

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1885.

OFFERTORIES.

				£	s.	d.
Sunday, Nov. 23.—General Fund	2	13	5¼
„ „ 30.—S.P.G. in Foreign Parts	5	13	4½
„ Dec. 7.—General Fund	2	18	0
„ „ 14.—General Fund	2	15	5½
„ „ 21.—General Fund	2	17	6

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EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

Nov. 23.—Ethel Elizabeth Griffiths.
 23.—Celia Ivyleaf Hetherington.
 Dec. 14.—John Frederick Cooper

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Dec. 14.—Eleanor Julia Stuckey.
 14.—Harriet May Ffoulkes.

BURIALS.

Nov. 16.—Ann Smith, 59 years.
 Dec. 3.—Elizabeth Hunt, 65 years.

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Dec. 12.—Mary Ann Thicknesse
 Woodington, 62 years.
 12.—Emma Byatt, 66 years.

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HYMNS FOR JANUARY.

Th. *Circumcision*, 70. F. 73. Sa. 165. January 4, 2nd after Christmas, 71 | 73, 165 | 175, 74, 179 M. 175. Tu. *Epiphany*, 79. W. 76. Th. 75. F. 78. Sa. 80. January 11, 1st after Epiphany. 77, 75, 81 | 79, 76 | 79, 78, 80. M. 77. Tu. 79. W. 76. Th. 178. F. 176. Sa. 261, January 18, 2nd after Epiphany, 316 | 78, 82 | 76, 219, 173. M. 177. Tu. 189. W. 183. Th. 297. F. 180. Sa. 273. January 25, 3rd after Epiphany, *Conversion of S. Paul*, 405, 79, 438 | 83, 162, 333 | 406, 82, 431. M. 194. Tu. 165. W. 183. Th. 197. F. 263. Sa. 178.

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The New Year.—We do not like to enter upon the New Year without a word of greeting to our readers. We wish them very much happiness and every blessing which the coming year may afford. We must, however, say a few words about the year which has just passed away. These are solemn moments which record another era passed; a fresh period of time with all its unknown events begun. In the outside world war has been stayed for awhile, and politicians have warded off a social conflict which promised to be disastrous to the true interests of our country. Within the limits of our parish a very wide-

spread attack of measles has passed away without very fatal results ; but during the latter months of the year death has been busy amongst us, and we have to mourn the loss of many who were alive and well a year ago. Scarcity of work, even during the summer months, has still prevailed. We can only hope most sincerely that better times are coming. We have had a rub with the Assessment Committee, and many are still dissatisfied with what they consider the unfair way in which this parish has been assessed. We trust that some general measure may be adopted which may place us on a fair equality with all the other parishes in the union. An effort is being made to obtain a better egress from our station. We heartily wish it success. Our Schools as we have before had occasion to state, have flourished during the past year, and have been relieved from any fear of immediate financial pressure. We wish that we could say the same of our Church finances. Our offertories have not improved as we wished. May we again remind the congregation that through the offertories alone the heavy expenses of repairing, lighting, warming and cleaning the Church are met. Besides the alms for the poor and the urgent and pressing demands for our help and charity from without, we still need a contribution for the funds of the School.

Advent Services.—Notwithstanding unpropitious weather these services have been better attended than heretofore. On Thursday, 18th ult., there was a very fair congregation, and our old friend, Rev. ALLEN EDWARDS, gave a very impressive address.

Our Schools.—The report of H.M. Inspector has not yet been received, but will appear, we hope, in the February number.

Temperance.—A new temperance organization, under the title of the "Hampton Total Abstinence Society," is now holding its meetings every Monday evening in the Girls' School Room. The parochial Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society is, owing to the departure of its late Secretary, temporarily in abeyance, but it is hoped that it may soon be revived under the auspices of a new Secretary.

FitzWygram Coffee House.—It seems a pity that such an excellent establishment, planned and started by the late Vicar, and carried on by Mrs. FITZWYGRAM, should meet with so little support from the public. It is true that we do not possess the advantages which belong to a market town, where the influx of country visitors, who come in to transact business, often materially tends towards the support of a coffee tavern; but surely there should be a better response in a place of this size to such a noble effort to promote temperate habits, and increase the comforts of those whose means are limited.

