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THE VICARAGE,

HAMPTON HILL,

December, 1st, 1929.

My DEAR PEOPLE,

During last month we were called upon to make two spiritual ventures both involving intercessory prayer. A week of prayer for the Diocese and a day of prayer for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in other parts of the world. The response to these "calls" was not what it might have been and yet "where two or three are gathered together in My Name there am I in the midst of them" is a thought which assures us that such efforts are worth while. If only we could merge the idea of our own individual religion into the greater idea of the religion of the family, I believe we should not be for ever turning a deaf ear to these calls to Family Prayer in our Father's House. We hear much nowadays about brotherhood and fellowship amongst nations. How much easier and quicker would this desire for an ideal relationship be realized if there was behind it the reality of a great universal spiritual family. As we enter upon a new Ecclesiastical or Church year let us endeavour to catch more of the family spirit by doing our best to attend Family Prayer in the Houses of Prayer that are in our midst whenever the bell calls us. May I lay stress on the various services which are held in our own House of Prayer during the week. There is the early daily Celebration at half-past seven every morning. I know it is difficult for men catching early trains to town and for women who have families to look after to attend these services, but there are others who have not these ties who could be present at least once in the week; and with a little effort many of the anniversaries which we keep during the year, of birth, of baptism, of marriage and the like might well begin with the Holy Communion. And then there are the Wednesday and Friday services. The attendance of these services might easily be increased. On our way to do our shopping just pop into the Father's House for a short half-hour's praise, prayer and intercession; or on our way home from afternoon tea with a friend enter His Courts for a brief period of prayer. I believe it can be done and if only we would do it we should increase the happiness of life for ourselves and spread abroad in the parish a spiritual joy that would bear much fruit. Shall we all try and follow these suggestions as far as we are able?

Those of us who went to the Palestine Film very much enjoyed seeing the up-to-date scenes in that land which is made so familiar through our Bible reading. I hope the day is not far distant when every Church Hall will be adapted for showing such films and thus bringing them nearer to thousands who have not the time to go to town.

The Sale of Work for the work of the Church Overseas was not well attended. Those, however, who were present spent well and I hope that we shall not be very far short of the amount raised last year. Up to the time of writing the amount taken is a little over forty-three pounds. All the Missionary Societies tell us of a great shortage of funds and of Mission Stations, Dispensaries and Hospitals and Schools being closed for lack of means to carry on. Is it really nothing to us who call ourselves Chistians that Christ's work is hindered through our indifference? I do hope we shall be able to do more to help sustain existing work and extend the work for Christ overseas.

I do not know that we all realize that there is an excellent library of missionary literature in the Baptistry of the Church. The books are all well worth reading. They would provide many instructive and interesting hours' enjoyment during these dark winter nights. Volumes may be taken out after morning and evening service on Sundays.

The all absorbing topic just now is Christmas. Young and old alike are making preparation for the

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keeping of this great and happy Festival. It is the Festival of the Family and it is made holy by the thought of the commemoration of the birth of our Elder Brother. Let us see to it that we prepare ourselves to make our offering to Jesus on Christmas Day. The only gift we have to offer is "ourselves, our souls and bodies to be a reasonable holy and lively sacrifice unto Him." We shall have our service of Preparation for our Christmas Communion on Wednesday, December 18th at which I hope all Communicants will be present. Wishing you all richest and most blessed Christmas joy and happiness.

> I remain. Your faithful friend and Vicar. FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

Intercessions.

At 7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion

Mondays: Sunday Schools, Day Schools.

Tuesdays: District Visiting, Mothers' Union, Voluntary Workers in the Church, Cleaners, &c.

Wednesdays: Choir and Services, Parochial Church Council.

Thursdays: Temperance Work, Band of Hope, Crusaders and Adult Branch, C.E.T.S.

Fridays: Church Missions, Home & Over-seas Saturdays: Church Lads' Brigade, Girl Guides, Girls' Friendly Society.

IMPORTANT.—Will all those who are responsible for Church Work please send in a full report by the 20th of each month, by so doing it will not only be of great use to our readers, but greatly forward the work of the Church. Applications for Advertisements in the Magazine should be made to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. A. Simmons, 7, Oxford Road, Teddington.

Parish Wants.

1. Donations to the Parish Hall Fund.

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, between the hours of 8.45 and 10 a.m. And on any day, except Mondays, between the hours of 6 and 7 p.m.

