

All Saints', Petersham,

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS—At All Saints'

7.30 a.m., Holy Communion.

11 a.m., Morning Prayer, with Sermon and Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month; Morning Prayer, with Litany and Sermon on the other Sundays in the month.

3.30 p.m., Children's Service, with Address and Baptisms.

7.30 p.m., Evensong with Sermon; 1st Sunday Service is Choral.

AT THE MISSION CHURCH—

Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; H. C. on the 1st Sunday of the month at the Morning Service.

WEDNESDAYS—7.45 p.m., at All Saints', Shortened Evensong, with Sermon.

FRIDAYS—At the Mission Church, 7.30 p.m.

SAINTS' DAYS—

Holy Communion at All Saints' at 7 a.m. or 11, according to notice on previous Sunday.

The CHOIR PRACTICE takes place both at All Saints' and the Mission Church on Fridays, at 7.30 and 8 p.m. respectively, and is open to all who may wish to attend. The books in use are the *Cathedral Psalter* and *Church Hymns*.

TEACHERS' MEETING—On Tuesdays, at 4.30 p.m., in the Vestry.

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE—On Thursdays, in the Schoolroom, at 7.45 p.m.

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE—Every alternate Thursday, for work in the Schoolroom, at 4 p.m.

THE ALL SAINTS' GUILD meets in the Church on the second Tuesday of the month, at 8 p.m.

HANDIWORK BRANCH OF CHURCH WORKERS—Work Meeting at the Parsonage, on Fridays, from 2.30 to 5 p.m.

C. E. TEMPERANCE SOCIETY, on 1st Monday of the month, at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Morning, 9.45; Afternoon, 3.

Application for Sittings at All Saints' should be made to the Verger, after any of the Services. In the Mission Church the Sittings are all free.

CLERGY—REV. CHARLES BABER, Incumbent and Rural Dean.
F. W. REEVE, Curate-elect.

REV. COLES CHILD, M.A.,
REV. EDWARD SMITH, B.A., } Hon. Assistant Clergy.

A. RICHARDSON, }
GEO. MULLEN, } Churchwardens.
S. FOSTER, }

Hon. Choirmasters—

MESSRS. W. ANGUS AND WOOD.

Organist—W. ANGUS.

Hon. Librarian

and Hon. Secretary—W. S. TRELOAR.

R. C. CLOSE,
A. E. JAQUES,
R. A. CAPE,
T. KENNEDY,
E. W. TIMEWELL,
A. J. SIEVERS,
H. BALY, } Sidesmen.

MISSION CHURCH.

J. SPENCER SAYERS, } Hon. Choirmaster—J. SPENCER SAYERS.
C. H. BARNETT, } Churchwardens.
T. HARRIS, }

S. NORTRIDGE, }
— BROWN, } Sidesmen.
— LITTLE, }

Organist—MISS WILLIAMS.

THE CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNT FOR

8TH APRIL

1889-90.	RECEIPTS,	£ s. d.
To Offertory for year, including £100 from Handiwork		
Branch of Church Workers		819 4 11
Offering on Easter Day by Mr. A. E. Jaques, to pay off		
debt on Choir Vestry		250 0 0
Pew Rents		103 10 0
Sale, Ladies' Work in Town Hall, 5th, 6th, 7th Dec., 1889		128 0 0
Subscribed in aid of Parochial Funds—		
R. C. Close, £25; S. Foster, £10; A. E. Jaques, £24;		
R. A. Cape, £8; W. B. Asprey, £5 5s....		72 5 0
Subscribed in aid of Schools—		
The Hon. S. A. Stephen	75 0 0	
R. A. Cape	10 0 0	
Interest on School Building Debt	39 12 0	
Technical Education Department, Rent ...	32 10 0	
		157 2 0
Special Amount from last year to pay off Church		
Debt	76 5 1	
Accrued Interest, at 5 per cent	3 16 0	
		80 1 1
Subscribed to meet cost of Monthly Paper		10 7 6
Subscribed by Young Men's Institute towards Gas Account		1 16 0
Missionary Box		5 19 1
Balance—Deficit due to Bank		107 12 11

£1,735 18 6

Audited and found correct,
T. KENNEDY.

CHARLES BABER,
Incumbent.

THE YEAR ENDING EASTER TUESDAY, 1890.

