

**The Magazine.**—Subscriptions acknowledged with thanks: Mr. L. C. Grocock and Mr. Warren.

**Easter** was kept with the beauty of holiness and joy of worship due to the greatest of all events. The decorating committee spent a very busy day on Saturday, and were occupied well into the night. The result of their labours was most pleasing and beautiful, although the decorations were not nearly so heavy or ornate as last year. This was owing, of course, to the comparative smallness of the offerings, both in flowers and donations. But we are intensely gratified to report a material increase in the number of Communicants: perhaps it will be best to show at a glance a comparison of the two years.

	1903	1904
Easter Day:—7.0 a.m. ...	70	110
8.0 " ...	85	124
10.30 " ...	45	44
Easter Monday:—8.0 a.m. ...	3	8
Easter Tuesday:—8.0 " ...	0	8
Total ...	203	289

On Low Sunday 17 kept Easter Communion, making a grand total of 306.

It will thus be seen that this Easter shows an increase of 100 Communicants upon last year. We can partly account for it by the fact that nearly 90 candidates have been presented for Confirmation by S. Edward's Clergy. In any case we are more gratified by this report than by any fact in our short history, and we hope for another such report at our next Easter, if we are spared to spend it in the Church beneath.

The congregations, in point of numbers, were much as on ordinary Sundays, that is they could not very well be larger. At 10.30 we were glad to see among us the members of Cooper's Royal Band, who for the second Easter Day in succession had a Church Parade at S. Edward's. The Men's Service at 3 p.m. was thinly attended, due of course to the violent storm of hail and rain which swept the streets soon after 2 o'clock.

Thus our Easter was kept, and is passed into the roll of Eternity. On the whole we confess to a feeling of disappointment, which we shall not attempt to explain away, except by saying that over anxiety and bodily weakness had the inevitable effect upon the spirit.

**Easter Offerings.**—The Vicar wishes to thank all who contributed to the offertories and collections on Easter Day. They amounted to the sum of £27 6s. 9d., including £5 voted from the Choir Funds by the members of the Choir. From this must be deducted the expenses of the Orchestra, amounting to £2 7s. 6d., leaving in net addition to the vicarial income of £24 19s. 3d.

We again beg to thank our numerous friends, and in well-known words "hope by strict attention to business to receive a share of their patronage."

**Ladies' Sewing Party.**—A meeting was held at the Vicarage on April 13th, when it was resolved to inaugurate a Sewing Party. Certain houses will be asked to invite our lady friends once a fortnight to spend the afternoon in discussing needle-work and sally luns. The sum of 2s. 6d. will gain admittance to the charming circle, and this money will be used to provide material for working.

Each member will also pay 6d. at every meeting for the sally luns, and nothing at all for the good company, of which there is such an abundance at S. Edwards. Mrs. Barbary and Mrs. Mitchell have kindly consented to arrange the meetings, and they will be glad to receive the names of ladies desirous of working for a good object.

The first meeting will be held at the Vicarage on Tuesday, 10th May, at 3 p.m.

**Good Friday.**—Please read this. We fear you may skip it after reading our Easter report. The day was passed over by the majority of our congregation as if it had no significance for them. Congregations throughout Holy Week were lamentably small. There can be no vital Christianity in anyone who wilfully neglects the observance of Holy Week and Good Friday, and we cannot hesitate in pronouncing this sweeping accusation. The Cross of Christ, unvalued in life, will afford little consolation in death.

**The Rev. J. R. Threlfall,** having secured a definite post of preferment, severed his connection with this Church on the last Sunday in April. Mr. Threlfall has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the Episcopal Church of Dufftown, Banffshire, Scotland, and takes up his duties there on the 8th inst.

He has been in Barnsley for 10 years, and at S. Edward's for 14 months.

It is not for the writer to speak of his work in Barnsley, only a small part of which has been done in co-operation. A Clergyman's work, and indeed all work, can only be revealed in the Day of the Lord. We will only remark that it is given to very few men to win such a wealth of love as our late colleague has received from all classes. He has the good wishes of all, and, may we hope, their prayers for blessing upon his work in Scotland, and for health and happiness both to himself and his family.

**Easter Vestry.**—Mr. G. H. Pitt has kindly consented to act as Vestry Clerk, and we extract the following from the Vestry Minutes:—

"The adjourned Vestry Meeting was held in the Parish Room on April 12th, 1904.