

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1887.

OFFERTORIES.

			£	s.	d.
Sunday, July	31.—	General Fund	3	3	2½
"	Aug. 7.	{ General Fund	3	2	6¾
"	"	{ Richmond Hospital	2	10	9
"	" 14.—	General Fund	2	14	9
"	" 21.—	General Fund	3	3	9¾

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EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

Ethel May Shorter.
 Alice Victoria Gosten.
 Aurelie Emily Susan Curtis.

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Alice Edith Horne.
 Annie Harris.
 Rose Annie Milne.

BURIALS.

Eliza Moon, 79 years.
 Emma Holloway, 41 years.
 Eleanor Louisa Gill, 7 weeks.

BURIALS.

Emma Wendt, 33 years.
 Thomas Lush, 69 years.
 Louisa Pain, 44 years.

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HYMNS FOR SEPTEMBER.

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 September 25, 16th after Trinity, 6, 231, 275 | 339, 473, 343 | 277, 18,
 300. M. 197. Tu. 27. W. 263. Th. 260. F. 200.

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The Spire.

A LETTER FROM THE VICAR.

My dear Friends and Parishioners,—It is not often that I adopt the form of a letter in order to communicate with you in the pages of our Parish Magazine. There is, however, ample cause for making a special effort to enlist your sympathies and appeal to your kindest feelings at the present moment. You know that our Spire is in danger, not indeed of being riven by lightning stroke, or falling by natural decay, but in danger lest the light and graceful structure which the architect has endeavoured to enable us to realise in imagination, should not after all become a real thing—a possession of which we all should be proud. There seems to be little doubt, so far as the design is concerned, that if it can only be finished we shall have what we want. It may be considered by a few somewhat large, seeing that the roof of the Church is low, but it has been built to the size of the foundations so well prepared for us, and we do not believe that it will be out of balance or proportion, in its general effect, with the body of the Church. One thing is certain, that the design is beautiful in itself, just large enough it would appear to prove grand and imposing, and modelled strictly after the

lines of those fine old graceful early English Spires which commend themselves to our taste so well. At the present moment we are in a difficulty, and this notwithstanding the fact that we have met with marvellous success. It is no small thing to have raised a sum of £1400 within six months of the time when first our Jubilee memorial was proposed. The lines we were working on were these:—the Tower and Spire were to cost £1500, and if only the tenders had been within the estimate, or had not exceeded it by more than £100 or £200, our undertaking would at the present moment be in a most satisfactory state. But we were all deceived—architects, surveyor and all. Within a few days of the opening of the tenders both Messrs. Walker and Tanner, and also the surveyor who had measured all the quantities, expressed the confident opinion that it would be done for £1500. This much in reference to what is past, we cannot alter it now, so let us look our present position fairly in the face. Our Tower is nearly built, but unless we very quickly find a way to do it, will be finished off without the Spire. That is to say that more than half its height, and certainly three quarters of its beauty are to be omitted for want of less than a quarter of the total cost. We have raised £1400, shall we, for lack of £500, spoil our work, and hand down to succeeding generations an unceasing cause for regret. Cannot the £500 be found? I think it can, and if we all put our shoulders to the wheel, it will. This is my plan. Let us try to raise it in this way. Let us ask for subscriptions to be payable by December 31st, 1888, only if the Spire is built. I know the call has already been a heavy one—I have found it so myself; but having been able to pay my first subscription, I will put down my name for £100 more on these conditions, and trust that many may be found willing to contribute to make up the sum, One word more. There are nearly 150 cards out now, and when we sent them out we hoped that £5 might prove to be the average sum collected on each. If this were realised, nearly all our troubles would be gone; we should have enough for the Spire and nearly enough to clear the balance on the Tower. But if all have not collected £5 by Sept. 20th (the day on which the cards are returnable), will not many of the card holders take them back again and make themselves responsible for the balance wanting on their cards to be paid by December 31st, 1888. Once more let me appeal to you to join in a united effort to spare us the pain of seeing our hitherto successful work stop short of its only satisfactory conclusion—“Finished and completed.”

I am, always, yours very sincerely,

RAMSGATE, *August*, 1887.

HENRY BLIGH.

Friendly Societies' Church Parade.—The Annual Service and offertory for the benefit of the funds of Richmond Hospital was held this year at S. James' Church, on Sunday, August 7th. The members of the different Societies met in Hampton, including in their number the newly-formed branch of the Phoenix Total Abstinence Society. The march to the Church, with the music of the Hampton and Hampton Hill Band, was accomplished under a broiling August sun, and the Church was well filled, but the offertory, we are sorry to say, did not exceed two or three pounds.

Our Schools.—The holidays are over and work commenced in good earnest on Monday, August 22nd. Our staff remains the same as it

did before the holiday. We must not forget that Mrs. Turner wished to express her best thanks to the parents of the children who so kindly contributed to the Testimonial which they presented to her.

Autumn Flower Show.—It has been found necessary to abandon the idea of holding the proposed Chrysanthemum Show this Autumn.

