

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

MARCH, 1885.

OFFERTORIES.

				£	s.	d.
Sunday, Jan. 25.—	General Fund...	...	...	2	7	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
„ Feb. 1.—	General Fund...	...	...	2	16	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
„ „ 8.—	General Fund...	...	...	2	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
„ „ 15.—	General Fund...	...	...	3	7	7 $\frac{3}{4}$

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

Jan. 22.—Frederick William Lush
 „ 22.—Edith Anna Lush.
 Feb. 8.—Eva Elizabeth Hurrell.

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Feb. 12.—Jane Kirkham.
 „ 12.—Henry Kirkham.

BURIALS.

Jan. 26.—George Charles Lionel Roe,
 57 years.
 „ 31.—Elizabeth Rivers, 47 years.

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Feb. 9.—Samuel Rawlins, 85 years.
 „ 16.—Charles Richards, 64 years.
 „ 17.—Thomas Ives, 42 years.

HYMNS FOR MARCH.

- March 1, 2nd in Lent, 87 | 93, 255 | 88, 249, 251, 466. M. 279 | 250. Tu. 84 | 93. W. 180 | 246. Th. 249 | 94, 465, parts i and ii. F. 113 | 108. Sa. 92 | 269. March 8, 3rd in Lent, 89, 94, 85 | 94, 328 | 102, 106, 252, 465, parts i and ii. M. 94 | 84. Tu. 260 | 283. W. 182 | 93. Th. 93 | 107, 466. F. 105 | 188. Sa. 55 | 92. March 15, 4th in Lent, 91 | 249, 182 | 108, 112, 104, 465 parts i and iii. M. 112 | 17. Tu. 260 | 90. W. 249 | 172. Th. 94 | 101, 466. F. 108 | 112. Sa. 162 | 93. March 22, 5th in Lent, 96, 200, 97 part i. | 96, 108 | 96, 119, 97 part ii, 467. M. 182 | 96. Tu. 94 | 91. W. *Annunciation*, 409 | 450. Th. 109 | 117, 467. F. 105 | 101. Sa. 92 | 94. March 29, 6th in Lent, 98, 102, 288 | 98, 473, 99 | 99, 111, 116, 467. M. 184 | 108 | 105, Story of the Cross. Tu. 113 | 96 | 103, Story of the Cross.

Our Finances (from a Churchwarden's point of view).—The General Fund was started on 1st June, in accordance with a resolution of a General Meeting of the Congregation held in May. Before that, the offertory on each Sunday was devoted to a special object, and realised in 1883 for Church Expenses £39, Schools £42, Poor £35, Clergy £21, and other miscellaneous objects £66—Total £203. Thus, the offertories devoted to the Church Expenses amounted to £39, and the Church Expenses were £114! The remainder of the expenses were met by the Hampton Court Government Grant, which, in the 1883 account, figured for £75. The new assessment now absorbs the whole of the Grant, so that it will figure in our accounts no more.

In future, therefore, the offertory has to provide £120 for Church Expenses, instead of £39. For this reason they were made the first charge on the offertory, the Poor second, and the Schools last; and it was resolved that 46 Sundays should be reserved for the General Fund, leaving only six for extra-parochial objects, such as Hospitals, Bishop of London's Fund, S.P.G., &c.; and it was further decided that the loss to the Clergy Fund should be met by an Easter Offering, which must now shortly claim our attention. Except this, the only contribution made by the congregation towards the stipend of the Clergy is in the form of pew rents, which reach the insignificant sum of about £120 per annum for the two! To cover Church Expenses, and to keep the contributions to the Schools and poor at the same figure as before we must raise £210 on the 46 Sundays, or £4 12s. 0d. per week *on the average*. Making allowance for the increased support accorded to the Schools, we may put the average necessary at something over £4. It has reached that occasionally, but latterly it has not much exceeded half. The average has been about £3. We shall, therefore, be about £50 short at Easter, or rather the Poor and Schools will suffer to that extent. Four guineas a week is not much to expect from a congregation such as ours. If our Radical friends ever succeed in disestablishing and disendowing the Church it would have to be trebled at least. Let us look into some of the causes of the deficit. The first and chief is indifference of the most lamentable and stolid character: going to Church mechanically, and "getting off" as cheaply as possible. Another is a convenient notion that the offertory is limited by Act of Parliament to coppers and threepenny bits, and that it is wrong to give more than once on a Sunday. Thrift is a great virtue, but it is best cultivated at home, and should not be brought into Church by any, except the Churchwardens. But there are still more rigid economists who stay away from Church altogether, and never put themselves within reach of the offertory bag; or under the influence of a "drawing" sermon. It may here be mentioned, with regard to Sunday Evenings, that for several months past the attendance in 20 of the best placed pews has not averaged one in each, that is to say, that out of 120 sittings there are generally 100 vacant. These reserved seats are rented at about 2½d. each per service; and like other cheap privileges are not much valued. This desert in an oasis, if it may be so called, is bad for those who stay away and bad, as an example and otherwise, for those who come and have to sit round it so much farther from the chancel and pulpit than necessary; and it raises the question whether it would not be better to make the whole Church free and open on Sunday Evenings. The question of our finances is a very serious one, but it is very difficult to treat the supposed impossibility of our congregation raising four guineas a week seriously. It only requires on the part of individuals a little consideration of their obligation to the community, and a determination on the part of all to do their duty *where they live*, and not to shirk their share of local burdens, and thus hand down to their children the tradition that has contributed so much to our country's greatness.

