

# HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The long, bright, beautiful summer has apparently finally left us, and we shall probably soon feel that winter has come to stay; indeed, we are already sufficiently warned of his near approach to make us prepare to make the best use we can of his long dark evenings, so that we may profit by his presence with us.

Our Entertainment Committee have had their first meeting, and have taken the initial steps for securing for us a series of five pleasant evenings, which there is every reason to hope will in no way come behind their predecessors.

These will be as follows:—

Oct. 19.—Concert.

Nov. 16.—Dramatic Entertainment.

Dec. 14.—Miscellaneous Entertainment.

Feb. 1.—“A visit to Rome, Florence, Naples and Pompeii.”

Mar. 1.—Dramatic Entertainment.

Sub-Committees were formed to carry out the various items in the scheme. Mr. Gerald Hodgson was again elected Secretary, Mr. Druitt very kindly undertaking to assist him. Mrs. Hubbard was re-elected Treasurer.

The object of these Entertainments is two-fold; partly to provide a little innocent enjoyment for the parishioners, which will at the same time promote a social and kindly feeling all round, and partly to provide a little assistance for several of our deserving local objects. The general support of our friends is confidently relied upon.

The Band of Hope will re-commence its operations on Monday evening, the 5th inst., in the Girls' Schoolroom at 6 p.m. We hope to have a Magic Lantern and a thoroughly pleasant hour for our young friends. We shall be very glad to have additional volunteers for carrying on the work.

The Lads' Brigade will be called together in the course of the month, when we hope all the old members and many new ones will respond by their presence. Names should be given to Mr. Clarkson, Capt. Isdell, or Sergeant Bremridge.

The Pantile Mission Room will be open on two evenings in the week for the members of the Brigade the same as last winter.

Free Technical Classes in connection with the County Council have been arranged as follows:

*Shorthand.*—On Saturdays, 7 to 9 p.m., in the Boys' Schoolroom.

*Dressmaking.*—On Mondays, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., at the Schoolroom opposite the Hampton Hill entrance to Bushey Park.

These afford excellent opportunities for some of our youths and maidens to improve themselves, and it is hoped they will avail themselves of them.

The Drawing Examination in connection with the Science and Art Department is fixed to take place at the Boys' School, on Wednesday, the 28th inst. Every boy must be sure to be in his place.

I regret to say that the School Managers are losing the services of Miss Louisa Tollman, the Assistant Mistress in the Infants' School. For fourteen years Miss Tollman has been connected with the School, and she has won the confidence and regard of all who have been associated with her in her work. The Managers have appointed

her sister, Miss Florrie Tollman to take her place. Miss Tollman is leaving to take an important step in life, which we trust will be for her happiness and welfare.

The Managers have decided to have the exterior woodwork of the Schools and School Houses repainted and repaired. Tenders were asked for from the local tradesmen, and that of Messrs. Singleton & Sons proving to be the lowest, the work has been placed in their hands.

We were not entirely fortunate in the weather for the Harvest Festival Services. Unfortunately, the Rev. A. W. Gough, who had promised to preach at the opening Service, was not able to come, owing to the death of his brother-in-law, the Rector of Bermondsey. His place was kindly taken by the Rev. G. V. Briscoe, Vicar of St. Peter's, Staines. The congregation on Thursday evening was very good, but the weather no doubt interfered with the attendance on the Sunday. The decorations were really very beautiful, and did great credit to the ladies who worked so hard at them. The singing was exceedingly good, and everything was in accord with a service of praise and thanksgiving. The offertories fell below those of last year, but perhaps some of those who were prevented from coming by the weather, may yet send their offerings. The year has been one of great blessings, the harvest has been abundant, our land has been comparatively free from great calamities, and many threatened national troubles have been so far averted. God has been very good to us, and our gratitude ought to be deep and practical.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.		7 p.m.		TOTAL
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Aug. 30.—General Fund ...	2	19 2	1	6 3	4 5 5
Sept. 6.—Curate's Fund ...	3	10 0	1	15 6	5 5 6
„ 13.—General Fund ...	2	7 11	1	1 0	3 8 11
„ 20.—General Fund ...	3	11 6	1	11 7	5 3 1
„ 24.—Day Schools (Harvest Festival) ...			3	19 6	3 19 6
Poor Fund (Early Celebrations) Aug. 30, 7/6; Sept. 6, 9/4; Sept. 13, 2/9; Sept. 20, 8/8 ...					1 8 3
Children's Services (Missions) Aug. 30, 1/8; Sept. 6, 2/3; Sept. 13, 4/-; Sept. 20, 2/- ...					0 9 11
Special Celebrations.—Sept. 21, (St. Matthew's Day) Sept. 25. (Harvest Festival, C.M.S.) ...					0 5 0 1 2 9
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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.”

- Sept. 2.—Emily May Bennett.
- „ 13.—Muriel Daisy Simmons.
- „ 13.—Florence Maud Brown.
- „ 13.—Adelaide Victoria Beatrice Brown.
- „ 13.—Cecil William Fielder.
- „ 13.—James Henry Court.
- „ 13.—Archibald John Tollman.
- „ 22.—Phyllis Edith Bridger.

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.*

- Sept. 1.—Caroline Court, aged 65.
- „ 16.—Frances Birkinshaw, aged 75.