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THE VICARAGE,
HAMPTON HILL,

May 1st, 1928.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

If numbers really count for anything then we may thank God for our Easter Festival. The congregations were distinctly good at the morning and evening services, and nearly four hundred people made their Communions. Why is it that the congregations on the other Sundays in the year are not as good? And why do we not average as many Communicants at the least every month? These are questions which I am constantly putting to myself, and I have not yet reached any very satisfactory answer. However, there may be some who could give a reason, and I should be glad to receive answers to these questions. Such answers I would undertake to print in the Magazine under a Correspondence Column.

The Church was beautifully decorated for the Queen of Festivals, and I am sincerely grateful to all who sent flowers, as well as to the decorators.

I am deeply thankful to you all for your kindness to me in your Easter offerings.

During this month we have two more Great Festivals of the Church, viz., Ascension Day and Whit Sunday. May I once again emphasize the importance of Ascension Day? It is the Empire Day of the Kingdom of God, and is deserving of as much, if not more, attention as the civil Empire Day by all who are citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem. You will note the services for this day under the Parish News.

Ascension Day is preceded by the three Rogation Days, which are now used generally by the Church as days of intercession, not only for the crops but for the spiritual work of the Church. On the Wednesday I propose having a Service of Intercession in the evening at 8 o'clock, when we

shall intercede for the work in the Parish; and I hope that besides the Parochial Church Councillors many of the congregation will be present.

Whit Sunday, the Birthday of the Church, should be adequately observed by all who are members of the Church. The Holy Spirit, Who came down upon that faithful band of disciples on that memorable feast of Pentecost, still dwells in the Church; and I believe that a greater co-operation with the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, would do much to revive the energies of the Church in taking every advantage of the opportunity which is her's to-day for a real religious revival. People, and especially young people, are thinking and talking about religion even in the office and workshop. Let Churchmen and Churchwomen do all they can to stir up the gifts of the Holy Spirit. And what better time to begin than on Whit Sunday?

Once more we have organised a party to attend a great Missionary Meeting at the Albert Hall. A 'bus seating forty-six people took that number of interested folk, including several young people, up to London and brought them back safely on April 26th. The whole meeting was most inspiring, and we learnt much of the work carried on by the S.P.G. amongst the Non-Christian Peoples, and especially that part connected with Medical Missions. I feel sure that such meetings do much to create interest in the work of our Church as a whole and to get us out of the ruck of parochialism. I only wish we were nearer town, to be able to take parties to many more of the important meetings that are held in London from time to time.

So far a few only of the many who use the Church at some time or other during the course of the year have responded to the appeal of the Parochial Church Council for financial help. The matter is very urgent, and I hope that many more will send their cheques during the next week or so.

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Our overdraft at the bank is now £21 12s. 7d., but it will be much greater unless a substantial amount is received before the end of the month.

It is quite unnecessary for me to say that the lighting in Church leaves much to be desired. The Finance Committee have had the matter under their consideration for some months, and with a view to making an improvement have had two new lights put in on approval. The one favoured is the acorn-shaped one hanging on the south side of the Church. These will cost twenty-eight shillings each, and we shall require sixteen of them. There may be members of the congregation who would like to make a present of one or more. Already one has been given.

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.

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

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. A Litany Desk.
2. A Parish Hall.
3. A Bier for use in Church at Funerals, approximate cost about £30.
4. A Piano for the Infants' School.
5. A Flag and Staff for Church Tower.

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.

CHURCHYARD.—Contributions towards 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.

BIBLE CLASSES.—A Class for Girls is held in the Girls' School on Sundays at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

A Class for Lads is held in the Church Room at 2.45 p.m.

LADS' CLUB.—The Club is closed for the summer months, and will re-open in September.

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

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MOTHERS' UNION.—The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Church Room on Wednesday, May 2nd, at 2.30 p.m.

BAND OF HOPE.—The Band of Hope is closed for the summer months.

FEAST DAYS.—May 1st, St. Philip and St. James. Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. and 12 noon.

