

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

JULY, 1887.

OFFERTORIES.

		£	s.	d.
Sunday, May	29.—General Fund	4	3	2½
„ June	5.—Richmond Hospital	6	3	9¾
„ „	12.—General Fund	2	15	2½
„ „	19.—General Fund	4	16	6¾

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EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

May 29.—Helen Annie Winifred Bancroft.

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June 6.—Gwendolin Eva Gurrey.
„ 12.—Harold Cragg Makepeace.

BURIALS.

June 9.—Herbert Henry Hetherington, 35 years.
„ 13.—Harriett Cannon, 61 years.

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June 15.—George Moon, 82 years.
„ 17.—Elizabeth Margaret Barlow Wilson, 62 years.

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The Jubilee.—This has been a week of Jubilee throughout the length and breadth of the land. In every town and village it has been the same, every possible outward sign of rejoicing, decorations and flags, illuminations and bonfires, and hearts brimming over with deeply grateful thoughts fully in accord with all the outward show, whilst nature seems to have fully sympathised with our joys, and lent her welcome aid in the glorious weather which has marked the Jubilee celebrations throughout. We cannot claim to have been more forward than others in our endeavours to show our loyal enthusiasm, but at least we may say that we have not been behindhand, that the expression of our loyalty and gratitude has been general and thorough, and that in the 'Victoria Tower' and its Memorial Stone, we may hope that the record of this great occasion will be handed down to posterity. The special Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday the 19th, in some respects the most appropriate day, as it was within the limits of

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the Jubilee year. Special thanksgiving collects issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and a special lesson were used; sermons having reference to the event were preached, and hymns composed for the occasion were sung. Perhaps the special feature of services which were most hearty and earnest, was the introduction of our National Anthem, omitting one verse which does not seem appropriate for a Church service, and substituting two verses specially written for the occasion, at both the morning and evening services.

Laying the Stone.—Various difficulties and hindrances had so long delayed the commencement of building operations, that at the beginning of the preceding week not a brick had been laid, and it appeared almost impossible to be ready for the ceremony which took place on Accession Day, Monday, June 20th, at 3 o'clock. Within six days, however, Messrs. Dove Bros. had effected marvellous progress, and, at the hour appointed, the handsome granite stone was ready to be lowered into its place. A platform covered the whole space upon which the tower will stand, and on this were accommodated as many parishioners as (in addition to the Choir) the limited space would hold. The great majority, including the school-children, were stationed in the road, and others filled all available space in the Churchyard. Not many outsiders were present, but there was a large gathering of parishioners who appeared deeply interested in the ceremony. A very short record of the event is sufficient here. The Clergy, Choir and Churchwardens assembled in the Church, and as the procession came out the 84th Psalm was sung. The prayers were read by the Vicar, and then the Stone was laid by his little son, who spread the mortar with the silver trowel, and rapped the Stone with the mallet in all due form. As a recessional, 'God Save the Queen' was sung, and so ended a most interesting service, which will be long remembered by the inhabitants of Hampton Hill.

The Jubilee Entertainment.—Immediately after the Stone was laid, the whole company adjourned to the Vicarage grounds, and set to work in good earnest to enjoy themselves. Eight hundred children were counted at tea in the field at 4 o'clock, and these were amply supplied by the kind assistance of many willing workers. At 5 o'clock the older folk adjourned to the lawn, where 10 tables, seating 50 persons each, had been prepared and prettily decorated by fair hands. From this hour until dark the tea went on; time after time the boiler was filled, but fortunately the provisions held out, and some 900 it is believed had tea. Games and races, and Punch and Judy amused the young, and some of the old too; and from 6 o'clock till 10, a great number enjoyed a dance to the music of the Hampton Hill and Hampton Band, who appeared for the first time in their military uniforms, and played in first-rate style. At 10 o'clock there was a very fair display of fireworks, which gave great satisfaction, and immediately afterwards the grounds were cleared, and the bonfire prepared by Mr. Singleton was lighted and burnt most brightly, producing a most picturesque effect on all around. So ended our Jubilee Day, a thorough success, in perfect weather, and everybody, as far as we could judge, well pleased and delighted. The arrangements were carried out by a thoroughly representative committee, who collected

upwards of £70 for the cost of the entertainments. We must not omit to record the pretty decorations and illuminations which were to be seen in all parts of the village.

