

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

THE VICARAGE,

August 1st, 1896.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The Flower Show, which took place on the 15th ult., was in many respects a very successful undertaking. The exhibits were exceptionally fine and good, and the prizes were in most cases well earned. It would have been a source of still greater pleasure to the Committee if a larger number of cottagers had tried what they could do. The products of the small gardens were excellent, showing what can be done by those who try. One of the chief objects of the Show is that this class may be encouraged, and I believe it has done, and will continue to do, an immense amount of good in this way. The attendance might have been larger, but no doubt the threatening weather, which culminated in a terrific storm early in the evening, was accountable for this, to some extent at least.

The St. James' Festival was in every way a great success. The weather was perfect. About 570 School Children assembled at the Schools and marched with their banners, preceded by the Band, to the Church. The procession was very long and most picturesque to all lovers of children. During the afternoon nearly the whole rising generation of the parish was present in the Vicarage Grounds, and a bright and happy scene it was, for all were thoroughly enjoying themselves, and teachers and friends were all doing their utmost to assist. It was a great pleasure to see so many parents of the children and members of the congregation present. It was estimated that, including the children, about 1,200 souls entered the gates during the afternoon.

Hearty cheers were given by the children for all who had so kindly contributed towards the day's entertainment.

Prominent as the children were on this occasion, they did not absorb quite all the interest. A very pleasant episode took place on the lawn in the course of the afternoon, consisting of a presentation to our good Organist, Mr. Dawkins, who for twenty years has been at his present post, and during the whole of that long period his duties

have been faithfully and efficiently fulfilled, to the advantage and comfort of the worshippers at the Church. The presentation took the form of a Gold Watch and Chain, the former having a suitable inscription on the case. Most of the contributors were present and heartily cheered Mr. Dawkins when he received the present. Long may he continue to fill the office he has held with so much credit for so many years. An expression of thanks from him will be found below.

During the Day School holidays the Sunday School will meet on the Sunday morning, as usual, at 10 o'clock, but there will be no School in the afternoon. There will, however, be a service for the children, at the Church, each Sunday afternoon as usual, at 3.15 p.m., and I hope the children will come. This service has been made much shorter than formerly, and more suitable for young people. The whole will never last more than three-quarters of an hour. Will parents encourage the children to come? I am anxious that they should feel that the service is for them, and to make it in every way suitable to their powers of comprehension. And I should like to see other children as well as those who come to the Sunday School. It is most important that the children should grow up with a love for the Church, and I feel sure that if parents will second our efforts in this matter, this will be the outcome of these services—at least this is our aim.

The Sunday School Teachers Meeting will be omitted until the first Tuesday in September.

The Annual Tea in connection with the Communicants' Association will, it is hoped, take place during the month. Due notice will be given to members.

A strong appeal has been made to me by the Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society to form a "Branch" in this parish, and I am glad to say that this is in a fair way for being accomplished, although it may only be a small "twig" at first. Miss Hayes has kindly undertaken to act as Secretary, and will be glad to receive any contributions however small. It will be generally known that the Society prints and circulates an enormous number of Bibles throughout the whole world, making free grants to poor

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Schools and to Foreign Missions. It is doing an immense amount of good, and I feel sure there are some who will wish to assist it in its valuable work.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

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Mr. F. W. Dawkins has requested permission to express, through this channel, his grateful thanks for the costly Watch and Chain presented to him on the 24th ult. He was quite unprepared for such an evidence of the kindness and generosity of the donors, and trusts that one and all will accept his heartfelt acknowledgment.

TREATS FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions acknowledged last month	17	18	9½
Col. Philips	0	10	0
Mrs. Powell	0	10	0
Mrs. A. Bowling	0	5	0
Mrs. C. Bowling	0	2	6
Mr. Evans... ..	0	5	0
Per Mrs. Hodge	1	0	0
Per Miss Eastland:—			
Mrs. Storey	0	5	0
Mrs. James	0	3	0
Mr. Ridge	0	2	6
Mrs. Uzzell	0	3	6
Mrs. Bailey	0	5	0
Mrs. Morley	0	2	6
Misses Hard	0	3	0
Mrs. Makepeace	0	2	6
Teachers	0	12	6
Mr. Weller	0	19	6
Mrs. Butler	0	10	0
Miss Heath (2nd donation)	0	4	0
Mr. Dowsett	0	5	0
Mr. Hall	0	3	0
Mr. Stockwell	0	10	6
Mr. Rowland Moores	0	5	0
Mrs. Hubbard	0	5	0
Mrs. Hayes	0	5	0
“Fownhope” (2nd donation)	0	10	0
Mrs. Rowsell	0	10	0
Mrs. Harkness	0	10	0
Mrs. Etlinger	0	5	0
Mr. Dawkins	0	5	0
Offertories on St. James' Eve and St. James' Day	2	18	2
TOTAL	£30	1	5½

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Crystal Palace Treat	7	9	10
Infants' Treat	2	11	8
Supper for Band after Crystal Palace Treat	0	18	0
St. James' Festival Treat:—			
Provisions, &c.	9	3	3
Band	3	3	0
“Punch and Judy”	1	14	0
New Swing	2	13	1
Toys, &c. for Prizes	1	1	6
			17 14 10
			£28 14 4
Balance in hand	1	7	1½
			£30 1 5½

DAY SCHOOL TREAT.

Contributions of food, toys, sweets, etc., were very kindly sent by the following:—

Mrs. FitzWygram, Mrs. Isdell, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Stuchbury, Mrs. Singleton, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Coape, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Makepeace, Mr. Evans, Mr. R. Howe, Mr. Moles, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Rapley, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Rudland, Mr. Prewett, Mr. Golden, Mr. W. Singleton.

Valuable assistance was rendered by Messrs. Singleton & Sons, Mr. Dowsett, Mr. W. Singleton, Mr. E. Singleton, Mr. Hallt.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.		7 p.m.		TOTAL.
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
June 28.—General Fund	3	4 5	1	10 0	4 14 5
July 5.—Curate's Fund	3	19 8	1	5 1	5 4 9
“ 12.—General Fund	2	14 6	1	4 7	3 19 1
“ 19.—General Fund	2	19 6	1	5 3	4 4 9
“ 24 and 25.—Treats Fund (St. James' Eve and St. James' Day)					2 18 2
“ 26.—General Fund	5	9 0	1	13 2	7 2 2
Poor Fund (Early Celebrations) June 28, 11/2; July 5, 11/1; July 12, 7/-; June 19, 10/2; July 26, 9/3					2 8 10
Children's Services (Missions) June 28, 1/11; July 5, 1/8; July 12, 2/-; July 19, 1/3; July 26, 1/3					0 8 1
Special Celebrations.—June 24, (St. John the Baptist's Day), 3/6; June 29, (St. Peter's Day), 4/8, St. James' Treats Fund					0 8 2
					£31 8 5

MARRIAGE.

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

July 4.—William Watford to Charlotte Rivers.

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.

July 13.—John Light, aged 49 years.

 “ 18.—Charles James Aspland, aged 1 month 14 days.