

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

NOVEMBER, 1887.

OFFERTORIES.

	£	s.	d.
Sunday, September 25.—General Fund	2	18	0½
Harvest Festival, September 29. } Tower & Spire Fund... 12	2	4½	
Sunday, October 2. -			
Sunday, October 9.—General Fund.....	3	5	1
„ „ 16.—General Fund	2	18	5¾

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EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

Oct. 9.—Edith Grace Willis.
 „ 9.—Ada Armes.

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Oct. 9.—Nellie Potbury.
 „ 2.—Letitia Scears.

MARRIAGES.

Oct. 1.—Edward Freeman and Charlotte Amelia Uzzell.
 „ 1.—William John Richard James, and Florence Stirling.
 „ 8.—John Wilce and Annie Kear.

BURIALS.

Sept. 21.—George Baker Martin, 62 years.
 „ 24.—Mary Bates, 52 years.
 „ 27.—Newton William Tolfree, 24 years.

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HYMNS FOR NOVEMBER.

Tu. *All Saints*, 427. W. 429. Th. 281. F. 193. Sa. 261.
 November 6, 22nd after Trinity, 309 | 208, 194 | 269, 170, 215.
 M. 279. Tu. 29. W. 255. Th. 197. F. 188. S. 178. November 13,
 23rd after Trinity, 225, 284, 235 | 224, 342 | 226, 244, 304. M. 163.
 Tu. 269. W. 225. Th. 175. F. 112. Sa. 22. November 20, 24th
 after Trinity, 317 | 274, 240 | 176, 196, 274. M. 291. Tu. 274.
 W. 238. Th. 165. F. 265. S. 208. November 27, Advent Sunday,
 51, 52 | 51, 473, 50 | 45, 362, 203, 463 pts. i and ii. M. 47.
 Tu. 54. W. S. *Andrew*, 403.

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S.P.G.—Our usual annual Missionary Sermons are fixed for Advent Sunday, when the Rev. H. Rowley will preach in the morning. Last year, it will be remembered, there was a good response to the appeals made by the Bishop of Jerusalem (then Archdeacon Blyth), and it is hoped that our interest in mission work will not be found to have lessened. There is, indeed, a continually increasing scope for our efforts, and a more loudly sounded cry from distant lands, which bids us come over, or at least send to tell the tale of gospel life and salvation to those who are still wrapped in the clouds of heathen darkness.

Parish Teas.—It is proposed that there shall be two Parish Teas during the coming winter season—the first on Wednesday, November 9th, and the other on Wednesday, February 1st.

Our Schools.—The visit of H.M. Inspector, the Rev. J. R. Byrne, is expected towards the end of the month.

Tower and Spire.—The work has steadily progressed during the past month, and now the tower, with the exception of portions of the

pinnacles, has reached its full height. The following additions have been made to the subscription list since last it was published:—

	£	s	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Coppard	1	1	0	Balance of Honey Account	1	7	2
Mr. & Miss Holt	1	1	0	Miss Singleton (2nd Don.)	0	5	0
Miss Eastland (Card) ...	1	0	0	Miss Downe (Card) ...	0	10	4
Mr. Barlow (2nd Don.) ...	5	0	0	Hon. Mrs. Bligh (Card) ...	2	7	5
Choir Subscription (to date)	5	5	0	Miss Griffiths	0	10	0
Mr. Ableson (2nd Don.) ...	7	10	0	Mr. & Mrs. Prewitt ...	5	0	0
Harvest Festival Offertory	12	2	4				
Mrs. King (Card)	0	10	6				
Mr. S. Walker	1	1	0	Total up to present date	£1677	14	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
Interest at Bank	4	3	6				

The following suggestions, contained in a letter from one of the Churchwardens, we trust will be favourably received:—

The question whether the Spire shall be built having happily been set at rest by the three principal subscribers advancing the money (Vicar £300, Mrs. Carr £200, Mrs. FitzWygram £100) to pay the Contractors' bills as they fall due, it remains only for us to consider how we can promptly repay the advances.

The demand on everyone has of late been such that it is almost useless to seek aid from the outside. We must therefore rely on our own resources; but there is no occasion to be dismayed on that account. Many people said it was impossible to cover the original estimate of £1500, and it was confidently predicted that four figures could not be reached, but they were reached in three weeks, and close on £1400 has already been received and paid for work done, and the promises now reach nearly £1700. There is no question that we can raise the balance in the course of the next two or three years; the only question is—How? It is well known that continuous dripping will wear away a stone, and this principle of a continuous drip seems the best method of wearing away the debt. It is proposed in the first place to ask for twenty subscriptions of 10s. per month each—not quite half-a-crown a week—and several have been promised on condition that the number be made up to twenty before the end of the year.

It is astonishing how small sums paid with persistent regularity mount up, for example—

20 at 10/- per month, or 2/6 per week	£120
20 ,, 5/- ,, 1/3 ,,	60
24 ,, 2/6 ,, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. ,,	36
60 ,, 1/- ,, 3d. ,,	36

Total in the course of a single year £252

With various little additions, such as continually crop up for a good cause, there is little doubt that the balance can thus be cleared off in about two years, and by that time the subscribers will have become so accustomed to this slight burden that they will unanimously agree to order the clock and continue the contribution till it is paid for.

