

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

AUGUST, 1889.

OFFERTORIES.

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Sunday,	June 23rd.—General Fund	3	3 11
„	„ 30th.—General Fund	2	12 1
„	July 7th.—General Fund	2	16 8½
„	„ 14th.—General Fund	2	14 3
	Richmond Hospital (Church Parade)	1	15 9½
„	„ 21st.—General Fund	3	1 6½

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

June 28.—Gustave Manning.
July 14.—Frederick William Savage.

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July 14.—Henry Edward Earl.
„ 21.—Ethel May Redman.

MARRIAGE.

July 20.—James Charles Irvine and Annie Elizabeth Rait.

BURIALS.

July 6.—Gustave Manning, 15 days.
„ 12.—Roger John Williams, 45 years.

HYMNS FOR AUGUST.

Th. 210. F. 200. Sa. 242. August 4, 7th after Trinity, 314 | 193, 208 | 191, 272, 246. M. 214. Tu. 211. W. 176. Th. 279. F. 260. S. 261. August 11, 8th after Trinity, 277, 37, 303 | 165, 338 | 260, 38, 367. M. 163. Tu. 189. W. 178. Th. 197. F. 112. Sa. 164. August 18, 9th after Trinity, 6 | 242, 176 | 280, 267, 30. M. 282. Tu. 224. W. 194. Th. 42. F. 180. Sa. S. *Bartholomew*, 446. August 25, 10th after Trinity, 279, 10, 245 | 339, 473, 334 | 244, 12, 307. M. 291. Tu. 13. W. 211. Th. 199. F. 106. Sa. 161.

Flower Show.—Two years in succession the weather has not been propitious to the success of our Flower Show. The morning was fine, but about 12 o'clock there commenced a series of thunderstorms which lasted throughout the afternoon, and although there were intervals of fine weather between the showers, yet the weather hindered a large proportion of would-be visitors from coming at all, and much interfered with the comfort and enjoyment of those who were present. The receipts at the gate were something over £4, as compared with £14 in 1887. The Show itself was all that could be desired—flowers, fruit, vegetables, and honeycomb in abundance, and all these apparently of the finest quality. It is difficult to choose which tent was best calculated to give satisfaction. That which contained the cut flowers and the various artistic designs set forth to advantage by refined taste and skilful hands, appealed most forcibly perhaps, to the eye and senses. The groups of exquisitely foliaged plants which give evidence to the advanced stage to which horticulture has been brought, added most

materially to the beauty of the Show, but still we have not yet struck upon the vein which is the most fruitful in good results, and in the pleasure which its contemplation affords. It is the group of cottage garden productions, the evidences of the good which, during its seventeen years of its existence, the Hampton Hill and Hampton Horticultural Society has effected. Those collections of splendid vegetables, those beautiful specimens of various fruits, of peas and beans and potatoes, an inexperienced eye would set down as the produce of the best kept mansion gardens, and their well-trained staff of gardeners. In the cottage garden class however no recognised gardener by profession is allowed to compete. Gardeners, good gardeners indeed they are, but it is native talent and perseverance which has produced such good results; and what is most satisfactory, such excellent attainments are within the reach of any cottager who has a garden attached to his house. It has been the good work of our Society to encourage, draw out and foster the development of cottage gardens. It is a matter of regret that their flower plots cannot be more fully represented. True there are some lovely fuschias and other plants which come from cottage gardens, but these are mostly the produce of those which rejoice in the possession of a greenhouse, but the gardens themselves, and to this the judges who have visited them can bear witness, are good evidence of the perseverance, industry and taste of their cottage cultivators.

There is yet another part of the Show unnoticed, the collection of bouquets of wild flowers and grasses gathered by our children, whose tastes are thus early improved and refined, and taught to look for those pleasures which Nature bestows abundantly on those who seek them. We will say no more except that we are sorry so many missed seeing a really good Show. Her Royal Highness Princess Frederica most kindly distributed the prizes and expressed herself much pleased with the Show, the whole of which she carefully inspected. The ground was well kept by our Fire Brigades and our Band did credit to their military uniforms. All went off as well as could be under the circumstances, and now we can only hope for better weather next time.

Our Schools.—The anxiety for the future welfare of our Schools has in no way decreased. The problem as to their continued existence has not yet been solved, and ere it be too late we would make one more effort to place the real state of the case before the inhabitants of this village. We cannot but think that the real point at issue is overlooked. People are aware of the difficulty which has been experienced in raising funds for the maintenance of our Voluntary Schools, and they think that because a School Board would get rid of this difficulty, that therefore a School Board is what we want. So judging, two very important points are lost sight of. First, that granted that the Board will find the machinery for enforcing an increased contribution of funds, yet it is they themselves who will have to pay the money, and a great deal more than our School Committee requires now. And secondly, they do not seem to weigh sufficiently the fact that a School Board is prevented by Act of Parliament from giving just that sort of education which we want for our children, and which is calculated to bring them up as good Christians, as well as good citizens. As the Vicar said in a recent sermon, "Will you keep

up your Church Schools or not, will you retain your hold of your children, and teach them, as far as you know how, to love and fear God and to do His will, or will you let all this fall, and hand over the education of your children to a Board which is prevented by Act of Parliament from giving more than a *watered down, colourless imitation* of what religious instruction should be?" Below this is given the report of the Diocesan Inspectors, who examined the Schools on July 10th; and we would ask our readers to examine it carefully, and to take note of the excellent work which the Schools are now doing, and to calculate how great must be the loss to our community if our teachers shall no longer be allowed to give the children a thorough religious education. As long as there is any life left in our Voluntary Schools we will hope, almost against hope, that yet it will enter the hearts of some of our number, the determination that our Voluntary Schools shall not fall. This is all that is required, surely it is not a matter of such overwhelming magnitude to raise £40 more for their funds. Once more then we appeal to those who have so long and so well given us the necessary support.

Diocesan Religious Inspection.—The report just received of the examination held on July 10th is most satisfactory, and we hope that its perusal may tend to show the good work which our Schools are now doing. Extracts from Inspectors' Reports—The Boys' School has now passed a very good examination. Much painstaking and earnest work is done in the Girls' School, and each division has passed a good examination. The Infants' School is very capably managed and taught, and passed an excellent examination.

Diocesan Inspectors' Report of the Religious Education.

		BOYS.			GIRLS.			INFANTS.		
		1st Div.	2nd Div.	3rd Div.	1st Div.	2nd Div.	3rd Div.	1st Div.	2nd Div.	3rd Div.
Number on the books ...		61	71	36	48	56	73	43	39	110
Present at Inspection ...		46	57	29	30	38	42	33	30	56
Oid Testament		V.G.	V.G.	V.F.	V.G.	V.G.	V.G.	E.	E.	V.G.
New Testament		V.G.	V.G.	V.G.	G.	G.	G.	E.	E.	V.G.
Catechism	Repeated	E.	V.G.	V.G.	V.G.	V.G.	V.G.	V.G.	V.G.	V.G.
	Proved, &c.	G.			G.					
	Explained	G.	V.G.	G.	V.F.	F.	V.F.			
	Written	G.	V.G.		G.	V.F.				
Prayer Book		V.G.						E.	E.	E.
Scripture by heart ...		V.G.	V.G.	G.	V.G.	V.G.	V.G.			
Each division as a whole		V.G.	V.G.	G.	G.	G.	G.	E.	E.	V.G.

(E.) Excellent. (V.) Very. (G.) Good. (F.) Fair, moderate. (O.) Failed.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

AUGUST, 1889.

1	Th	Meeting of Sunday School Teachers, Vicarage, 5.45 p.m.
2	F	
3	S	
4	S	7th after Trinity, Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
5	M	
6	Tu	
7	W	
8	Th	
9	F	
10	S	
11	S	8th after Trinity. Celebration 8 a.m. Baptisms, 3.30 p.m.
12	M	
13	Tu	
14	W	
15	Th	
16	F	
17	S	
18	S	9th after Trinity. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
19	M	
20	Tu	
21	W	
22	Th	
23	F	
24	S	
25	S	10th after Trinity. Celebration, 8 a.m. Children's Service, 3.30 p.m.
26	M	
27	Tu	
28	W	
29	Th	
30	F	
31	S	
		Provident Club, Vicarage, 10.30 a.m.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY	...	...	...	...	10 a.m.
TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY	...	...	...	...	5.30 p.m.