

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

THE VICARAGE,

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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

March was as usual a very busy month. The Lenten Services were fairly well attended, considering the bad weather and influenza.

The Confirmation took place on the 10th ult., when Bishop Barry officiated. There were 88 candidates from our own parish, viz.: 55 females and 33 males, and there were also contingents from Hampton and Hampton Wick. The Service was very solemn, and very beautiful and very impressive, and will never be forgotten by the candidates. The preparation Classes were attended with great regularity, very few missing an attendance. The average age of the candidates was 18, upwards of 20 being adults. In the afternoon before the Confirmation we had a Church Workers' Tea at the Schools, to which the Bishop most kindly came, and after making the personal acquaintance of many of our helpers, he gave an address of a most interesting and helpful character. The expense of the tea was most kindly borne by two ladies of the congregation, who I understand do not wish their names to be mentioned. The room was most comfortable and prettily arranged, and the tea managed by Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Wallace, the Misses Cooke and Miss Barnard.

The Band of Hope has had a very successful season. Large meetings have been held, and systematic lessons have been given to the children on the properties of foods and drinks, &c. This has been general throughout the Diocese, and at the end of the course examinations were held, when upwards of 5000 children competed altogether. The following members of our branch were among the successful ones. The highest possible marks were 100. Catherine Branch obtained 99, and secured the Rural Dean's prize. Elsie Singleton gained a second class prize, and Nellie Boulonois, Kate Taylor,

and Violet Abbott, third class prizes; B. Binstead and L. Jarvis, first class certificates, and Nellie Blanchard and Edith Willis, second class certificates. The Prizes are to be distributed by the Prince of Wales, at the Crystal Palace, on May 3rd next. The children and those who have taught them are to be congratulated on the result.

A large parcel of garments was sent to the Colonial and Continental Church Society early in the month. The following is an extract from the letter received by Mrs. Job from the Secretary:—

"Many thanks for sending the Members' subscriptions of £2 9s. od. We are also very grateful for the beautiful work you and the Members of the Ladies' Association have contributed. Forty-five articles, all good and attractive, are a valuable addition to our stores. Please tell the Members how much 'their help is appreciated."

The Rev. H. London's lectures in connection with the Church Reading Union came to a close on the 25th ult. I propose to give a lecture, on Wednesday, the 16th, at the Mission Room, at 4 o'clock, on the Venerable Bede.

Easter has once more come and gone. The weather was unfortunate, and the drizzling rain no doubt kept many from Church. It cannot however have interfered much with the attendance at Holy Communion, as the numbers were 462, which is far higher than we have previously had. The Church was decorated as tastefully as usual. Large quantities of flowers and plants were sent. The work was carried out by Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Stutchbury, Mrs. Job, Miss Mann, Miss K. Foster, Miss Etlinger, Miss M. Swain, Miss Stutchbury, Miss Ethel Griffiths, Miss M. Isdell, Misses Cooke and Miss Barnard. The services were very bright.

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May I take this opportunity of most cordially thanking all those who so kindly contributed towards the Easter offering.

There is to be a Winter Entertainment on Monday, the 7th inst., of a most attractive and varied character. I hope all classes will support the Committee by taking tickets.

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.
Mar. 2—Curate's Fund...	... 3 15 9	2 3 7	5 19 4
„ 9—Church Expenses	... 3 16 5	1 14 9	5 11 2
„ 16—Church Expenses	... 3 16 6	1 16 0	5 12 6
„ 23—Church Expenses	... 3 2 5	1 6 6	4 8 11
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund), Mar. 2, 11/4; Mar. 9, 9/4; Mar. 16, 7/3; Mar. 23, 4/4	1 12 3	
Children's Services (Missions), Mar. 2, 4/6; Mar. 9, 3/2; Mar. 16, 3/3; Mar. 23, 3/1	0 14 0	
Special Celebrations, Feb. 27, Thursday, 10/1; Mar. 6, 8/5; Mar. 13, 12/4; Mar. 20, 5/10	1 16 8	

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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."

Mar. 9.—Gladys Dorothy Looker.

MARRIAGES.

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

Mar. 22.—Norris Edward Chown to Annie Elizabeth Allen.

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. 26.—Harriet Laythom, aged 74 years.

„ 26.—Elizabeth Osborne, aged 72 years.

Mar. 5.—Susan Rudderforth, aged 84 years.

„ 6.—John Whitby, aged 78 years.

„ 15.—William Wheeler, aged 76 years.

„ 18.—Harriet Hibbert Scarbrow, aged 85 years.