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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

This is always our busiest time of the year, and a glance at the Calendar will show our engagements are many.

On February 2nd there was an excellent attendance at the Mothers' Union Service, and about 40 Communicants. Three new members were admitted.

On the 6th ult. there was a Church Lads' Brigade Parade at the Church for the local Battalion. It was a pouring wet day, but the lads turned up in strong force, and looked very smart and soldier-like in their uniform. I believe it would be an excellent thing if every boy of 13 joined the Brigade for three years. It would be the making of the men of England in the next generation.

The Men's Society (C. E. M. S.) is making steady progress. On the 22nd ult. we had a really good social evening, when we had some capital songs. The programme was arranged by Messrs. Dawkins and Basey. On the 27th ult. we had our monthly Men's Service, when about sixty were present, and an earnest sermon was preached by the Rev. A. C. Kestin. On the 15th inst. there is to be a lecture on "The Foundation of the Saxon Church," with lantern illustration, by the Rev. W. D. Fanshawe, at 8 p.m., in the Church Room. Admission free. The next Men's Service will be on the 20th.

The Day School Prizes were distributed on the 25th ult. by Mrs. Tidey. The whole proceedings were very pleasant. A large number of parents were present, whom we were glad to see. Messrs. Griffiths, Joseph and Stutchbury, School Managers, were there. Mr. Griffiths proposed, and Mr. Joseph seconded a vote of thanks to Mrs. Tidey for giving away the prizes; and Mr. Phillips proposed a vote of thanks to the teachers for the excellent way in which they carried on the work of the Schools.

On Monday afternoon, the 28th ult., the girls were assembled in the large room for the purpose of taking part in a little presentation to Miss Hardgrave, who has been an assistant Teacher for four years, and who was leaving to be married. The Clergy and Mr. Joseph were present. A beautiful china tea service was given by the teachers and girls, and a small set of knives and

forks by the Managers. Speeches expressive of good wishes to the departing teacher were made, and Miss Hardgrave warmly thanked all the contributors.

On Friday, the 4th inst., there will be a C. E. Temperance Meeting in the Boys' School at 8, when an Address will be given by Mr. Stanton, the "Paddington Dustman." We are sure to have a racy and amusing speech, full of wisdom.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., there will be a Church Missionary Meeting in the Church Room, at 3.30 p.m., when the speaker will be Mrs. Ball, the well known lady-Missionary from the Punjab, in India. I hope we may have a really good meeting.

I am glad to say that we have upwards of 70 candidates attending the Confirmation classes, and there is still time for more to join, as our Confirmation is not until May 3rd. A small group of our candidates will be away at that time, and so they will be Confirmed at Hampton Church on the 11th inst., at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Waterhouse is very anxious to form a branch of "Our Dumb Friends' League" in the Parish. The object of the League is to promote kindness to all living creatures, and is therefore a most excellent one. A Meeting for children and young people will be held at the Schools on the 18th inst., at 6.15 p.m., when a lady will come from the League and will show all kinds of pictures bearing on the subject, and will describe the working of the Society, and members will be enrolled.

Our Sunday Schools are growing larger in numbers, and we are finding it impossible to seat all the children in Church. We are therefore compelled to make some other provision for them, and we propose next Sunday to commence a little separate service for them. They will have one all to themselves in the Church Room at the same time as the service in Church, which will be taken by some of the teachers in turn, a service which will be short and simple, and suited to the capacities of the little ones.

We shall be very thankful for help for the Easter decorations. Our friends always remember it, and it seems only a matter of form to mention it. There will be the usual services on Good Friday, when the offertories will be for the local Society for Rescue and Preventive Work. On Easter Day there will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion

