

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

AUGUST. 1891.

OFFERTORIES.

		£	s.	d.
• Sunday, June 28th—General Fund.....		4	0	2
" " 5th—General Fund.....		3	12	5
" " 12th—General Fund.....		3	1	9
" " 19th—General Fund.....		3	0	2

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EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

July 12.—Donald John West
Mackenzie.
 " 12.—Gladys Maude Hinch.

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July 12.—Horace Frank Watson.
 " 12.—Ada Emma Slawson.
 " 19.—Louisa Ethel Simpson.

MARRIAGES.

June 27.—William Johnson Sharples and Judith Pennell Fairweather.
 " 27.—Henry Daniel Soanes and Marian Gates.

BURIALS.

July 1.—William Hayler, 73 years.
 " 18.—James Thompson, 77 years.

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HYMNS FOR AUGUST.

Sa. 172. August 2, 10th after Trinity, 315 | 207, 224 | 247,
263, 24. M. 243. Tu. 254. W. 280. Th. 13. F. 249. Sa. 24.
August 9, 11th after Trinity, 282, 188, 179 | 261, 334 | 196, 185, 38.
M. 291. Tu. 269. W. 267. Th. 268. F. 250. Sa. 265. August 16,
12th after Trinity, 322 | 276, 269 | 268, 221, 306. M. 198. Tu. 182.
W. 180. Th. 189. F. 185. Sa. 178. August 23, 13th after Trinity,
303, 260, 296 | 248, 175 | 419, 12. 305. M. S. *Bartholomew*, 419. Tu.
176. W. 164. Th. 161. F. 163. Sa. 264. August 30, 14th after
Trinity, 34, 209, 169 | 337, 473, 343 | 231, 261, 213. M. 281.

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The Fancy Fair.—After days and weeks of anxious preparation the Fancy Fair is an event of the past. The chief anxiety has been the weather, "What shall we do if it is wet?" was the not over encouraging, and at the same time most difficult question, which occasionally greeted our ears. Well, the Fancy Fair came and wet too, and yet we are thankful to be able to record a decided success. A finer evening on the first day and no downpour the next morning would doubtless have tended towards a larger number of visitors, but yet we cannot complain that weather stopped the Fair. A sort of Scotch mist made it rather damp on Tuesday evening, but the Gipsies stuck to their post, and the coker-nuts had no rest; and it rained its hardest from 7 a.m. Wednesday till nearly noon, and messages came to ask if the Fair was put off. But it cleared up, and there was a glorious afternoon. So much for the weather; and how are we to describe the Fair? Mr. Richard Roe's card houses were a complete success, and, combined with the Venetian masts and strings of flags and coloured lamps, the street of cards, especially at those times when

it was filled with many visitors in gay costumes, was a very pretty sight. We must congratulate Mr. Roe on the success of his original idea, and thank him for the time and labour which he gave to preparing and adorning these ingenious structures. His work was thoroughly appreciated by the Committee and stall-holders, who all joined together to present him, just previous to the opening ceremony, with a gold pencil-case as a slight token of their gratitude. We must not forget to mention, with our best thanks, the assistance which was given by Mr. W. T. Durham and Mr. J. C. Bourne. At the last moment there were disappointments, and it was only on Tuesday morning that the Miss Bigwoods were advised not to give their performance of "Barbara" on account of a difficulty which had arisen in connection with the licensing laws. The Marchioness of Abergavenny was to have opened the Fair, but not feeling equal to the fatigue, the Countess of Darnley (sister-in-law of the Vicar) kindly took her place. On the arrival of the party at the platform erected at the top of the street "God save the Queen" was played by our Hampton Hill band, which also performed throughout the afternoon of each day. Next, Master Edward Bligh, with six little girls as escort, advanced up the street and presented Lady Darnley with a beautiful bouquet, prepared by our townsman, Mr. Towell. After a few words of introduction from the Vicar, Lady Darnley declared the Fair open, and then the work of buying and selling began in good earnest. Throughout the afternoon the street presented a gay and animated scene. It was not, however, all buying and selling; there was amusement provided to fill up the moments not devoted to trade. The Gipsies were present in full force, and were charmingly got up in picturesque costumes. Miss Batten worked away only too hard in her palmistry tent, whilst her assistant sought for those who wished to learn the mysteries of lines. On the other side of the grounds, if not altogether so favoured with a pretty face, yet a perfect gipsy get-up, Mr. Griffith and his young nephew were most assiduous in catering for the amusement of the public, and presided at the "Coker-nut" shies. Mr. Irvine showed his celebrated art gallery. Mr. Hall dispensed galvanic shocks to all who were ready to spare a penny for such a privilege, and the swings, as usual, were largely patronised. There was, however, entertainment in another form. At the end of the street, in a portion parted off from the rest of the Entertainment Tent, was a refreshment bar, presided over by the indefatigable assistant secretary, Miss Barnard. Here ices and other refreshments were got rid of at a great rate, much to the apparent satisfaction of the numerous customers. In addition to this, at the end of the street stood a most tempting stall, which not only shared with the others all the charms which their fair holders, in their varied but tasteful costumes could impart; but this particular stall was popular on account of the delicious strawberries and Devonshire cream which was there to be obtained. In the evening an excellent concert was given by members of the Thames Valley Orchestral Society, assisted by the Hampton Hill choir and other vocal performers. Notwithstanding the damp which declared itself throughout the evening, the Fair was kept up till 10.30 p.m. On Wednesday, at 3 p.m., all were ready for another start. The downpour of the morning was forgotten and nearly dried up, and notwithstanding a thinner attendance at first, business

