

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1887.

OFFERTORIES.

			£	s.	d.
Sunday,	April 24.	General Fund	3	7	11½
"	May 1.	General Fund	3	15	0½
"	" 8.	General Fund	2	13	7¼
"	" 15.	General Fund	3	3	1¼
"	" 22.	General Fund	2	11.	3½

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

May 1.—Ellenor Beatrice Hart.
 „ 8.—Lilian Watson.

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May 8.—Edith Emily Alexander.
 „ 8.—Emily Kate Gregory.

MARRIAGE.

May 17.—Joseph Ernest Musselwhite and Delia Jessie Marsh.

BURIALS.

April 26.—Mary Jane Goodall, 32 years.

May 7.—James Keates, 63 years.

„ 10.—Victoria Maud Gough, 15 weeks.

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Tower and Spire.—As the day of the Accession draws near our interest in the progress of the subscription list increases, and we begin to speculate on the possibility of the total sum collected and the tenders for the work being sufficiently near to one another to justify the Committee to say the word "Begin." We are writing now on the usual day of going to press, the 20th of the month, and can only report progress; but in view of the importance of the occasion we shall defer the publication till after the meeting of the Committee, at which must be decided whether we commence at once or not. We regret not to be able to announce a more rapid advance during the past month. The total promised or received is now £1308 10s. 0d. Again we urge upon our friends the necessity there is for active work, in order to raise this to the total which is required.

POSTSCRIPT. A great disappointment awaited the committee on the opening of the tenders. They had been confidently advised that the work could be done for about £1500. The actual tenders, however, were as follows: £2425, £2440, £2485, £2550, £2750, £2840, £2855, £2897, £2973, £3216, £3737. From this it would seem to be pretty clear that £2425 is a fair price for the work. By leaving out everything that could possibly be omitted, without spoiling the design, the amount has been reduced to £2150. After much deliberation the committee have unanimously decided to enter into a contract for that sum, reserving the power to give notice some months hence to omit the spire. This would only reduce the amount by £500, and bring the design to a lame and impotent conclusion, as the Tower was not designed to stand alone, and would have but a poor and stunted appearance quite unworthy of the occasion and place. We have, therefore, a very uphill work before us, but having put our hands to the plough, let us not turn back. Very little has yet been done towards getting outside friends to help us. Many of our people have themselves given, but have not secured much from others. Very many, we think, might be able to raise a £5 note from outside friends. Some of our supporters at home have not yet sent contributions. We hope that we may receive the more, now that our need is so plainly shown. Let us make up our minds to work on, for we could hardly have expected to have raised in a few weeks funds sufficient for a building designed to last centuries. Let us, each one of us, *personally* try to do our best and we need not fear that the necessary funds will be found. The laying of the memorial stone is now fixed, in accordance with the original programme, for Monday, June 20th. Due notice will be given as soon as the arrangements are complete. In the meantime the committee will at once set to work with a view to carrying out a programme for the due celebration of the day which completes the fiftieth year of Her Majesty's reign and inaugurate the commencement of our Tower and Spire as a memorial of that happy event. We have no doubt that the appeal which must necessarily be made for funds, will be well responded to.

Ascension Day.—A considerable improvement on past years is to be recorded in the numbers of those present at the Services on Ascension Day. At 5 a.m. there were 17 communicants, at 7 a.m. 28, and at 11 a.m. 26—total 71; as compared with 49 last year, and 36 in 1885. We gladly call attention to these figures as a proof that this great and important Christian Festival is gradually assuming the position which it ought to hold amongst us. The observance of Christmas and Easter has become so thoroughly ingrained in our national life that there is no fear lest they should be forgotten, rather lest the festivals should lose their religious character, and be looked upon merely as seasons for holiday and amusement. Ascension Day on the other hand seemed to have slipped from our memory, and to pass unnoticed altogether. We are glad that there are signs that this reproach to us is being wiped out.

