

THE VICARAGE,

*April 1st, 1907.*

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I suppose we could scarcely have had a brighter Easter than the one which is just past. The long dreary winter gave place to a burst of almost summer weather, in which everybody has rejoiced. The Easter services seemed to have even more than their usual brightness. We are very grateful to all who sent flowers and plants for the decorations, and also to the many kind decorators who did their work so well. The congregations were large at all the services, and the number of Communicants throughout the Festival was exactly 500, which is the largest number we have had. I wish to express my very sincere thanks to all who so kindly contributed to the Easter Offering.

The Cantata, from "Olivet to Calvary," on March 20th, was a greater success even than we had ventured to hope for. The Victoria Hall was quite full, and it was quite clear that everybody was interested. Great credit is due to Mr. Phillips and the "Lend-a-Hand" Society, for the way in which they did their work, and our thanks are due to many others who in one way or another gave valuable help which contributed to the excellent results. After the payment of all expenses about £6 remained to be divided amongst our various funds. A silver-mounted ebony baton, presented to Mr. Phillips by the "Lend-a-Hand" Society, was used on the occasion.

On the 19th of last month a Missionary Meeting was held at the Schools, when beautiful

pictures were shown illustrating Native Life in Uganda, by the Rev. W. H. Weatherhead, who has spent many years there in Missionary Work. His address was most encouraging and hopeful. The attendance was unfortunately not large. I am very glad to say that the contributions from the Church to the S.P.G., the C.M.S., and the C. & C.C.S. all show a considerable advance this year.

The Confirmation took place at Hampton on the 15th. We had 28 candidates. The addresses by the Bishop of Kensington will long be remembered by all who were present. Next year we hope to have the Confirmation at our own Church—I know there are many young people waiting for this.

On the 9th inst. a most important Temperance Meeting will be held at the Victoria Hall, not for this parish only, but for the whole Deanery of Hampton. The chief speaker will be the Rev. F. W. Isaacs, Rural Dean of Chiswick, whose powers are well known. The Rev. Prebendary Ram will take the chair. I hope all our temperance friends will make a point of being present.

On the 16th inst. there will be another Temperance Meeting in the Boys' School Room, at 8 p.m., to hear an address on Sunday Closing by Mr. Hubert W. Green, Secretary of the Sunday Closing Society.

The District Nurse made 406 visits during March. Her address is now "Devonshire Villa," High Street, near the Pantile bridge.

Twenty envelopes have been received containing Lent Offerings for the following objects:—  
 "The Church in Jamaica," "Nurse Fund,"  
 "C. & C.C.S.," "Waifs and Strays," "Dr. Barnado's Homes," "Jerusalem Church Fund."  
 If there are any other envelopes to come in I shall be glad to have them at once.

A farewell Meeting for Archdeacon Lloyd and his "Band of Workers" who are being sent to Canada by the Colonial and Continental Church Society, will be held in Exeter Hall, on Tuesday, April 16th, at 7 p.m., admission will be free, but numbered and reserved tickets may be had at 1/- each.

I am asked to draw attention to the "Gigantic Palestine Exhibition" which is to take place at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, from June 11th to July 2nd, which will be on a scale never attempted anywhere before. It will combine every phrase of the Life of the East, and it is said that it will be a good substitute for a visit to the Holy Land itself.

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.
Feb. 17—Teddington Hospital...	4 13 6	2 18 1	7 11 7
" 24—Church Expenses ...	3 11 0	1 10 6	5 1 6
Mar. 3—Curate's Fund ...	3 11 6	1 15 3	5 6 9
" 10—London Schools ...	9 14 4	2 13 4	12 7 8
" 17—Church Expenses ...	3 6 10	1 12 7	4 19 5

Carried forward £35 6 11

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	35	6	11
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund) Feb. 17, 14/6; Feb. 24, 7/7; Mar. 10th, 12/10; Mar. 17, 18/7 ...	2	13	6
Children's Services (Missions), Feb. 17, 1/1; Feb. 24, 2/2; Mar. 10, 3/7; Mar. 17, 1/8 ...	0	8	6
Special Celebrations, Thursdays, Feb. 21, 8/5; Feb. 28, 11/8; Mar. 7, 9/7; Mar. 14, 10/11 ...	2	0	7
Special Service, Communicants' Guild ...	0	9	6
Special Collection, Wednesday, Mar. 13, C.E.T.S. ...	0	10	0
	<u>£41</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

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."

- Feb. 20—Beatrice Attwell.
- " 20—Stanley Edward Attwell.
- " 20—Margaret Kathleen Wale.
- " 24—Gertrude Margaret Hodge.
- Mar. 10—Charles Henry Gay.
- " 10—Doris Mary Batten.
- " 10—Dorothy Kate Spiers.
- " 10—Amy Tolfrey.
- " 10—Leslie Edgar Rivers.
- " 16—Joy Maud Edith Ridgway.

MARRIAGES.

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

- Feb. 24—Frederick Albert Ede to Ada Elizabeth Herald.

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.*

- Feb. 22—Martha Emily Southwell, aged 59 years.
- Mar. 5—Robert Howe, aged 74 years.
- " 8—John O'Meara, aged 64 years.
- " 13—Charlotte Trotter, aged 69 years.
- " 15—James Cope, aged 83 years.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

DATE.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
April 3	...	...	299 301
" 7	136 Anthem 126 (2)	504 125 330	302 Anthem 133 130 197
" 10	...	...	126 (3) 175
" 14	500 504 127	334 197 333	301 499 258 141
" 17	...	...	140 176
" 21	501 128	175 299 337	292 139 271 232
" 24	...	...	500 410
" 28	137 229 129	332 189 336	307 136 290 503