1889-90	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due Bank from account, Easter Tuesday, 1889	...	90	2	5
Stipend, Incumbent	...	400	0	0
Stipend, Curate, and extra clerical assistance	...	162	1	8
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		562	1	8
Debt on Choir Vestry, due to Mr. A. E. Jaques, cancelled	...	250	0	0
Interest on Church Debt, £1,800, at 6 per cent	...	108	0	0
Interest on Debt for School Buildings, £660, at 6 per cent	...	39	12	0
Interest to Bank on Overdrafts...	...	9	6	0
Organist, £50; Organ Maintenance, £15	...	65	0	0
Organ Blower, £29; Choir Expenses, £9 9s. 6d.	...	38	9	6
Verger and Assistant, with petty expenses	...	66	15	8
Church cleaning, £20 2s.; Carpentry and Gardening, £7 7s. 6d.	...	27	9	6
Repairs Church and Parsonage, £29 18s. 11d.; Fire Insurance, £8 13s.	...	38	11	11
Gas in Church, £25 6s. 10d.; Taxes and Kerbing, £21 9s. 2d.	...	46	16	0
Alms, £36; Communion Wine, £5 4s. 6d.	...	41	4	6
Printing, £26 15s.; Books, Choir, and Sunday School, £6 3s. 10d.	...	32	18	10
Day School—Teacher's Salary	...	44	13	0
Painting and Repairs	...	68	18	1
Cleaning, £14 8s.; Gas, £5 2s. 11d.;				
Taxes, £3 12s.; Fire Insurance, £1 1s	...	24	3	11
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		137	15	0
Registry Assessment, £19; Melanesian Mission, £12	...	31	0	0
Special Offeratories—Church Society	...	46	17	4
Delhi Mission	...	10	0	0
Religious Instruction in Public Schools	...	2	2	0
Infant's Home, Ashfield	...	3	19	6
Widow's and Orphan's Fund	...	3	8	9
Missionary Curate Fund	...	4	6	10
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		70	14	5
Union Bank Fixed Deposit held for Church Debt	...	80	1	1
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		£1,735	18	6
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R. C. CLOSE,
GEORGE MULLEN, } Churchwardens.
A. E. JAQUES,

Marriages.—March 12th, William Lacey Mortimer and Mary Ann Goodman. April 2nd: Charles Roberts and Sarah Bennett. April 7th: Simeon Fellows and Ann Maria Carter. April 8th: Edward Augustus Golding and Sarah Jane Cook; April 9th: Charles Gregory Wade and Ella Louise Bell. April 9th: George Crozier and Mary Ann Machie.

Baptisms.—David Bradburn, Arthur Reeve, Harold James Daggar, Durward Langton Findlay, William Henry Mozart French, Joseph Milthorp, Forrester Chisholm, Samuel John Norton Park, William Louis Nash, Charles Norman Hillen.

Death.—Mrs. Pithers was called from her husband and numerous young family, on Wednesday in Holy Week. She was an excellent wife and mother, and a kind good neighbour. Her family and friends have been inexpressively grieved at their loss, more especially as it was in a great measure unlooked for. She died in a cab, on her way for a change to her husband's family at Newtown.

The Monthly Paper.—As the time for the issue of this paper coincided so nearly with Easter, it was thought desirable to hold it back for the Easter accounts, and blend it with the Easter statement.

THE INCUMBENT'S ADDRESS TO THE EASTER VESTRY.

“I AM thankful to be permitted to preside here once more. This is the Eleventh Easter Vestry of my Incumbency of the parish, and during this time I have presided over ten Easter Vestries. One Easter I was away in England, and my place was supplied, and well supplied, by the Rev. J. W. Debenham.

It is again my duty and my privilege to thank my friend, the Rev. Coles Child, for valuable help in the course of my ministry. He has not only assisted, as of old, in the ordinary services at the mother Church, but has taken the service at the Mission Church on those Sundays on which there is a celebration of Holy Communion there. I would also thank my friend, the Rev. Edward Smith, for the kind help he has afforded me all through my Incumbency of the parish. For years he was my only helper at the services for Holy Communion, and now that other clerical friends are at hand in case of need, I would not wish him to suppose that his past services are in any way forgotten.

To my great regret the Very Rev. the Administrator of the Diocese has not been able to arrange for the Ordination of Mr. F. W. Reeve until Trinity Sunday. But Mr. Reeve, acting on the license which he holds from our late Primate, as a Lay-Reader, is doing good work in the parish as Lay-Curate, as well as reading diligently for his coming examination.

