

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I have again the pleasure of wishing the readers of our Parish Magazine a very Happy New Year. I am afraid we do not all realize how much this lies within our own hands. We cannot, of course, ensure for ourselves freedom from trouble or sickness, nor can we ensure our own prosperity or success, but to a large extent we can secure our own happiness. For instance, we can determine, by the grace of God, to be true to the teaching of our conscience, and every one who does that will be sure of a considerable amount of happiness. Then we can, by the same power, resolve not to think of ourselves but to try to make other people happy every day, and to do this is one of the happiest things in the world. Then, lastly, we can every morning, when we awake, think of all the things we ought to be thankful for, and try to feel that we ought to be happy because the good God has been so bountiful to us.

Christmas Day is certainly one of the brightest festivals of the year, indeed it shares with Easter the first place in our thoughts. Everybody loves Christmas Day because of the happy thoughts and events associated with it. Everybody is so thoughtful and kind and generous at Christmas. We do not like to forget a single friend, we cannot bear the thought that anybody shall be in want on that day. Hearts and purses are freely opened and myriads of people are comforted by finding that their friends have not forgotten them. And the root of all this good feeling can be traced without a doubt to the manger-cradle at Bethlehem. How can we be anything else but kind when the profound love which brought the Holy Child from Heaven is fresh in our minds?

We are greatly indebted to all those who sent beautiful flowers and evergreens for the decorations, and also to the many helpers who made the

Church look so nice. It is so thoughtful of the same old friends, year after year, to send so much for the Church. And if one may judge from people's faces, I am sure there was very real enjoyment in the services. The congregations were large, and there were 322 communicants. The offertories amounted to £18 10s., besides some sums that were sent to me separately. It was a great help having the assistance of the Rev. J. Harrison and the Rev. R. L. Morris at two of the services.

The Confirmation Classes will begin again in the third week in January. There will be a class for males on Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Church Room, and another on Sunday evening at the Eastbank Mission Room at 6 p.m. There will be a class for girls on Wednesday afternoon at 4.30 and another on Thursday evening at 8 p.m., both in the Church Room, St. James's Road. Will parents bring this before their children and show them the desirability of their offering themselves? I shall also be glad if mistresses will kindly bring it before the notice of their servants. Special arrangements will be made for adults who may desire it and for those who are not able to attend at any of the times mentioned.

A number of Collecting Cards for the Church Room have been returned and some additional subscriptions have been received. I shall be glad if those who still have cards will return them with the sums collected as soon as convenient.

The Provident Club money was paid out on Wednesday, the 9th ult. The total amount deposited during the year was £459 4s. 11d. To this was added a bonus of £14 7s 10d., chiefly provided by subscribers. We are very much indebted to the District Visitors and the Day School Teachers, who take so much trouble in collecting the money from the depositors during the year.

On Friday, the 29th inst., two Lectures will be given by Miss Gorham, of Lady Henry Somerset's Homes for Inebriates at Duxhurst, in the Boys' Schoolroom. For children, at a quarter-to-six, admission twopence and one penny; and for adults, at 8 p.m., admission one shilling, sixpence, and threepence. Vivid pictures of Prison life, etc., will be shewn.

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.
Nov. 22—Church Expenses ...	3 15 3	1 16 9	5 12 0
„ 29—S.P.G. ...	8 a.m. £1 4s. 3d.	3 18 11	11 13 2
Dec. 6—Curate's Fund ...	2 6 1	1 16 5	4 2 6
„ 13—Church Expenses ...	3 7 6	1 12 6	5 0 0
„ 20—Church Expenses ...	3 12 1	2 3 6	5 15 7
„ 25—(Christmas Day) Sick and Poor, 7 a.m., 18/-; 8 a.m., £3 11s. 10d.	13 8 6	12 1	18 10 5
„ 27—Church Expenses ...	4 5 2	1 10 11	5 16 1
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Nov. 22, 18/3; Dec. 6, 9/10; Dec. 13, 8/-; Dec. 20, 3/6; Dec. 27, 10/3			2 10 0
Children's Services (Missions), Nov. 22, 1/6; Dec. 6, 2/2; Dec. 13, 3/10; Dec. 20, 1/7; Dec. 27, 5/11			0 15 0
Special Celebrations, Nov. 30 (St. Andrew's Day), S.P.G., 8/-; C.M.S., 8/-			0 16 0
Dec. 26 (St. Stephen's Day), 6/6; Dec. 28 (Holy Innocents) 2/11			0 9 5
Thursdays (Ordination Fund), Dec. 3, 1/14; Dec. 10, 10/10; Dec. 17, 11/9			2 3 11
Special Services (Communicants' Guild)			0 10 7
			<u>£63 14 8</u>

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.

Dec. 12—Ellen James.
 „ 13—Harry Cobb.
 „ 13—Kenneth William Bayford Bowden.
 „ 13—Gertrude Minnie Allen.
 „ 18—Margaret Sykes.

MARRIAGES.

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

Nov. 24—John Bissell to Florence Thirza Stanton.
 Dec. 21—William Abbott David Mortimer to Ethel May James.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

DATE.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
Jan. 3	71 74 Carol	175 330 829	Carol 70 72 483 Carols
„ 6	...	...	75 79
„ 10	78 514 488	78 261 333	211 77 247 80
„ 13	...	...	76 220
„ 17	537 81	335 334 337	79 75 350 31
„ 20	...	...	81 291
„ 24	282 79 486	332 336 331	447 236 78 406
„ 27	...	...	405 446
„ 31	82 285 177	281 567 569	178 (i) 82 282 173

THE CHURCH ROOM.

The following additional Sums have been received.

	£	s.	d.	Collected by—	£	s.	d.	Collected by—	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Wootton	0 10 0	Mrs. Russell	...	2 0 0		Mabel Meridew	...	0 2 8	
Mrs. Hunter	0 10 0	Mrs. Carpenter	...	0 11 0		Edith Lay	...	0 2 2	
Miss Marshall	0 10 0	Mrs. Griffiths	...	0 10 0		Edith Scears	...	0 2 0	
Lady FitzWygram	0 10 0	Mrs. Harrison	...	0 10 0		Annie Chandler	...	0 1 9	
Miss Chatterton	0 5 0	Mrs. Wootton	...	0 7 6		Beatrice Smith	...	0 1 9	
Mr. T. Gale	0 10 6	Edith Higgs	...	0 10 3		Daisy Reed	...	0 1 0	
Mr. and Mrs. Bearcroft	0 10 0	Edith Seaward	...	0 6 3					
H. C.	0 10 0	M. & E. Russell	...	0 5 3					
Mr. C. L. Sabine	0 10 6	Grace Lott	...	0 3 6					
S.	0 10 0	Edith Shail	...	0 2 11½					

Amount yet required, about £10.