We are grateful to our Advertisers for their support of our Magazine, and confidently hope our readers will support them.

CHURCHYARD.—Contributions keeping the Churchyard and the graves tidy will be welcomed, and may be sent to Mr. C. H. Evans (Churchwarden), Roseneath, Edward road, Hampton Hill.

Parish News.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—For boys in the Old Boys' School and for girls in the Old Infants' School at 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. For Infants in the Church Room at 10.30 in the morning and 2.30 in the afternoon.

Sunday School.—Teachers' Preparation Class will be held on the Fridays in the month at the Vicarage at 8 p.m.

BIBLE CLASS.—A class for girls over fourteen years of age is held in the Old Infants' School on Sundays at 3 p.m.

LADS' CLUB.—The club is open on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 7 p.m.—9.30 p.m. in the Old Infants' School.

GIRLS' CLUB.—A club for girls over fourteen years of age is held on Fridays in the Old Infants' School, from 7.45 p.m.—10 p.m.

Mothers' Union.—The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Church Room on Wednesday, December 4th, at 2.30 p.m.

BAND OF HOPE. - The Meetings are held in the Old Boys' School on Mondays at 6.30 p.m.

MOTHERS' MEETING.—This Meeting is held on Thursdays in the Church Room, at 2.30 p.m.

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.—The Monthly Service and Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18th, at 8 p.m.

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Saints' Days.—December 21st, St. Thomas, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. December 26th, St. Stephen, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. and 12. December 27th, St. John, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. and 12. December 28th, Holy Innocents, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES ETC.—The first Holy Communion of Christmas will be at 11.45 p.m., December 24th. Other celebrations will be at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12, Matins, and Sermon 11 a.m.

The Collections on Christmas Day will be given to the Sick and Poor Fund.

Flowers and evergreens (especially berried Holly) for the decorations will be gratefully received at Church on Tuesday, December 24th, between 9.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION NOTES.—The number of members enrolled so far is twenty nine, but there must be many more members of the Congregation who would like to join, and the Secretary will be glad to receive their names; the subscription is only 6d. a year.

The two stalls for which the Association was responsible at the Sale on November 20th raised about £12.

On Thursday, December 12th, at 8 p.m. in the Old Boys' School, the Rev. E. H. Gomes will give a Lantern Lecture on Borneo. Admission Free, collection for the General Fund of S.P.G.

Monthly Intercessions will be said on December 8th after morning service.

The book to be read next year is "Burma" by the Rev. C. R. Purser, M.A., who worked in that land for twenty two years. Copies, price 1/-, may be obtained now from Miss Jakeman, Walton Lodge, St. James' Road.

GARDEN FETE.—Printed below are the General Balance Sheet of the Fête held in July and the Statement of Accounts from the Side-shows Committee. From a perusal of these accounts it will be seen that the gross takings amounted

to £209 6s. 6d. This is a very excellent result from a one day's effort.

Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.—The result of the Self-Denial envelopes was about £9 which will be credited to the Diocesan Quota of this Parish. The Quota of Obligation from this Parish, viz. £54, together with the offerings of Quota-money from the other Parishes in the Diocese will be presented at the Diocesan Service of Offering to be held in St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, December 7th, at 6 p.m.

CAROL SERVICE.—On Sunday, December 22nd, after a shortened form of Evensong, the Choir will sing some Christmas Carols.

CHOIR Boys.—The Vicar hopes to be able to take the boys for their usual outing during the Christmas holidays. He will be glad to receive donations towards the expense of this treat as soon as possible.

IST. HAMPTON HILL WOLF CUBS.—A very successful Whist Drive was held in the Old Boys' School on Saturday, November 23rd, in aid of funds. After meeting the expenses a sum of three pounds was placed to the credit of Troop Funds.

The Cubs are on the prowl once more, gathering old clothes and toys etc., to send to distressed miners in Wales. Please have your parcels ready. The young Wolves will spring upon you sometime between December 2nd. and 10th.

Annual Missionary Sale of Work.—This annual event took place on Wednesday, November 20th at the Old Boys' School. A Mystery Stall proved a great attraction and all who paid their sixpence were well satisfied with the contents of their parcel. It is hoped that at least £45 will be raised to be divided amongst the Societies which this Parish supports. Best thanks are due to Miss Griffiths, Miss Chamberlain, Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Rosten for their kind contributions.

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