Hampton Hill Infant Day Nursery.—The balance sheet of accounts of the past year from March, 1886, to March, 1887, owing to various causes has been delayed. Subscriptions for 1887 will be gladly received by the Hon. Mrs. Bligh, the Vicarage. The Nursery has made wonderful progress during the year, the attendance being 1372 from March to March. Owing to the change of houses large expenses were again incurred, the balance against being thus only slightly decreased; it is hoped this will be cleared off during the present year.

BALANCE SHEET for year ending March 31st, 1887.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Miss Armfield	...	0	10	0	Mrs. Whateley	...	0	10	0
Mrs. Barlow	...	0	5	0	Mrs. Webb	...	0	5	0
Miss Bligh	...	0	2	6	Mrs. Welchman	...	0	2	6
Mrs. Blanchard	...	1	0	0	Mrs. White	...	0	2	6
Miss Eva Bligh	...	0	2	6	Payments for Children	..	20	14	1
Hon. Mrs. Bligh	...	1	1	0	Offertory for Churchings	...	3	7	0
Mr. H. Bowling	...	1	1	0	A Thank Offering	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Burnett	...	1	1	0	A Gift	...	2	0	0
Mrs. Carr	...	0	10	0	From Entertainment Com.	...	1	10	0
Mrs. Clarke	...	0	2	6	Miss Alice Butler—Card	...	1	10	0
Mrs. Coope	...	0	5	0	Miss Eastland	..	1	1	6
Mrs. Coape	...	0	5	0	Miss Bligh	..	0	2	7
Mrs. Cutfield	...	0	2	6	Miss Peers	..	0	4	6
Mrs. Dowsett	...	0	3	0	Miss Cottman	..	0	5	2
Miss Eastland	...	0	2	6	Kate Storey	..	0	2	0
Miss Freeman	...	0	5	0	Miss Ada Butler	..	0	5	0
Mrs. FitzWygram	...	1	10	0	Miss Cooper	..	0	5	0
A Friend	...	0	10	0	Miss Austin	..	0	6	4
Mrs. Garnons	...	0	10	0	Miss F. Barlow	..	0	7	6
Mrs. Garrett	...	0	5	0	Balance due to Treasurer				
Mrs. Griffiths	...	0	5	0	March 31st, 1887	...	12	2	3½
Mrs. Gullick	...	0	10	0			£63	16	5½
Miss Gwatkin	...	0	5	0					
Miss C. Gwatkin	...	0	5	0					
Mrs. Hall	...	0	5	0					
Mrs. W. C. B. Hall	...	0	5	0					
Mrs. Hayes	...	0	10	0					
Mrs. Hopkins	...	0	5	0					
Mrs. Hetherington	...	0	5	0					
Mrs. Hitchcock	..	0	2	6					
Miss Hunt	...	0	2	0					
Mrs. Morley	...	0	2	6					
Mrs. Plunkett	...	0	5	0					
Mrs. Peers	...	0	2	6					
Mrs. Rait	...	0	5	0					
Mrs. Sewell	...	0	10	6					
Mr. R. J. Scriven	...	0	10	0					
Miss Singleton	...	0	1	0					
Mrs. J. Singleton	...	0	4	0					
Miss Stewart	...	0	2	6					
Miss Swatman	...	0	2	6					
Mrs. Tomlinson	...	0	5	0					
Miss Waterhouse	...	2	0	0					
Miss J. Ward	...	0	10	0					

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	
Balance due to Treasurer	April 1st, 1886	...	14	15	6
Making large Cupboard,					
Shelves, &c.	...	3	2	6	
Half cost New Stove	...	1	18	9	
Table	...	0	10	0	
Rent	...	19	11	6	
Coals	...	5	1	0	
Cradles, Mattresses, Sheets,					
Blankets, Pillows, &c.	...	3	1	2	
Washing	...	3	18	11	
Gas	...	0	5	0	
Girls for day work	...	2	0	0	
Sweep	...	0	2	0	
Chemist, &c.	...	0	4	6	
Milk and Food	...	9	2	11½	
Soap	...	0	2	8	
		£63	16	5½	

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR .

SEPTEMBER, 1887.

1	Th	
2	F	
3	S	
4	S	13th after Trinity. Celebrations 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
5	M	
6	Th	
7	W	
8	Th	
9	F	
10	S	
11	S	14th after Trinity. Celebration, 8 a.m. Baptisms, 3. 30 p m.
12	M	
13	Th	
14	W	
15	Th	
16	F	
17	S	
18	S	15th after Trinity. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
19	M	
20	Th	
21	W	<i>S. Matthew. Ember Day.</i> Celebration, 11 a.m.
22	Th	
23	F	<i>Ember Day.</i>
24	S	<i>Ember Day.</i>
25	S	16th after Trinity. Celebration, 8 a.m. ; Children's Service, 3.30 p.m.
26	M	
27	Th	
28	W	Service for Church Society, 7. 45 p.m. ; Meeting at Vicarage 8. 30 p.m.
29	Th	<i>S. Michael and all Angels.</i> Celebration, 11 a.m.
30	F	Provident Club, Vicarage, 12. 15 p.m. Meeting of Sunday School Teachers, Vicarage, 6. 15 p.m.