went on. An excellent entertainmant was given by Mr. Shortis, the American banjoist, assisted by Mr. Brandram and professional friends. Other amusements went on as before. It was, however, during the evening of the second day that the Fair was at its height. All Hampton Hill, young and old and middle-aged, turned out to do it honour. Entertainments went on as usual, and previous to the evening concert an hour or two's dancing was enjoyed. Business was very brisk during the evening, and some of the stalls were cleared out. It was not till past eleven that selling was entirely at an end, and the Fancy Fair, which had been so much looked forward to, was closed. A special interest is felt at its financial result. It is difficult to say exactly how its finances stand, but, speaking roughly, about £334 was taken in connection with the Fancy Fair, of which sum £75 18s. 8d. represents the expenses, so that about £259 represents the nett gain. Since writing the above the offertory on our Festival Day (£13 11s.) has come in, and now there only remains about £10 to be cleared off before we can make a fresh start for the Clock and Bells. We must not omit to record our grateful thanks to all those to whose incessant labour and energy we owe our success: There are the workers, those who with needle and thread, or chisel and hammer, or with paint and brush, produced all the pretty and useful things with which the stalls were stocked; there are the buyers and sellers; there are the performers; there are, the committee and those who worked away to get everything ready on the day. A whole host of kind helpers, without whose ready aid the Fancy Fair would never have taken place. We thank them all most heartily.

Hampton Hill and Hampton Horticultural Society.—An excellent Show, but unfortunate weather! This year, according to custom, the Flower Show was held, by kind permission of Mr. J. P. Kitchin, at the Manor House, Hampton. Notwithstanding the fact that the Teddington show was also held on our day, there was no falling off in the number of entries, and the quality of the exhibits was fully up to the mark. The weather was threatening all the morning, but it kept tolerably fair till about half-past four, when there was a regular downpour of rain, and although it cleared and the evening was fine, yet a large number of people were prevented from coming, and the attendance fell far short of the average. The prizes were kindly distributed by Miss Kitchin, in the absence of the Princess Frederica, who had not yet returned to England.

M.B.K.A. Bees, Honey, and Bee-keepers' Appliances Show.—In conjunction with the Horticultural Show, an excellent exhibition was held by the Southern Province of the Middlesex Beekeepers' Association. There were numerous entries, and considering the lateness of the season, considerable competition for the honey prizes. Twelve competed for the silver medal given by the British Beekeepers' Association, and this prize, which was open to the whole county, fell to the lot of our esteemed station-master, Mr. Veysey. Mr. Gittins took the prize for 12 bottles of excellent extracted honey. The weather was, of course, against the show, and hindered the interesting bee lectures and manipulations given by Mr. Baldwin, the well known expert. However, several of our leading bee-keepers came from a distance, and amongst them Dr. Bartram, who acted as judge.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

AUGUST, 1891.

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

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES.

Class for Young Men, Larkfield, 3 p.m.
 Class for Married Men, Larkfield, 6 p.m.
 Class for Young Women, Vicarage, 6 p.m.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday	5.30 p.m.
Wednesday, Friday and Saturday	10 a.m.