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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The Dramatic Performance which brought the Winter Entertainments to a close on the 21st ult., proved to be the most successful of the series, the Hall being filled to its utmost capacity. Long accounts appeared in the local newspapers, and well-deserved praise was accorded to all those who had taken such great pains to give an innocent evening's amusement, and at the same time to assist some of our parochial charities. I would only express our great indebtedness to Misses Isdell, Hanrott, Etlinger and Durham, and to Messrs. Hall, Durham, Dudley Larcombe, Reginald Hall, Crusoe, and Harcourt Hanrott, for all the trouble they took in the matter. The evening's enjoyment was greatly increased by the presence of Signor D'Amato's Mandoline Band—which consisted of about five-and-twenty ladies—whose beautiful performances delighted everybody. Mr. Hodgson was as usual at his post, and both he and Mr. Bourne did much to ensure such a successful evening.

The resignation of Nurse Grey early in last month was a source of universal regret throughout the parish. During the few months she had been with us she showed that she not only thoroughly understood her work, but that she was also possessed of such kindly feeling and tact that she won her way everywhere, and those who were fortunate enough to have her services have expressed the warmest gratitude for her efficient help. Nurse Grey is very shortly to be married, but her departure was hastened by a severe attack of influenza, which made it necessary for her to have an immediate change. The Sub-

Committee were fortunate in securing the services of Nurse Jackson, and appointed her, first temporarily, during the illness of Nurse Grey, afterwards, when the vacancy actually occurred, the Sub-Committee were so far satisfied with the work and acquirements of Nurse Jackson that they felt every confidence in asking her to accept the appointment. During the five months Nurse Grey was with us she paid 956 visits to suffering patients, and it would not be easy to estimate the amount of comfort that was administered by her. The Committee hope that all who receive the District Nurse's visits will try to contribute something, however small, to the funds. Old linen for bandages, will also be thankfully received.

March 25th is appointed to be observed throughout the country for Special Services in connection with the Mothers' Union. We shall therefore have a short service and address in the afternoon at 3.30, and I hope all the members of our branch will try to make a point of being present.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Working Men's Club took place on Monday the 28th ult., when there was a fair attendance. The balance sheet showed that the receipts had amounted to upwards of £119, and that after the payment of all expenses there was £3 10s. od. in hand. The number of members was about the same as in the former year. Both the Athletic Sports and the Cricket Club were able to give favourable records. The Rev. E. S. Phillips and Mr. Blandford Newson were added to the Vice-Presidents. Mr. Hallt, after three years of hard work at the Secretaryship, did not wish to accept the office again, owing to his lack of time. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his past services, and Mr. Gass was elected to the office. Mr. Basey was

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re-appointed Treasurer. Mr. Storey and Mr. Redgrove were appointed Auditors. The following were elected on the general Committee:— Messrs. Gardner, May, Vanner, Moores, Moles, W. Singleton, Hallt, Flitton, E. Storey, and W. Murray. A resolution was passed deciding that the Club should be affiliated with other Guilds and Clubs in the neighbourhood.

The Confirmation will take place at Hampton, on Monday, the 30th inst. About twenty candidates will be Confirmed from this parish, and I hope their parents and friends will try to be present at the service.

The list of Lent Services are in your hands, and I would again earnestly invite you to make as much use of them as possible. Lent is intended to be a time of self-examination, of looking into our hearts and lives, that we may see our sins and weak points, and so be in a better position, by the grace of God, to fight them. Lent is intended to be also a time of self-denial, partly that we may have more time and more money to give for others and for the service of God, and partly that, by self-restraint, we may gain a greater mastery over our impulses and appetites. There are so many things to distract our minds, and we are naturally so careless and thoughtless, that it is good for us to have one short period of the year when a decided effort is made by Christian people everywhere, by God's help, to break away from the easily be-setting sins, and "run with patience the race that is set before us." We may let the season come and go, and leave us at the same dead level at which it found us, just as selfish, just as sinful, just as negligent of prayer, and Church, and Holy Communion; or we may, if we will, make it a soul's spring-time, in which "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report," may

start into fresh life, and make these sin-stricken hearts of ours "blossom as the rose."

In addition to the services at the Church, a short service is held, and an address given, at the Pantile Mission Room, every Thursday afternoon, at 3.30, to which those living in the neighbourhood are specially invited.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.			7 p.m.			TOTAL		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 30—General Fund	...	1	12	1	1	3	2	15	4
Feb. 6—Curate's Fund	...	2	0	0	1	6	0	3	6
" 13—General Fund	...	2	2	6	1	1	8	3	4
" 20—General Fund	...	3	0	3	1	3	11	4	4
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Jan. 30, 11/1; Feb. 6, 7/10; Feb. 13, 8/-; Feb. 20, 6/8	1	13	7
Children's Services (Missions), Jan. 30, 3/-; Feb. 6, 2/-; Feb. 13, 4/2; Feb. 20, 3/9	0	12	11
Special Celebration, Feb. 2, Purification of the Blessed Virgin	0	2	9
							£15	18	11

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."

- Feb. 13—Lilian Mary Garnet.
- " 13—Charles Edward Goodman.
- " 13—Alfred Smith.

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.*

- Jan. 27—Mary Ann Drew, aged 62 years.
- Feb. 2—Sarah Finney, aged 52 years.
- " 5—William Pavitt, aged 74 years.