

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

THE VICARAGE,

HAMPTON HILL,

May 1st, 1906.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

We have once more been gladdened by the Easter Festival with all its many bright and happy associations. The Church was as usual most suitably decorated with plants and flowers arranged with wonderful care, and we are most grateful to those who so kindly devote their time, or give of the best of their garden produce for the purpose. The services seemed to be particularly bright and beautiful. **The number of Communicants was 443. I wish to thank the members of the congregation most warmly for the very kind Easter offering.**

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held on Friday in Easter week, when there was a good attendance. The Church Expenses account showed a rather large deficit, partly an accumulation of former years and partly owing to special expenditure on a new heating radiator in the Chancel. The matter was discussed at some length, and I was asked to place the matter before the congregation and appeal for more generous support for this fund. It was noticed that while the average weekly offertory for the whole year was about £8, that for Church Expenses was less than £5. I feel sure that the matter has only to be known for the deficiency to be cleared off. One of our very first duties is to pay our way. In nothing is this so obvious as in connection with the worship of God. Will everyone slightly increase their weekly gifts? This will meet the difficulty. Mr. Carless read the Curate's Fund Account, which shewed a balance in hand of £5. Mr. Daines produced the Sunday School Accounts, which had a balance in hand of £6 19s. and Mr. Joseph read the Day School Building Fund Account, which will be found below. Several other accounts were presented, and it was shown

that the total receipts from voluntary sources, including the offertories, but not including the pew rents, amounted to upwards of £800. A resolution passing the accounts was adopted unanimously: Some of them are printed below, the rest will follow next month. It was again my privilege to appoint Mr. Vine Griffiths as Vicar's Warden, and Mr. A. E. Storey was unanimously elected the People's Warden for the twenty-fifth time, on the nomination of Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Joseph. Mr. Griffiths proposed, and Mr. Storey seconded, that the following be appointed Sidesmen for the year: Messrs. E. A. Joseph, K. W. Edwards, A. E. Jones, H. Cremer, C. R. Foster, F. J. Carless, A. W. Daines, W. T. Lowdell, W. Newton, G. F. Stutchbury, L. S. Lloyd, C. B. Carter, A. C. Tidey, A. J. Kestin, E. Etlinger, C. Bearcroft, T. Gale, G. Ballard and Arthur Elsee, who were unanimously elected. A discussion took place on the New Education Bill now before Parliament, the principle of which was most strongly condemned as being most unfair to all Church Schools, and the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Foster and seconded by Mr. Tidey, and carried unanimously, "That this Vestry Meeting most strongly protests against the cruel injustice of the Education Bill now before Parliament, and declares that there can be no settlement of the Religious question which does not secure the rights of parents to have their children taught in school hours whatever form of religious faith they, the parents, desire." It was further resolved that the resolution be sent to the Minister of Education, and to Sir F. Dixon-Hartland, M.P. There is no doubt that much more will be heard of this Bill before it becomes law. Very hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Churchwardens and Sidesmen for their past services.

The District Nurse has made 300 visits during the last month, and her total visits for the past six months have amounted to 2057.

On Sunday, May 20th, the Offertories will be for the Bishop of London's Fund, and the Bishop appeals most earnestly for the liberal support of Church people. The fund is for the purpose of supplying churches and clergy in the poor and overcrowded parts of London.

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On Ascension Day, May 24th, the offertories will be for the Missions to Seamen Society. Help to Seamen always appeals most strongly to Englishmen.

I expect to be away in Switzerland during the month of May. During my absence Mr. Phillips will be in charge, and I can confidently leave things in his hands. I hope to be home again for Whitsunday, and to meet many of you on that day at the Holy Communion.

There will be a Concert at the Victoria Hall, on Thursday, May 17th, at 8 p.m., given by Members of the Band of Hope, and the "Lend-a-Hand" Society, when the Crystal Palace Festival Music will be performed, and other items. There will also be the distribution of prizes to Band of Hope children by Mrs. Griffiths. The admission will be 1/- and 6d.

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.
Mar. 25—Church Expenses ...	3 16 0	1 8 6	4 10 0
April 1—Curate's Fund ...	3 2 7	1 13 5	4 16 0
" 8—Church Expenses ...	3 7 7	1 15 9	5 3 4
" 15—Easter Offerings, 6.45 a.m., £2 12s.; 8 a.m., £12 10s. 9d.; added afterwards, £7 17s.	22 9 2	3 4 4	48 13 3
Good Friday—Rescue Work ...	3 8 6	0 16 8	4 5 2
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund) Mar. 25, 12/11; April 1, 14/7; April 8, 10/4 ...	...	...	1 17 10
Children's Services (Missions), April 8, 4/-; April 15, 3/10 ...	...	...	0 7 10
Special Celebrations (Thursdays), April 5, 8/4; April 12, 11/2; Easter Monday, 7/9; Easter Tuesday, 2/9...	...	...	1 10 0
Special Service, March 26, Mothers' Union ...	...	...	0 15 3
			<u>£71 18 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."

April 8—Rose Agnes Homewood.
 " 8—Florence Grace Beaver.
 " 15—Albert Keeley.

MARRIAGES.

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

Mar. 27—Frank Cuff to Annie Edis Osmond.

April 14—George Henry Robinson to Ethel Maud Muckle.

" 15—Thomas Holden to Marion Wells.

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.

April 4—Harriet Elizabeth Salmon, aged 82 years.

" 11—Elizabeth Oxbrow, aged 63 years.

" 18—Gladys d'Este, aged 22 months.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

DATE.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
May 2	...	...	411 218
" 6	199 321	299 332	176 181 299
" 9	...	331	271
" 13	229 240 137	571 566	501 224
" 16	...	573	242 503 524
" 20	142 190	...	290
" 20	...	567 547	181 189
" 20	...	569	143 527 169
Ascension Day	...	...	468
" 27	147 144	301 149	147 145 150
" 27	148 (i)	565	149
" 30	...	...	202 (Anthem)
" 30	...	...	146 148 (ii)
" 30	...	...	304 301

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

(For the Year ending March 31st, 1906).

CHURCH EXPENSES.

	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
From Offertories	103	1	0
Hampton Parochial Trustees	25	0	0
Tablets for Graves	1	5	0
Deficit	189	6	0
		50	2	4
		<u>£239</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Deficit ...	12	2	0
Organist and Choir Expenses ...	62	15	8
Organ Tuning, 2 years ...	10	10	0
Choir Excursion ...	4	10	0
Church Cleaning, and Bell Ringing week days ...	22	2	0
Special Cleaning ...	1	10	0
Use of Mission Room for Choir ...	1	6	0
Washing Surplices ...	5	9	6
Electric Light ...	13	6	11
Printing and Stationery ...	10	15	6
Visitation Fees ...	1	10	0
Insurance ...	7	10	0
Verger ...	17	14	0
Repairs and Materials ...	9	10	9
Fuel, 2 years ...	25	8	0
Trees for Churchyard ...	1	19	3
Wine ...	3	0	0
New Radiator... ..	18	9	2
To Electric Installation loan a/c ...	6	17	3
Interest on same to May 1st, 1905 ...	2	0	4
Rent of Gas Meter ...	0	12	0
Cheques ...	0	4	0
	<u>£239</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

VINE C. GRIFFITHS, } Churchwardens.
 A. E. STOREY.