We are indebted to the outgoing Churchwardens for their attention to the duties of their office, and more especially to Mr. Mullen for the very considerable pains which he takes, as of old, with the Church accounts. Mr. Jaques has laid the parish under a considerable debt of gratitude to himself by his munificent Easter offering of the £250 that was owing to him by the parish for the Choir Vestry. May he and his be more than recompensed for this, by the Giver of all good. ‘There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to penury.’ The parish is also under great obligations to the ladies who toiled so earnestly and unsparingly for the Sale of Work for the extinction of the current debt. That the thing aimed at was not accomplished, was owing to no fault of theirs. It must not be

forgotten also, that since last Easter they have raised and paid in to the offertory £100, in connection with our *Handiwork Branch of Church Workers*.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Angus, his coadjutor Mr. Wood and to all the members of our own Church Choir for the very considerable pains they are at, to render our services as bright and efficient as possible. Mr. Treloar's services as Hon. Librarian to the Choir are of very great value to the Church: his devotion to his duties are most marked and exemplary. I would not like to forget to express my acknowledgements to Mr. Gaston, Miss Green, and Mr. Bowman, for the help which they so willingly accord to me at the afternoon Sunday services. It has lightened my somewhat heavy Sunday duties since the care of the afternoon choir has been taken off my hands by Mr. Gaston. It is still a regret to me that so few, comparatively, of the children of the parish who are not of the Sunday School, are encouraged by their parents to attend the Childrens' Service.

I would thank the Sunday School Teachers for 'their work of faith, and labour of love' in connection with our Sunday School. I hope that none of them will think it unnecessary to attend school, and go with their classes to the Church on the Sundays on which it is their turn to be there. They may rest assured that to go with their children to God's house, and to help them to conduct themselves 'orderly and reverently' while there, leading them in the responses and the singing, is no small or unimportant part of their duties as Sunday School Teachers. As an adjunct to the Sunday School, two Bible Classes are carried on at the Parsonage, on the afternoons of Sunday: one for lads and young men; conducted by Mr. Crane, and one for girls who are too old for the Sunday School. This latter class was taught until recently by Miss Garrett, and on her regretted removal from the parish, was kindly taken charge of by Miss Lydia Hogg. My thanks are due to both these ladies, and Mr. Crane, for their earnest and *punctual* ministrations to these classes.

I fear that the Church accounts are not so prosperous as we could wish. I regret that we are constrained to begin our financial year with a deficit. I can only say, what I have often said before, that the only true remedy for this state of things, is the conscientious and systematic giving of such sums as our people can afford, at the stated offertories of our Church. If this were done at all generally, no one would be burdened, and there would be enough and to spare.

As other matters of interest connected with the work of the parish will be dealt with in this *Monthly Paper* under separate headings, there will be no need for me to prolong my address to the vestry. But I would express my thankfulness for the peace which has prevailed amongst us during the year. I cannot remember that we have had any dissensions, and I trust we shall not have any. I cannot, of course, hope to please everybody, but I can truly say that I do not wish to give offence to any member of my flock, and that I have really striven to do my duty by my people. In how many things I have come short in this endeavour,

no one knows so well as myself. I can hardly hope to preside here for as many years in the future as I have in the past; but I would hope that when my time comes to give place to another it will be felt by those whom I leave, that I had aimed to do my duty in the fear of God. To His care and mercy I commend you for time and eternity.

The Mission Church "is making progress," we wrote last month, "under the earnest ministrations of Mr. Reeve and his assiduous house-to-house visitation of the district." The same can be said this month, with the addition that the progress has been more marked than before. It will be seen by the subjoined statement of accounts, that the offertories have considerably increased since last month. A very pleasing incident in connection with our *Mission Church* occurred during the month. Some children of our All Saints' Day School, wishing to help the Church, got up a little sale of work among themselves. The sale was held one afternoon on the asphalt in the school yard, under the shadow of some trees, and in the evening some of the children presented the Incumbent with a letter, and the proceeds of their sale. The letter was as follows:—

Petersham, March 28th.

DEAR MR. BABER,—Will you please accept the accompanying money (£2), the proceeds of a sale of small articles, principally our own work. We would like to do something to help the Mission Church, so thought this the best way. We are very pleased to be able to help. Will you kindly use the money in any way you think best.

We are, your loving pupils,

ADA BARNETT,
ANNIE CHANDLER,
LIZZIE O'BRIEN.

The hearty thanks of the Incumbent are given to these children. "They have done what they could" for their Church and Clergyman. The Mission Church has every Sunday some flowers on the Holy Table, and these have all along been supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Walters, out of their own garden. A filter has also been given for the Vestry. Mrs. Dawson kindly gave half the price, and the other half was subscribed in small sums. Mr. Harris, one of the Churchwardens, has fitted up a small press for the choir books in the Vestry, and has also made a better arrangement for the preserving of the choir vestments from the damp, occasioned by the wet, in the recent heavy rains, having penetrated through the east wall of the Vestry. The Mission Church is greatly indebted to another warden, Mr. Spencer Sayers, for his efforts to promote the welfare of the Church, and more especially for his services as Hon. Choirmaster. The sum received since the last month's paper, is as follows:—