We have much for which to thank those who have advanced the money, and prompt repayment will be the best way of showing our gratitude. Some who have promised for next year might like to transfer their promise to this account. It is proposed that the first monthly payment shall be due on the 1st January, 1888. I shall be happy to receive promises at once, and hope to be able to report next month that all the above classes are overflowing.—W. C. B. HALL.

Harvest Festival—There was a large congregation on the evening of S. Michael's Day, which, this year, was chosen for our Harvest Thanksgiving Services. Mr. Buckley was the preacher, and doubtless many were anxious to avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing the familiar voice of their old friend once more. We have not room this month for a very long account. It will be sufficient to say that the sermon was practical and good, and the service bright and well rendered by the Choir, augmented by members of the Hampton Wick and Sunbury Choirs. The decorations were, in many respects, similar

to those of last year, though, we may say, still more effective. Our thanks are due to those who sent offerings of fruit and flowers and vegetables, which were contributed in great abundance, nor must we omit to mention the really splendid loaf. Great credit is due to those who transformed the unsightly screen which temporarily shuts off the new Baptistry into a special feature of the decorations. A portion of the fruit and vegetables were forwarded to Richmond Hospital, and the remainder distributed in the parish among the sick and needy. The Secretary, in acknowledging the receipt of the parcel, expressed his 'very grateful thanks.'

The 'Phoenix' Club.—A Concert was given in the Boys' School, on Saturday, October 15th, by the members of the above total abstinence association. All the members appeared in full costume, with their showy scarves and orders. The interval between the parts was occupied by the presentation to Brother Musselbrook of a medal, as a recognition of his good services in assisting to establish this Fitz-Wygram branch, about a year ago. Brother Musselbrook made the best of his opportunity in a very telling speech in favour of the total abstinence movement.

Temperance.—On Monday evening, October 17th, there was a very crowded and enthusiastic meeting in the Congregational School, with the Vicar in the Chair. The speaker was our old friend Henry Raywood, who, if we are not mistaken, for the seventh time made his appearance at these meetings of the Hampton Total Abstinence Society. With his wonted energy he spoke and played and sang, and kept the audience in rapt attention for nearly two hours. The result was by no means barren, as nine fresh pledges were signed. Is there not a need for temperance work? We heard of a man last week, a good workman, too, who took his whole earnings, nearly £1, to the public-house, to pay his 'score' for drink, and received back 1s. 6d. change. We ask the sympathy and assistance of all to stem the tide of intemperance, and to hinder men, if possible, from ruining themselves, soul and body, by drink.

Missionary Work Society.—The meetings of this society will be held at the Vicarage at 2.45 p.m., on Fridays, November 4th and 18th, December 2nd and 16th, January 6th and 20th, February 3rd and 17th, March 2nd and 16th.

Dramatic Entertainment.—The efforts of those who gave us a performance on Wednesday, October 12th, under the wing of the Lawn Tennis Club, were thoroughly successful. 'Nine Points of the Law,' hardly less than the farce 'Who killed Cock Robin,' kept the audience almost too much amused. It would be invidious to particularise the special features of merit, but we think we may truthfully say that the acting all round was excellent, and some of the 'make up' inimitable. The proceeds were to be divided between the Recreation Ground and the Lawn Tennis Club. We fear that the amount realized was not as large as had been hoped, but we trust that when our dramatic friends give their entertainments for the benefit of the Schools, they may be rewarded with full houses.

School Treat Account.—We must apologise for two subscriptions, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett 5s., and Mr. G. Evans 5s., accidentally omitted from the School Treat account. Mr. W. C. B. Hall has since contributed 10s., reducing the deficit to £11 9s. 6d.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

NOVEMBER, 1887.

1	Tu	<i>All Saints.</i> Celebrations 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Bible Reading for Men, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.
2	W	
3	Th	Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
4	F	Work Meeting, Vicarage, 2.45 p.m.
5	S	Meeting of Sunday School Teachers, Vicarage, 6.15 p.m.
6	S	22nd after Trinity. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
7	M	
8	Tu	Bible Reading for Men, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.
9	W	Parish Tea, Boys' School, 6.45 p.m.
10	Th	Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
11	F	
12	S	
13	S	23rd after Trinity. Celebration, 8 a.m. Baptisms, 3.30 p.m.
14	M	
15	Tu	Bible Reading for Men, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.
16	W	
17	Th	Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
18	F	Work Meeting, Vicarage, 2.45 p.m.
19	S	
20	S	24th after Trinity. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
21	M	
22	Tu	Bible Reading for Men, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.
23	W	
24	Th	Communicants' Class for Young Women, Vicarage, 8 p.m. Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
25	F	<i>Day of Intercession for Missions.</i> Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. Provident Club, 12.30 p.m. Special Service & H.C., 11 a.m. Communicants' Class C, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m. Service & Sermon, 8 p.m.
26	S	
27	S	Advent Sunday. Celebrations 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sermons for S.P.G. Children's Service, 3.30 p.m.
28	M	Communicants' Class for Men, Vicarage, 8 p.m.
29	Tu	Communicants' Class A, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m. " " B, Vicarage, 8 p.m.
		Bible Reading for Men, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.
30	W	<i>S. Andrew.</i> Celebration, 11 a.m. Communicants' Class for Women, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m. " " for Women, Vicarage 8 p.m. " " for Young Men, Mission Room, 8 p.m.