Our Schools.—Our numbers are still on the increase, and in many respects the Schools are in a flourishing condition. Their maintenance is always a difficulty, but hitherto, and we hope for many a year to

come, not an insuperable one. We are losing our Infant Mistress, Miss Davenall, who has done much during the three years she has been in charge to raise the tone of the School. She leaves us regretted by all, and especially we think by the parents of children, who are well able to estimate the merits of a good mistress. We wish her all success in her future life. Her place will be taken by Miss Edwards, who has been three years Assistant Mistress in an excellent Infant School at S. Michael's, Highgate, where she has worked under the superintendence of the Vicar, the Rev. D. Trinder, formerly Vicar of Teddington.

Crystal Palace Excursion.—The Annual Excursion of the Sunday School Children to the Crystal Palace is arranged for Wednesday, June 8th. Carriages will be reserved as usual in the 10.15 a.m. train from Fulwell, and the party are due to return to that Station at 9 p.m. It may be well to state that any friends of the School children, or other parishioners, are welcome to avail themselves of the reduced fares which the railway companies offer on this occasion; but tickets can only be obtained from the Vicar, and application should be made as early as possible. Tickets (cost price) including Tea, Adults, 3s 4d.; under 15, 2s.

Horticultural and Cottage Garden Society.—H.R.H. The Princess Frederica has graciously consented to distribute the prizes at the Flower show, which is fixed for Wednesday, July 13th, in Mr. J. P. Kitchin's grounds. Two special prizes have been offered since the issue of the schedule for the best kept Gardeners' Cottage Gardens. The first prize 15s., given by the Committee; and the second prize 10s., by the President, A. de Wette, Esq., who was welcomed on his first appearance at the Committee meeting on the 16th inst.

Hampton Hill Fire Apparatus.—Can we do anything to make our fire apparatus more effective? A new Fire Engine was some little time ago purchased out of our rates, which, if it could have been stationed near the Duke's Head, and the Brigade formed of men residing both in Hampton and Hampton Hill, might have met the wants of both divisions of the civil parish. As it is, the mother parish has been fortunate enough to obtain possession of the new Engine, and has handed over to us—a relic of former times—the old Engine. We have also a reel and eight lengths of hose, and Mr. W. Highmore has been appointed engine keeper. Our apparatus, however, is of little advantage, unless we have a small Brigade of men who understand its use. Is there any one who will offer his services as Captain? Mr. R. G. Graham has kindly offered to train, for three months, a volunteer brigade, if it should be formed. We used to have a Fire Brigade when Mr. Buckley was amongst us.

Female Orphan Home.—A very successful Concert was given in April (too late for a notice to be inserted in the May Magazine) at the Congregational School Room in aid of the funds of this Institution. A sum of £15 was cleared and handed over to the Treasurer.

Lawn Tennis.—A new club has been started under the title of "The St. James' Tennis Club." Mr. R. Moores, Mr. J. B. Harrison and Mr. F. Singleton are on the Committee, and Mr. Moores is the Secretary. The club meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons in the Vicarage field, which the Vicar has lent for the purpose.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

JUNE, 1887.

1	W	<i>Ember Day.</i>
2	Th	
3	F	<i>Ember Day.</i> Meeting of Sunday School Teachers, Vicarage, 6 p.m.
4	S	<i>Ember Day.</i>
5	S	Trinity Sunday. Celebrations 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
6	M	
7	Tu	
8	W	Matins, 8 a.m. Sunday School trip to Crystal Palace.
9	Th	
10	F	
11	S	<i>S. Barnabas.</i> Celebration 11 a.m.
12	S	1st after Trinity. Celebration, 8 a.m. Baptisms, 3.30.
13	M	
14	Tu	
15	W	
16	Th	
17	F	
18	S	
19	S	2nd after Trinity. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Special Thanksgiving Service.
20	M	Laying of the First Stone of the Tower.
21	Tu	
22	W	
23	Th	
24	F	<i>S. John the Baptist.</i> Celebration, 11 a.m.
25	S	
26	S	3rd after Trinity. Celebration, 8 a.m.
27	M	
28	Tu	
29	W	<i>S. Peters.</i> Celebration, 7 a.m. Meeting of Church Society at Vicarage 4 p.m.; Tea 5 p.m.; Service 8 30 p.m.
30	Th	