May 17th, Ascension Day. Holy Communion 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 7.45 a.m. and 12 noon. Evensong and Address, 8 p.m.

Whit Sunday. Holy Communion, 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m. (choral) and 12 noon.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES.—For girls, at the Vicarage on Mondays at 8 p.m. For lads, on Sundays at 3 p.m. in the Church Room. The Vicar would gladly arrange other classes for those who cannot conveniently attend on Mondays.

THE MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 11th, in the Vestry at 8 p.m. The subject for discussion will be "The Pre-War Emigrant to Canada." Members are asked to read the third and fourth chapters of "The Call from Our Own People Overseas." The Monthly Intercessions for the Work of the Church Overseas will be taken after Evensong on Sunday, May 13th.

ANNUAL FÊTE.—The date fixed for the Fête is **July 18th**, not June 20th as announced in last month's Magazine.

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.—The next Service and Meeting of the Guild will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd, at 8 p.m.

INDUSTRIAL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.—The Annual Meeting will be held at the Church House, Westminster, on Wednesday, May 30th, at 3 p.m. Chairman: The Bishop of Lichfield. Speakers: The Archdeacon of Monmouth, the Rev. G. A.

Studdert Kennedy, M.C. (Chaplain to the King), and others. No tickets required; all seats free.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—London Diocesan Branch.—The Annual Meeting will be held at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, on Monday, May 14th, at 8 p.m. The meeting is always of a cheerful and interesting description, and this year's event should be no exception to the general rule. From 7.15 p.m. till 8 p.m. there will be community singing for those who are present, and in addition part songs will be rendered by the very large Temperance Choir consisting of some 350 voices. The Bishop of London is to be in the chair, and in addition addresses are to be given by the Hon. Lady Barlow and Admiral Sir George Fowler King-Hall, K.C.B., C.V.O., R.N. Admission is free, and all interested in the Church's temperance work are heartily invited to attend. Reserved seats, costing 2s. each, may be obtained on application to the Secretary, The Rev. H. Pearson, 27, Gordon Square, London, W.C. 1.

THE CHOIR.—The Organist, Mr. Russe, would give a hearty welcome to gentlemen with alto, tenor or bass voices willing to help in the Choir. Practices are held in the Church on Thursdays at 8 p.m.

In Memoriam.

The death of Mr. H. T. Mason came as a great shock to his many friends. He has resided in the Parish for many years, and has always taken a very keen and practical interest in the affairs of the Church and district. He was a member of St. James' Choir in his younger days. The large congregation which came to pay their last tribute of affection at his funeral was a proof of the very high regard in which he was held. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Mason and family in their sad bereavement.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

For the next three months, at least, Mr. Milton will ask twelve questions a month on the Bible, and the answers will be published in the following month's Magazine. The Vicar has kindly offered a prize to the competitor supplying the greatest number of correct solutions over a period of three months. Answers should be written legibly, and sent to Mr. Milton before the 20th of the month.

1. How many divisions are there in the Hebrew Bible? What are they?
2. What do you understand by "The Hexateuch"?
3. What is meant by "the brook of the Arabah"?
4. How often is the word "beetle" mentioned in the Bible? Give references.
5. Who were the gypsies of the Old Testament, and where are they mentioned?
6. What do you understand by "Malachi"?
7. What is the meaning of the word "Christ"?

8. How do Our Lord's words suggest that in His day the Canon of the Old Testament was not finally settled?
9. What do you understand by "Decapolis"?
10. How often is the word "lunatic" mentioned in the New Testament? Give references.
11. Who were the Samaritans?
12. What do you understand by "The Pastorals"?

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

- April 8th—Vera Dorothy Robinson.
" 22nd—Frederick Leonard John Dangerfield.
" 24th—Derek Francis Twogood.

MARRIAGE.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

- April 7th—Patrick Edward Hancock and Elsie Beatrice Bonfield.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

- March 27th—Guiseppe Bracchi, aged 72 years.
April 12th—Arthur William Duke, aged 52 years.
" 25th—Henry Thomas Mason, aged 64 years.