Tower and Spire Fund.—The success of our Jubilee Celebration appears almost to have obliterated thoughts of our Jubilee Commemoration. The wide difference between the estimate and actual cost of the Tower and Spire is appalling to many minds, and the words "*impossible*" and "*can't be done,*" which, after the successful start of the fund, had somewhat retired into the background, are being heard again. But, with so much accomplished, we ought by this time to have recovered from the blow we received on opening tenders and brace ourselves for a final effort to raise the amount required within the next three months. A great deal has been done within the Parish, and over £1300 has been quickly put together with a loyal liberality, for which it is impossible to be too thankful. But a work of this magnitude is rarely accomplished by local subscriptions only, and we are convinced that if we could only shake off the very natural disinclination to ask for assistance from outside friends, remembering that we should not be asking for ourselves, and if all were to throw themselves heartily into the work, instead of washing their hands of it after giving a subscription, we should soon be able to wipe away the reproach of taking more than a quarter of a century to complete our Church. We possess power under the contract to stop work on completion of the Tower by giving notice before 30th September; but, to exercise this power would, it is computed, eventually cost the parish not less than £300 extra, that is to say the Spire could now be built for £500; but if it were deferred, the cost of taking down and putting up the scaffold again, of roofing the tower temporarily, and various other charges that would have to be incurred a second time, would so raise the cost that we should not get another contract for less than £800, instead of £500. It will therefore greatly conduce to economy if the fund can be raised to such a point as to render it practicable for the Building Committee boldly to go on with the good work. Individual effort and general co-operation will work wonders. As an example of what can be done in this way it may be mentioned:—A poor person, living in a cottage at a considerable distance from this place, whose only interest in us is friendship for a single individual amongst us, has raised several pounds in small sums by pleading our cause. We would suggest a plan—can there be found amongst us 20 persons who would make it their business, each of them, to form a little band to raise £25 by September 30th, and can there not be found four persons to join each of them? The work would thus distributed amongst a good many, it would only require £5 on an average to be collected by each person, and if the plan succeeded, the difficulty would be averted and we should be able to go on with the Spire. We ask for *workers*, willing workers, and workers determined to succeed! Suggestions are desired, and all willing to assist are invited to communicate with the Vicar at once. Let us then be up and doing, fully determined that the crown and monogram of our Queen Empress shall shine forth from the Spire within her Jubilee Year.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

JULY, 1887.

1	F	Meeting of Sunday School Teachers, Vicarage, 6 p.m.
2	S	
3	S	4th after Trinity. Celebrations 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
4	M	
5	Tu	
6	W	
7	Th	
8	F	
9	S	
10	S	5th after Trinity. Celebration, 8 a.m.
11	M	
12	Tu	Flower Show, Manor House.
13	W	
14	Th	
15	F	
16	S	
17	S	
18	M	
19	Tu	
20	W	
21	Th	
22	F	
23	S	
24	S	7th after Trinity. <i>Eve of S. James.</i> Celebrations, 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.
25	M	
26	Tu	<i>S. James.</i> Celebrations, 7 a.m and 11 a.m. Communicants' Class for Men, Vicarage, 8 p.m.
27	W	Communicants' Class A, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m. " " B, Vicarage, 8 p.m.
28	Th	Communicants' Class for Women, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m. " " for Women, Vicarage 8 p.m.
29	F	" " for Young Men, Mission Room, 8 p.m.
30	S	Communicants' Class for Young Women, Vicarage, 8 p.m. " " for Young Men, Mission Room, 8 p.m. Communicants' Class C, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m.
31	S	8th after Trinity. Celebration, 8 a.m.