

THE VICARAGE,

May 1st, 1897.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Easter Day, with its suggestive thoughts and happy memories, has come and gone. The Church presented all its usual brightness, and our thanks are due to all who had any share in the beautiful decorations. The services were in every way suited to the day, and were reverentially and devotionally rendered. The number of Communicants was 367, which is considerably beyond our highest record.

I must take this opportunity of expressing my most sincere thanks for the very handsome Easter Offering, most generously given by the Congregation, and which I regard as a most kind and encouraging mark of their confidence.

The Easter Vestry Meeting took place on Tuesday, the 20th ult. There was a fair attendance, and the business was accomplished with great smoothness and despatch. Hearty votes of thanks were given to the Churchwardens and Sidesmen for the excellent manner in which they had fulfilled their duties during the year.

The Accounts, which had been audited by Mr. Stutchbury and Colonel Philips, were passed, and they will be found below. Mr. W. C. B. Hall and Mr. A. E. Storey were re-appointed Churchwardens, and the following were elected Sidesmen: Colonel Philips, Capt. Isdell, Major Balguy, Messrs. Trevanion, Cremer, Stutchbury, Evans, Embleton, Dowsett, W. Singleton, Daines, Rudland, Foster, and Griffiths. The rest of the business was of a formal character. From the accounts it will be noticed that the offertories produced about £60 more than the previous year, and that the whole accounts show an advance of about £150, if the amount from the "Fancy Fair" in the former year be not reckoned. For this spirit of generosity we have cause to be thankful.

The Church Registers present us with the following statistics for the year: Baptisms, 59; Marriages, 14; Burials, 34.

It has not yet become apparent that the earlier hour for the Sunday Evening Service increases the attendance. Different opinions are expressed as

to its convenience; but, so far as I am able to judge, more express disapproval than approval of the change. But as there is a measure of uncertainty about the matter, the earlier hour will be continued for a few weeks longer at any rate.

The Managers of the Day Schools have, at their last two Meetings, had under consideration the advisability of discontinuing the Penny Fee, on account of the additional help they expect the Schools will receive under the recent Act of Parliament. The fee has worked exceedingly well for the Schools, and helped to secure a very high attendance. It is, however, felt by the Managers that if a fair share of the New Grant is received, the loss, by giving up the fee, will be made up. The Managers also feel that it will be an advantage for the teachers to be saved the time spent in collecting the fee; and they are sure that the parents will be relieved and pleased not to have it to pay. They have in view of these considerations passed a resolution declaring the whole Schools absolutely free from the 1st of May. At the same time they appeal to the parents to assist the Managers in promoting the efficiency of the Schools by becoming subscribers. About £140 a year has to be raised in the parish for the Schools, and just as much will have to be raised with the New Grant as before. The Managers feel sure now that the Schools are free, that some who have not supported the Schools because of the fee, will become subscribers. They would also impress upon the parents the absolute importance of sending the children with the utmost regularity.

The offertories on May 23rd will be for the "Bishop of London's Fund" for work in the East of London.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

It is proposed to hold a Sale of Work in connection with H.R.H. Princess Frederica's Branch of the "Working Ladies' Guild," at Larkfield, on Thursday, 3rd June, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 6. The whole proceeds of the sale goes direct to the "Poor Ladies."

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OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.			7 p.m.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mar. 28.—General Fund ...	2	8	5	1	12	0	4	0	5
April 4.—Curate's Fund ...	4	15	9	1	7	3	6	3	0
„ 11.—General Fund ...	3	5	6	1	9	5	4	14	11
Good Friday.—St. James' Home, Fulham	3	3	0	1	1	3	4	4	3
*Easter Day.—Easter Offerings	15	6	8	2	13	7	18	0	3
Poor Fund (Early Celebrations), Mar. 28, 11/6; Apl. 4, 11/3; Apl. 11, 6/-; Easter Day, 6.45 a.m., £1 12/10; 8 a.m., £2 12/1							5	13	8
Children's Services (Missions) Mar. 28, 1/4; Apl. 4, 2/4; Apl. 11, 2/10; Easter Day, 4/3							0	10	9
Special Celebrations—Mar. 25, (The Annunciation), 13/7; Apl. 1, 7 a.m., 1/3, 11 a.m., 4/3; Apl. 8, 9/-; Apl. 15, 7 a.m., 3/1, 11 a.m., 11/6; Apl. 19, 5/-; Apl. 20, 3/2							2	10	10
									£45 18 1

* In addition to the offertories, £44 13s. od. was given through the Churchwardens.

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.”

- April 4.—Dorothy Ruby Hester.
- „ 11.—Ellen Martin.
- „ 11.—Emily Elizabeth Martin.
- „ 11.—Robert Stephenson.
- „ 11.—Sidney Richard Jennings.
- „ 11.—Margery Irene de Brissac-Bernard.
- „ 11.—Howell Roy Clement.

MARRIAGE.

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

April 19.—William Henry Reade to Elizabeth Mary Ann Wright.

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.

- Mar. 31.—Mary Singleton, aged 57 years.
- April 1.—Adelaide Rebecca Arlett, aged 53 years.
- „ 3.—Ellen Ann Vanner, aged 42 years.

EASTER VESTRY, 1897.

*Abstract of Churchwardens' Accounts for the year ending
31st March, 1897.*

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand		1	12	6½
Offertories		156	2	3½
Trustees Parish Lands		25	0	0
Deficit		3	3	2½
		£185 18 0½		
PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
Organist—Five Quarters		50	0	0
Organ Blower—Five Quarters		7	10	0
Choir and Music—Five Quarters		17	7	2½
Organ Tuner		5	5	0
Mission Room—Cleaning		1	6	0
Do. Fuel		1	6	4
Washing Surplices		4	3	0
Sexton		10	9	6
Church Cleaning—Labour		15	12	0
Do. Materials		1	4	1½
Bell Ringing—Week-days		3	18	0
Clock Winding		5	0	0
Gas and Candles		18	0	2½
Printing and Stationery		2	18	0
Repairs and Materials—Roof, &c., &c.		25	6	4
Visitation Fees		0	18	0
Coal and Coke		8	4	4
Insurance		7	10	0
Wine				
		£185 18 0½		

Audited,

G. PHILIPS, Colonel. W. C. B. HALL,
G. F. STUTCHBURY. A. E. STOREY,
Churchwardens.

POOR AND PAROCHIAL FUND.

RECEIVED.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand		11	2	7½
Poor Box		0	19	7
Miss Paget		0	10	0
Mr. C. M. Heath		5	0	0
Mr. Arthur J. Bailey		2	0	0
Mrs. Fitz Wygram (for Mothers' Supper)		2	0	0
Mrs. C. Bowling		1	0	0
Madame Mottu		0	10	0
Offertories at Early Celebrations		27	0	10
Offertories Christmas Day		14	13	11
		£64 16 11½		
PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
Distributed by the Clergy and District Visitors to the Sick and Poor		34	19	6½
Supper to the Members of the Mothers' Meetings		3	18	1
Deficiency—Parish Tea;		0	15	2
Special Work in the Churchyard		5	17	11
Cost of Printing Annual Accounts in Magazine...		1	5	0
Literature, &c., for distribution in the Parish ...		1	4	5
Deficiency—Parish Almanack		0	9	7
Books, &c. for Confirmation Candidates... ..		2	14	2½
		51 3 11		
Balance in hand		13	13	0½
		£64 16 11½		