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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Once more we begin a New Year, and my first pleasure is to wish all the readers of our Magazine a very happy one.

CHRISTMAS has again brought us all the bright thoughts associated with it and has no doubt left something of its "Peace and Goodwill" behind. May we carry these two with us through the year and live in the spirit of them.

The services on Christmas Day were, I thought, very happy and stirring. It did one's heart good to see the numbers who came to the Holy Communion, especially at the early services. The rain kept some away from the later services. The offertories were fairly good. The Church looked beautiful, for people had been most kind and generous in sending a rich profusion of flowers, and there were many helpers who worked really hard in arranging them, and the effect was all that could be wished.

The PROVIDENT CLUB money was paid out on Wednesday, December 11th. The total deposits for the year amounted to £529 3s. 2d., and £16 12s. 0d. was added by way of interest. There is no doubt that this was very useful to the depositors at Christmas time, and I hope that they were duly grateful to the District Visitors for all the trouble they took in calling for it every week.

The ORGAN RECITALS during Advent brought together good numbers of people, and resulted in upwards of £4 for the Organ Fund. We are very much indebted to those gentlemen who so kindly came and gave the recitals. On Tuesday, December 10th, the LADS' BRIGADE gave a display of drill in the Boys' Schoolroom. The Adjutant of the local corps was present, and after inspecting the company spoke a few very wise words to the lads, which I hope they will remember. The Rev. J. Nankivell also gave a short address praising the boys for their smart appearance. A number of rewards were distributed for efficiency and good attendance, and two silver badges were given by Mr. Oatway, who promised the same again for next year. Mr. Basey the Captain, expressed the hope that someone would give a Challenge Cup to be competed for annually, and before the evening closed Miss Butler very kindly promised to give the Cup. Mr. Deller, who now gives great assistance in the drilling, sang two songs during the proceedings. Mr. Basey is to be congratulated on the success attained.

The CHORAL SOCIETY is to give a Concert on Tuesday, the 14th, in the Boys' School. I believe it will be very good, and I hope it will prove a great success. The Tickets are 2/-, 1/- and 6d.

A Committee is also at work arranging an Entertainment for the NURSE FUND, for Friday, the 31st. The Nurse is doing such useful work in the parish, and is so much appreciated, that this

ought to bring a crowd of supporters. The tickets will be 2/6, 1/- and 6d. Please keep the date free.

The CONFIRMATION is fixed for Friday, February 28th, and this year it is to be at Hampton Wick. The Classes will now go on regularly. Mr. Nankivell will take a class for youths at the East-bank Mission Hall on Monday evenings at 8 p.m., and I shall have classes on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m., and on Wednesday afternoon at 5 p.m., in the Church Room. I shall be glad to see all who wish to become candidates as soon as possible. Any girls who are 13 years of age may come to the classes, even if they are not to be confirmed this year. I shall be glad to make special arrangements for adults if necessary.

A Meeting of Churchwardens and Sidesmen was held in the Vestry on Wednesday evening, December 18th, to consider what steps should be taken next year to celebrate the JUBILEE OF St. JAMES' CHURCH. There was a good meeting. It was felt that one of our first aims must be to clear off the debt from the Organ Fund. Other schemes were discussed, and the following resolutions were passed:—

(1). Proposed by Mr. Percy Hunter, and seconded by Mr. Lowdell:

"That a "Fancy Fair" or "Café Chantant" be held in the Vicarage Field, about Midsummer, to celebrate the Church Jubilee."

(2). Proposed by Mr. Lavington, and seconded by Mr. Oatway.

"That the money obtained be used to pay off the debt on the Organ Fund; to give the usual sum raised by the Annual Sale of Work for Missions, and any further amount raised towards a permanent Church Hall."

(3). Proposed by Mr. Lavington, seconded by Mr. Hunter:

"That Mr. W. J. Lowdell be the hon. secretary for the Fancy Fair." Mr. Albert Douty kindly promised to give any assistance he could to Mr. Lowdell.

(4). Mr. Daines proposed, and Mr. H. C. Carpenter seconded, that the following form the Men's Executive Committee:—The Vicar and the Churchwardens, Messrs. P. Hunter, G. F. Stutchbury, Albert Douty, C. H. Evans, A. E. Storey and the Secretary, with power to add to their numbers. It was understood that a meeting of ladies would very shortly be held to elect a ladies' Committee to join with the above in carrying out the scheme.

In addition to the foregoing resolutions it was proposed by Mr. Oatway, and seconded by Mr. Lavington and carried: "That a vote of thanks be sent to Messrs. Singleton & Sons for building the motor shed, and for doing other work in connection with the Organ, without charge." It was explained that this was a very substantial gift.

It was further proposed by Mr. Douty, and seconded by Mr. Hunter, "That a vote of thanks be sent to the lady who had lent the final £100 for the Organ, without interest."

