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THE VICARAGE,

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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The "Fancy Fair" which has filled our minds for many weeks has come and gone, and has left very pleasant memories, as well as many other good things, behind it. Before it came we were full of anxiety as to how it would turn out, now, as we look back upon it, we feel that in every way our highest expectations have been exceeded. The weather was perfect, even the shower that came on Wednesday morning only made the sunshine more pronounced. The preliminary preparations were no light matter, but willing and congenial workers and our indefatigable secretary gradually reduced them to a state of order and completeness, and as everyone carried out the part allotted to him or her, everything was ready in time, and from first to last there was no confusion. The general appearance of the grounds was thoroughly pleasing, and Mr. Withall, who supplied the tents, served us exceedingly well. The Stalls were decorated by Mr. Rowland Moores, and when they were furnished one wondered where all the good things could have come from, but the long list of contributors which will be found below fully explains it. I am afraid however that even this long list is incomplete, and that there are many names that may have escaped us. I hope that if any contributors do not notice their names in the list, they will overlook the omission on account of the numberless things that had to be attended to at the same time.

The opening Ceremony was fully described in the newspaper, and so I need not say much about it now. Lady Hartland on the first day, and Mrs. deWette on the second, performed their parts to the satisfaction of everybody, and did much towards securing the success of the "Fair." We were very glad that Sir Dixon Hartland was also able to be present, and his encouraging words strengthened our hands. The cordial expressions of the Rev. R. Digby Ram gave an additional fillip to the proceedings. Throughout the whole time the buying and selling went on with unabated vigour, and all the games and entertainments received a fair share of

attention. And as people emerged from the Fine Art Gallery, the Gipsies' Tent, the Waxworks, the Electric Battery, or the Entertainments, they invariably wore smiles of satisfaction, showing that they were conscious of having received their money's worth. The Cocoa Nuts never lacked competitors, and something like 2,600 pennies were expended upon them. The Village Pump was a novelty, and its handle was never allowed to rest so long as the well had anything to yield. We are very much indebted to Mrs. Harkness for the valuable helpers brought down by her from the Royal Academy of Music, and to Mr. Stutchbury and Miss Hadland for similar assistance. Mr. Roe, Mr. Durham, and Mr. Bourne were as painstaking and successful as usual. The Refreshment Stall had a great strain upon it, which, however, it was always able to meet, and to meet exceedingly well. The Police Orphanage Band, and our own local Band, gave great satisfaction. Amongst the many who gave ungrudging personal assistance I must not omit to mention Messrs. James Singleton and Sons, (who lent men and materials without charge), Mr. A. E. Jones, (who provided all the beautiful illuminations, and gave much personal assistance), Messrs. Dowsett, Hallt, and Daines (who took charge of the gate), Mr. Bowling-Trevanion (Treasurer), and not least Mr. H. C. Garrett, who from first to last worked with patient and untiring zeal as Secretary. The hardest work of all fell upon the Stallholders, for in their case the work was not a matter of two or three days, but of many weeks and much cost beforehand. Without exception all of them meant to make the "Fair" a success, and of course with such a determination the end was sure. Major Balguy had charge of a strange collection of "Rummage," and disposed of every vestige of it. Mr. May, of Teddington, most kindly provided a bouquet of flowers for presentation to Lady Hartland, and Mr. Towell one for Mrs. deWette.

The statement of receipts and expenditure given below is not quite complete, but there is very little more to add on either side. It will be seen that the balance in hand is very nearly £300, which I hope will enable us to effect all the improvements

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at the Schools that are pressing at the present time.

It was to me a pleasant coincidence that the second day of the "Fair" was the second anniversary of my coming amongst you as your Vicar, and in many ways this will add to the happy memories associated in my mind with that event.

The Flower Show is to take place on the 10th inst., and will be held at "Beveree," the home of the President, Captain Christie, at Hampton. The preparations are in a forward state, and the entries, already made, and probable, give promise that the Show will not come behind its predecessors. It is earnestly hoped that all will do their best to secure for the Show the success it deserves.

We shall all be turning our attention very shortly to St. James' Festival. This has long been one of the great red letter days of the year in the parish. There will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7 and 10 a.m. A short Address will be given at the second service. The Day School Children will assemble at the Schools with the Day and Sunday School Teachers, and will march with flags and banners, preceded by the band to the Church, where there will be a very short Service; they will then go to the Vicarage Grounds for Sports and Tea. The adult parishioners will also be welcomed.

In the evening, at 8.15, there will be a full Choral Service, to which I would earnestly invite the parishioners. The late Vicar, the Hon. and Rev. Henry Bligh has very kindly promised to be the preacher. The Offertories throughout the day will be for the Treats' Fund. The Festival Services will be continued on the following Sunday.

The Crystal Palace Treat for the elder Sunday School Scholars was too late in the month for an account of it to appear this time. The younger Sunday Scholars will come to the Vicarage, on Saturday, the 6th inst., for Games and Tea.

Further contributions for the "Treats Fund" will be thankfully received by the Teachers, Mr. Clarkson, or myself.

I am, my dear Friends,
Yours very sincerely,
CHARLES R. JOB.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.			7 p.m.			TOTALS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
May 26.—General Fund	3	3	1	1	7	7	4	10	8
June 2.—Curate's Fund	4	4	4	1	11	11	5	16	3
" 9.—General Fund	3	3	10	1	5	2	4	9	0
" 16.—Richmond Hos- pital	9	5	0	2	10	6	} 12 14 6	} 3 18 0	} 2 15 11
8 a.m. 11/-;									
Afternoon 8/-;				19	0				
" 23.—General Fund	2	12	7	1	5	5			
Poor Fund at Early Communion, May 26, 10/4; } June 2, £1 10s. 2d.; June 9, 5/2; June 23, 10/3 } Children's Services, Missions, May 26, 2/1; June } 2, 4/7; June 9, 2/11; June 23, 3/7 } Special Celebrations, June 3, 2/5; June 4, 9/7; } June 11, 4/6; June 23, 4/6 }									
							£35	18	6

BAPTISMS.

"Grant, O Lord, that they may have power and strength to have victory and to triumph, against the Devil, the World and the Flesh. Amen."

- May 28.—Mona Winifred Barker.
- June 2.—Alice Eliza Lansley.
- " 2.—Frank Sidney Mann.
- " 8.—Doris Constance Millicent deBrissac-Bernard.
- " 9.—Harry John Mason.
- " 23.—Horace Surman-Wells.

MARRIAGES.

"O Lord, send them help from Thy Holy Place, and evermore mightily defend them."

- June 1.—William Charles Fagents to Ada Clarke.
- " 5.—James Cutler to Emily Kidnar.

BURIALS.

"I am the resurrection and the life saith the Lord: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.—*St. John xi, 25, 26.*

- May 31.—Amelia Coope, aged 84.
- June 4.—Evelyn Gordon, aged 38.
- " 6.—John Henry Light, aged 22.
- " 10.—Emily Joy, aged 44.
- " 15.—Elizabeth Ann Kedge, aged 47.

HAMPTON HILL SCHOOLS.

*Treasurer's account as to the Fancy Fair held at the Vicarage, on
18th & 19th June, 1895.*

	£	s.	d.
Received from the Stall held by Mrs. Job, Mrs. Hetherington and Mrs. Cobb, assisted by Miss Williams, Miss Barnard and Miss Griffiths	60	6	1½
" By Mrs. Stutchbury and Mrs. Hubbard, assisted by the Misses Hubbard and Miss White	39	19	1½