Sunday School.—The number of children continues to make a steady advance. There are now 273 upon the books. The success of the School is in great measure due to the persevering and unselfish labours of the teachers, many of whom, every Sunday, give up some hours of well earned rest to this good work. Such a large number of children, however, requires a very large staff of teachers, and there is a difficulty in securing sufficient, especially men. The Vicar will be always glad to receive offers of help. At the Sunday School Winter Entertainment, which took place in the Boy's School, on January 5th, the prizes were distributed and a bun, an orange and a bag of sweets given to each child. The Vicar gave an exhibition of dissolving views and comic scenes of the magic lantern. It is proposed that the usual expedition to the Crystal Palace shall take place, if all be well, about the end of the month of May.

Married Women's Club.—This excellent institution, of which Mrs. FitzWygram is the lady superintendent, and Mrs. Garnons the treasurer, has, during the past year, been carried on most efficiently. £3 12s. 6d. has been paid to members, and there remains a balance in hand of £2 5s. 0d. The following statement shows the amount of income for the year, 1884.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand.....	0	18	3	Brought forward.....	4	13	3
Hon. Mrs. H. Bligh	0	10	0	Mrs. Whateley	0	5	0
Mrs. FitzWygram	1	0	0	Mrs. E. Butler	0	3	0
Mrs. Hayes	0	5	0	Mrs. J. Singleton	0	2	6
Miss Hayes	0	5	0	Mrs. Powell.....	0	2	6
Miss Gwatkin	0	5	0	Mrs. Bowling	0	2	6
Miss C. L. Gwatkin	0	5	0	Mrs. Birkinshaw.....	0	2	0
Mrs. Garnons	0	5	0	Mrs. Storey	0	2	0
Mrs. Barlow	0	5	0	Mrs. Fisher	0	1	6
Mrs. Garrett	0	5	0	Mrs. Richardson.....	0	1	0
Mrs. Sewell	0	5	0	M. E.....	0	1	0
Mrs. Carr	0	5	0	Fifteen Cards	0	1	3
Carried forward	£4	13	3		£5	17	6

The proposed Tower and Spire.—We must not forget the unfinished state of our Church, and that there is still wanting the Tower and Spire, a Peal of Bells and a Parish Clock. The only funds hitherto set apart are the proceeds of the sale of honey produced in the Vicarage garden. This amounts now to £8 12s. 0d. It would be well, however, that a subscription list should be opened as soon as possible, and that all who are interested in the undertaking should endeavour to get subscriptions. Owing to the large harvest of honey during the past summer the Vicar has upwards of 200 1lb. sections of comb honey (for which he will be glad to find customers) in aid of this fund, at the reduced price of 1s. per pound. Applications should be made at the Vicarage at once.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

MARCH, 1885.

1	S	2nd in Lent. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
2	M	
3	Tu	
4	W	
5	Th	
6	F	
7	Sa	
8	S	3rd in Lent. Celebration, 8 a.m.
9	M	
10	Tu	
11	W	
12	Th	
13	F	
14	Sa	
15	S	4th in Lent. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
16	M	
17	Tu	
18	W	
19	Th	
20	F	
21	Sa	
22	S	5th in Lent. Celebration, 8 a.m.
23	M	
24	Tu	
25	W	
26	Th	
27	F	
28	S	
29	S	
30	M	
31	Tu	

Celebration 8 a.m. Special Lent Service, 8 p.m.
Work Meeting; Vicarage, 2.15 p.m.

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Communicants' Class for Men, Vicarage, 8 p.m.
Communicants' Class A, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m.
" " Class B, Vicarage, 6 p.m.
" " for Young Women, Vicarage, 8 p.m.
Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Celebration, 11 a.m.
Communicants' Class for Women, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m.
" " for Young Men, Mission Room, 8 p.m.
Celebration, 8 a.m.; Special Lent Service, 8 p.m.
Work Meeting; Vicarage, 2.15 p.m.
Provident Club, Vicarage, 12.40 p.m.
Communicants' Class C, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m.
Meeting of Sunday School Teachers, Vicarage, 6 p.m.
Communicants' Class for Women, Vicarage, 7.30 p.m.

6th in Lent. Celebration, 8 a.m.
Matins, 10 a.m. Evensong, 5 p.m. Service, 8 p.m.
Celebration, 8 a.m. Matins, 10 a.m. Evensong, 5 p.m. Service,
8 p.m.