Mr. Knibbs	£1 1 0
Mr. Gilham	0 10 0
Rev. C. Baber, making £10 towards £20 promised ...	1 0 0
Childrens' Sale of Work	2 0 0
Miss Munro	1 0 0
Offertories, including Easter day	17 12 3
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	£23 3 3

The Easter Day Celebrations of Holy Communion were three in number, two at the Parish Church, and one at the Mission Church. At the Early Celebration, 89 received; at the mid-day services, there were 88 here, and 22 at the Mission Church—199 in all. Both the mother and the daughter church were made bright with flowers and other adornments, and the choirs did their best to make the service of God as joyous as they could.

The Parochial Council met as usual on the last Monday of the Month. The Quarterly Report, by Miss Green, of our Day School, which was read on this occasion, states, that the attendance at the school is sometimes as large as 140. In consequence of this increase, a new assistant teacher has been appointed. The council felt that the school, as before, is doing good work in the Parish. The Incumbent reported to the council, that he had on his own responsibility let the school to the Government for art classes, for two additional evenings of the week, and that the rent for the four evenings that would now be occupied, would amount to £65 per annum. The council expressed its satisfaction at the arrangement, which will serve to render our Day School self-supporting.

The All Saints' Y. M. I., had a very entertaining and well got-up *Mock Trial* in the School-room, on the 27th March. There was an almost crowded court; and most of the officials, and those who took part in the entertainment, from the grave judge in his wig and gown, the four learned barristers in their wigs and gowns, to the clerk of the court, the court crier and the several witnesses, and last, though by no means least, the panel of grave jurymen with their sage foreman, Mr. Lusby, acquitted themselves admirably. The only comparative failures were on the part of one or two witnesses, who entered the court when called, and conducted themselves very unlike what witnesses usually do. The aim, of course, should be to make the mock trial as much like a real trial as possible. But the thing as a whole, was well carried through.

FLOWER LIST FOR THE QUARTER.

April 13th	...	Miss Johnson
„ 20th	...	„ Kennedy
„ 27th	...	„ Green
May 4th	...	„ Cooper
„ 11th	..	„ Butler
„ 18th	...	„ E. Johnson
„ 25th	...	„ Drummond
June 1st	...	„ Johnson
„ 8th	...	„ Kennedy
„ 15th	...	„ Green
„ 22nd	...	„ Cooper
„ 29th	..	„ Butler

The Ministerial Children's League.—The work meetings will be held, as usual, on Thursday April 17th, and May 1st.

The Sunday School Lessons.—Teachers are requested to take the subject of our Lord's life on earth, after His resurrection, more especially those parts of it that are contained in St. Luke and St. John, for their lessons during the month.

The Church of England Temperance Society.—Members of the Church in the parish, who are interested in the well-being of the community, are earnestly requested to identify themselves with this excellent society. Its *dual* basis should serve to gather to itself all who are concerned to promote temperance, whether they are abstainers or non-abstainers.

The Handiwork Branch of Church Workers.—The secretary and treasurer of the above have much pleasure in placing their fourth annual statement of accounts in the hands of those who have kindly contributed to the funds of the branch during the year. It has been the aim of the branch to pay in £150 a year into the offertory for Church purposes, and they have succeeded in their aim, though, owing to this year not synchronizing with that of the year from Easter to Easter, they are not credited in the churchwardens' accounts for the year with more than £100, but they hope it will be understood that they pay in £150 in the course of the year; and they mean also, for the future, to bring their year into unison with the churchwardens' year, with a view of making this appear. The secretary and treasurer would be glad to receive the names of any who might be disposed to join the branch, and they wish it to be known that the weekly work

POSTSCRIPT TO EASTER ADDRESS.

IN the very considerable pressure of work which devolved upon me at Easter time, I quite omitted to make any mention in my Address to the Vestry of the very great loss which I, in common with all the Parish, had sustained during the year, in the removal from us of our friend Mr. Wheeler to a Parish of his own. If he should see this *Monthly Paper*, I beg to assure him that he is by no means forgotten by his friends at Petersham, and that they follow him in his arduous work at Broken Hill with their sympathy and their prayers.

I might also, although I had, at the time, made full and honourable mention of his valuable services to the Church, have included in my year's retrospect of Church matters some acknowledgment to our friend Mr. Wareham of all he did for us as Hon. Choirmaster, during some 8 or 9 years of good service. I may say of him, as I did of another of my good helpers, that I would not wish him to think now that others are available to do that which he had done, that his past services are in any wise forgotten.

CHARLES BABER.

Katoomba, April 16th, 1890.