Club, and a number of subscriptions have been collected by Miss Barnard for the interest. The money will be paid out by the District Visitors on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Eastbank Mission Room, at

o'clock. The members are requested to be punctual, and in every case to come themselves if they can. We are very much indebted to the District Visitors for the trouble they have taken in the matter.

Throughout Advent there will be special preachers on the Wednesday evenings, and Advent subjects will be dealt with in the Sunday sermons. The season is a solemn one, intended to awaken us to a sense of our responsibility in this short life, and to prepare us for the sacred lessons that are taught us in connection with the great Christmas Festival. May I earnestly invite you to attend as many of the services as you can.

The Mothers' Supper is fixed for Tuesday, the 28th inst., at 7 p.m.

The Parish Almanack will be issued towards the end of the month, and may be obtained from the District Visitors.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

SPECIAL ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

"Every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Rom. xiv, 12.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 8 P.M.

- Dec. 1.—Preacher: THE VICAR (Prayer for Foreign Missions).
,, 8. ,, Rev. T. CRAMPTON, M.A., St. Alban's, Teddington.
,, 15. ,, Rev. E. S. BRIDGES, B.A., Holy Trinity, Twickenham.
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SAINTS' DAYS.

- Dec. 21st (Tuesday) St. Thomas's Day.—Holy Communion and Short Address at 11 a.m.
,, 27th (Monday) St. John the Evangelist's Day.—Holy Communion and Short Address at 11 a.m.
,, 28th (Tuesday) Innocents' Day.—Holy Communion and Short Address at 11 a.m.

On Sunday Evenings, the Vicar will preach on the "Results of Christ's First Coming." "Life." "Light." "Peace."

Christmas Eve.—Choral Service and Carols at 8 p.m.

Christmas Day.—Holy Communion at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and Mid-Day; 11 a.m., Choral Service, Preacher: THE VICAR; 5 p.m., Carol Service and Short Address. Offertories throughout the day for the Poor.

New Year's Eve.—Midnight Service at 11.15 p.m. "Be ye also ready."

OFFERTORIES.

Table with columns: 11 a.m., 7 p.m., TOTAL. Rows include Oct. 31.—General Fund, Nov. 7.—Curate's Fund, Nov. 14.—General Fund, Nov. 21.—General Fund, Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Children's Services (Missions), and Special Celebrations.

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. 31.—Kate Lansley.
Nov. 14.—Edie Lay.
,, 14.—Percy Lay.

MARRIAGE.

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

Nov. 21.—Henry Gill to Emily Mary Booker.

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. 30.—Maria Lewis, aged 57 years.
Fov. 22.—Richard Trigg, aged 61 years.