

# S. Oswald's Parish Magazine.

MAY, 1895.

Easter has again come and gone; and it leaves behind happy memories. The weather was glorious; the visitors more numerous than ever, probably, before; and that portion of our people which depends on visitors so much for material support will have been much gratified.—The services were well attended. Good Friday found many worshippers at the three services; and the Meditations on the Seven Words of our Lord from the Cross, given by the Rev. A. McEwen, were devoutly followed and were very touching, as were also the music and words of the metrical Litany on the same used on this occasion (No. 625 in H. A. and M.).—At the early Celebration on Easter Day there were 86 communicants; at the later one 66; in all 152. It was cheering to see so many young men, strangers, present, who during a holiday have strong temptations to set Church duties aside; but we should be still more cheered to see others of our own people recognizing their "bounden duty and service" on this day. The Church was bright with offerings of plants and flowers, in spite of the backward season.

The Easter Vestry was held on Tuesday the 16th. The out-going Churchwardens were re-elected; and so were the Sidesmen, with the addition of F. W. Simpson, Esq. It may be well here to put the names of the Sidesmen on record. They are now ten in number, viz., Messrs. John Hodgson, James Fleming, John Wilson, Jos. Cowperthwaite, Edward Wilson, Robert Hayes, John Robinson, S. A. Garside, W. Ascroft, and F. W. Simpson.

It was agreed that this year the Report and Accounts of the Rector and Churchwardens should be published at once in the *Parish Magazine*, without waiting for the School Accounts; and they will be found on the following page.

We would again remind our readers of the Confirmation to be held here on Wednesday, the 15th inst. The hour is not yet fixed, but due notice will be given in Church. Over 30 candidates, it is hoped, will be presented; and the Rector asks for the prayers of the parishioners for those who are now under preparation for the holy rite. He would gladly hear also of any adults who have omitted to be confirmed, and would put such in the way of preparing themselves. A few candidates will be presented by the Vicar of Langdale. It is well, we think, to draw the attention of sponsors to the rubric at the end of the Church Catechism: "*And every one shall have a Godfather, or a Godmother, as a witness of their Confirmation.*"

MOTHERS' TEA.—On the 18th ult., those who had been attending the Mothers' Meetings during the winter were kindly invited by Mrs. Graham to tea at Huntingstile; and they were afterwards entertained by music and singing, which they much enjoyed.

As some persons are doubtful about the times of Celebration of the Holy Communion, we think it better to give notice beforehand of these for the month:—

May 1. (S. Philip & S. James), at 8 a.m.	May 19. (Sunday), at 8.
„ 5. (Sunday), at 8 a.m.	„ 23. (Ascension of our Lord), at 8 & 11 (after Matins).
„ 12. (Sunday), at 11-45.	„ 26. (Sunday), at 11-45.

## Baptism.

April 21. Bertha Hilda, daughter of William and Elizabeth Nuttall.

## Death.

April 9. Isaac Usher, Thorney How, aged 83 years.

RAINFALL AT GRASMERE: Total for April, 5-36 inches.—T. A. GREEN.

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE RECTOR AND CHURCHWARDENS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED EASTER, 1895.

The unusually wet summer of 1894, and the severe winter which followed, had the effect of diminishing the revenue of the Church. From the account given below it will be seen that the contributions of the parishioners and visitors made at the offertory amounted to £187 9s. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., and other sums given bring up the total receipts to a little over £207. This compares a little unfavourably with the receipts of several past years. But we bear in mind that liberal donations have been given by residents in aid of the fund for restoring the old Rectory House. The offertories for general Church purposes *must* always reach the sum of £120, and this sum we are glad to find has been exceeded, and after paying off an adverse balance has been sufficient to meet all demands. The Special Offertories have been fewer than usual, and very many urgent appeals from Church societies have had to be set aside. Yet in this way £56 11s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. was given, and of that sum we may name the following items:— For the two counties' Hospitals £7 7s. 8d.; for the parish schools £15 14s. 3d.; for the Diocesan Education Society £8 9s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; for Missions at home and abroad £15 4s. 4d.; for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society £2 9s. 4d.; and for the Bishop's Lenten Fund £2 6s. 10d.

During the year both aisles have been provided with good and neat matting; and we have to acknowledge with thanks a kind donation from Miss Richardson towards this. Violent storms have necessitated expenditure also on the roof of the Church.

The small balance in hand has been placed in the hands of the Rector for disposal at his discretion, and the ensuing year's accounts commence with a clean sheet.

The account has been kindly audited by F. W. Simpson, Esq.

W. JENNINGS, M.A., Rector.  
JAMES FLEMING, }  
JACOB GILLBANKS, } Churchwardens.

*Abstract of Church Accounts, Easter, 1894, to Easter, 1895.*

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	
From Offertories: General	130	18	0 $\frac{1}{4}$	Deficit Balance on previous year's account	..	7	13	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Special	56	11	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	Organist and Choir	..	30	4	3
			187	Cleaning and Attendance	..	23	12	0
„ Poor Boxes	..	..	7	Organ Blower and Daily Bellringer	..	10	10	0
„ Church Expenses Boxes	..	..	4	Sexton and Churchyard-keeper	..	5	7	6
„ Organ Fund Box	..	..	2	Bells and Belfry	..	10	14	0
For use of Hearse	..	..	5	Lighting and Heating	..	11	19	0
Offering from Miss Richardson for Matting for North Aisle	..	..	5	Sick and Needy	..	12	6	0
Interest from Bank	..	..	2	Books and Forms	..	3	19	1
			207	Repairs, Matting for both Aisles, &c.	..	16	7	0
			11	Wine for Holy Communion	..	2	16	0
			0	Organ Tuning	..	3	10	0
			£ 207	Care of Clock	..	1	10	0
				Special Offertories paid over	..	56	11	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
				Miscellaneous items	..	7	17	7
				Balance in hand	..	2	13	6
						£ 207	11	0