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THE VICARAGE,
HAMPTON HILL,

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MY DEAR PEOPLE,

Whitsun-day, June 11th, is one of the three Great Festivals of the Church, when all Church people are expected to Communicate in their Parish Church. There will be Celebrations at 7, 8 and 11. This year, beyond all others in this generation, we have need to pray for the Guidance of the Holy Spirit for our Church and Nation, as well as for ourselves; we do not know what the "distant scene" may be, but we may be quite sure that no strength will be too much to meet the coming stress. Let us therefore pray that we may, every one of us, "be strengthened with might by His Spirit." Men, money and munitions are necessary, but it is God, after all, "who giveth the victory."

With the cordial co-operation of members of the C. E. M. S. I am hoping to arrange for openair services in different parts of the Parish during the Summer months. We shall require helpers in the matter of singing hymns, &c., and I would earnestly commend to your prayers this new effort to carry the Gospel message to those who do not, as a rule, attend any place of worship.

There was a very gratifying attendance at the patriotic display given by the Day School children on the Recreation Ground on Empire Day. The whole proceedings reflected great credit on the children and their teachers. We missed Mrs. Creane, who was absent through illness.

I would remind the members of the C.E.M.S. that Whitsun-day is one of the dates for their Corporate Communion, and loyalty to their membership of this great Society should enable them to remember their obligation.

Our sympathy is given to Mrs. Howard Craggs, one of our District Visitors, on the loss she has sustained by the death of her husband, after a long illness; and to Mr. King-Stephens, a very devoted member of our Church choir, on the death of his mother, a former worshipper at S. James's.

The "All Day" Intercession for the War will take place on Friday, June 23rd. I hope that, as time goes on, more and more of those who have dear ones in danger will use this means of grace to their own comfort and the real welfare of those whom they love.

A lads' Institute has been established in the Church Room to provide recreation, games, &c., for lads over 14. They meet on Mondays from 8 to 9.30. I shall be glad to receive gifts of games, &c., and also any sums towards the provision of a set of small tables. £3 or £4 will supply all that is needed.

Yours truly,

R. COAD PRYOR.

Parish Dotices.

Band of Hope.—At the Rural Deanery Competitions, held recently at Teddington, the Senior Shield was again won by the Senior members.

The School Managers will meet at the Vicarage, on Wednesday, June 14th, at 9 p.m., and the District Visitors in Vestry, on Friday. June 30th, at 11.15 am.

THE EASTER VESTRY was held on Thursday, 27th April, in the Church Room, the Vicar presiding. The Churchwardens' report was as follows:—

The principal items of interest in connection with the Church during the past year are—

- 1. A grant of £20 from the Kingston Trust, obtained through the help of a parishioner. This money is being spent on renewal of some of the cassocks and surplices, and on the purchase of prayer and hymn books for the Church, as well as some psalters for the choir.
- 2. Last November the Rev. F. St. Clair Goldie who had been Curate for the previous 2½ years, left to take up work in London, and a parting present was given to him.
- 3. A tablet has been placed in the Church in memory of Mr. Henry Cremer.
- 4. We have also received for safe custody in the Church, a banner which has been presented to the Hampton Hill Company of the Church Lads' Brigade.

The various Church accounts were submitted and passed subject to audit; they will appear in next month's Magazine. The Vicar again nominated Mr. C. H. Carpenter as his Warden, and Mr. C. H. Oatway was re-elected People's Warden. The sidesmen were re-elected, and the remaining customary business was transacted.

The Vicar aunounced the inauguration of a scheme for Church cleaning by the voluntary help of lady members of the congregation. On the suggestion of the Churchwardens the vestry approved a continuance for the present during 1916, of a monthly offertory to clear off £30 of the deficiency on the Assistant Clergy account.

COMFORTS FOR SOLDIERS

The Women in this district are invited to take part in a simple scheme which is being started to make some comforts for the soldiers on service-At present net mosquito curtains (for wear on the march), and sunshades of khaki drill, for the protection of the neck, are needed in large quantities. Patterns, officially approved by the War Office (Director General of Voluntary Organisations) will be available for the inspection of workers. The completed articles—which workers will make in their own homes and in their own time—will be sent to Mrs. Norton, Laurel Dene, Hampton Hill, and will be forwarded through the approved Middlesex Association, working under the Director General of Voluntary Organisations (Colonel Sir Edward Ward, Bart.) to France, Egypt, Salonika or Mesopotamia, or wherever else needed, at Government expense. After three months' regular work, badges will be issued by the War Office to workers. If you are willing to help, please send a post-card with your name and address to Mrs. Norton.

STAR AND GARTER FUND.

A very well attended Entertainment for this fund, which aims at providing a permanent home for Sailors and Soldiers totally disabled in the War, was held on Saturday, April 8th, in the Boys' School. The programme (arranged by the Misses K. Kiddell, B. Dawson, M. LeMaitre, M. Faraker and N. Evans), consisted of songs, dances, piano and violin solos, a recitation, and a duologue, followed by a short play written by K. Kiddell and M. Le Maitre. The result of the Entertainment was £20 for the fund. We should like to thank all who made it such a success, not forgetting those who so kindly put up the stage and managed the curtains.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

"Greater love hath no man than this."

Edward Bligh, Albert Becket, Jack Bowpitt, Frederick Branch, George William Brickwood, Richard Burr, Richard Doughty, A. Dundas, Harold Elliott, Herbert Gernat, William Owen Glenfield, Frank Gwynn, William Gregory, B. C. Hockley, Albert Hutchins, W. Nash, Harry Roberts, John Sait, Jack Smith, Martin Thorp, Dudley Tidey, H. J. Tomkins, Albert Turner, Arthur White, George Wotton.

The Vicar will be glad if those who desire to see him on parochial matters will call at the Vicarage any morning between 9 and 9.30. Papers can always be signed in the Vestry by one of the Clergy before or after any week-day service.

OFFERTORIES.

	и а.m.	7 p.m.	TOTAL
	£ s. d.	£. s. d.	Es. d.
April 30.—Church Expenses	2 13 1	1 9 2	4 2 3
May 7.—Assistant Clergy Fund	1 19 7	164	3 5 11
,, 14.—Church Expenses	3 1 7	1 12 3	4 13 10
., 21.—Church Expenses	1 1 2	1 5 2	3 6 3
Early Celebrations (Poor Fund) A 8.9; May 14, 7/11;	pr. 30, 7 1 day 21, 6 8	1; May 7,	1 11 3
Children's Services (Missions)—A 28; May 21, 18.			0 6 6
Week-day Celebrations: May 1,	18; May	18, 26;	0 4 2

Total - £17 10 2

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

April 25 -- Edwin Charles Quick.
May 14-Margaret Louisa Kemp.

,, 14-Leslie Frederick Atkinson.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

April 27-Leonard Jennings, aged to months.

,, 27-Douglas Claude Coe, aged 3 years.

May 4-Annie Dorothy Wilkinson, aged 3 years.

, 4-Frances Annette King-Stephens, aged 63 years.

" 9-Ada Emma Mills, aged 54 years.

, 18-Leslic Walter Brightwell, aged 12 years.

23—Charles Howard Craggs, aged 53 years.