Provident Club.—By the statement of accounts which is given below it will be seen that a sum of nearly £380 was distributed amongst the poor members of this Institution. Such a sum, available to be laid out at this season in blankets, coal, clothing, &c. cannot fail to

add much to the comfort of many a household in this parish. We would recommend any, who do not now belong, to become members for another year. One word as to the distribution of the money. It must clearly be understood that the treasurer cannot be responsible for mistakes if the depositors do not come themselves to claim their own money. Each sum is counted out according to the amount stated on the card in the presence of the person deputed to receive it, and then, and only then, can mistakes be rectified.

ACCOUNTS for the Year ending December 31st, 1884.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand ...	5	11	9	Paid back to Members ...	31	5	0
Paid by Members...	381	3	11	Loss by errors ...	0	6	4
Interest at Savings Bank	3	15	5	DISTRIBUTED:—			
Entertainment Committee	0	1	0	Money paid in ...	350	15	4
Paid by Members for Cards	1	16	7	Interest ...	26	14	1
SUBSCRIPTIONS:—							
Miss Gwatkin ...	4	0	0				
Mrs. Sewell ...	1	0	0				
H. P. Bowling, Esq. ...	2	2	0				
Mrs. Barlow ...	1	0	0				
Mrs. Hayes ...	1	0	0				
Miss Louisa Hayes ...	0	10	0				
The Vicar ...	1	0	0	Balance in hand ...	3	14	11
Hon. Mrs. Bligh ...	1	0	0				
Major-Gen. Hopkins ...	1	0	0				
Mrs. Lloyd ...	0	10	0				
Mrs. Carr ...	2	0	0				
Mrs. FitzWygram ...	5	5	0				
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Winter Entertainments.—The first Dramatic Entertainment was given most successfully, as far as the performance was concerned, on Wednesday, December 10th. The attendance was not as good as it might have been, and we fear that the profits to be handed over to the school are small. The absence of Major LLOYD, who in these matters is always a host in himself, was much regretted. We all wish him a hearty God-speed and safe return when the Boers have been brought to order.

Churchings.—There seems to be an idea that the offering which is directed to be made by a woman when she is churched, is a fee to the Clergyman. Now this is a great mistake. It is a thank offering given to God, and it is used for His service or for His poor. For the future the offerings will be received in a locked up alms dish, which will only be opened at intervals, and the contents handed over to the Married Women's Club. As the offerings will be in secret, let each one give as she can afford unto the Lord.

Contributions.—The Editor will be glad to receive articles for insertion in the Magazine. They should be sent to the Vicarage not later than the 15th of each month.

C H R I S T I A N C A L E N D A R

FOR

JANUARY, 1885.

1	Th	<i>Circumcision.</i> Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Meeting of Sunday School Teachers, Vicarage 6 p.m.	
2	F		
3	Sa		
4	S	2nd after Christmas. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. <i>Epiphany.</i> Celebration, 8 a.m.	
5	M		
6	Tu		
7	W		
8	Th		
9	F		
10	Sa		
11	S	1st after Epiphany. Celebration, 8 a.m. ; Baptism, 3.30 p.m. Concert, Boy's School, 8 p.m.	
12	M		
13	Tu		
14	W		
15	Th		
16	F		
17	Sa		
18	S	2nd after Epiphany. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Communicants' Class for Men, Vicarage, 8 p.m. Communicants' Class A, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m. " " for Young Women, Vicarage, 8 p.m. Communicants' Class for Women, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m. " " for Women, Vicarage, 8 p.m. " " for Young Men, Mission Room, 8 p.m. Communicants' Class B, Vicarage, 8 p.m. Communicants' Class C, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m.	
19	M		
20	Tu		
21	W		
22	Th		
23	F		
24	Sa		
25	S		3rd after Epiphany. <i>Conversion of S. Paul.</i> Celebration 8 a.m. ; Catechising, 3.30 p.m. Parish Tea, Boy's School, 6.45 p.m.
26	M		
27	Tu		
28	W		
29	Th		
30	F		
31	S		