

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1888.

OFFERTORIES.

	£	s.	d.
Sunday, November 27th.—S.P.G.	10	16	5½
„ December 4th.—General Fund.....	3	18	5
„ „ 11th.—General Fund.....	2	6	7
„ „ 18th.—General Fund.....	3	4	11½
„ Christmas Day.—The Poor	10	10	6½

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EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

Dec. 11.—John Somerset.
„ 11.—Amy Charlotte Chapman.
„ 25.—William Stanley Simmons.

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Dec. 25.—Helen Hilda Lewis.
„ 25.—Clarrie Elizabeth Lewis.

MARRIAGES.

Dec. 11.—William Henry Burns and Annie Elizabeth Herring.
„ 26.—Alfred Neill and Mary Jane Rivers.

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HYMNS FOR JANUARY.

January 1, Sunday after Christmas, *Circumcision*, 59, 71 | 73, 70 | 62, 70, 74, 56, Carols. M. 74. Tu. 73. W. 70. Th. 175. F. *Epiphany*, 79. Sa. 76. January 8, 1st. after Epiphany, 75, 78, 79 | 79, 78 | 80, 76, 81 | M. 75. Tu. 80. W. 178. Th. 173. F. 78. Sa. 189. January 15, 2nd. after Epiphany, 81 | 76, 77 | 79, 218, 173. M. 177. Tu. 77. W. 199. Th. 194. F. 224. Sa. 242. January 22, 3rd after Epiphany, 82, 77, 219 | 80, 82 | 82, 178 (pt. i), 177. M. 76. Tu. 225. W. *Conversion of S. Paul*, 405. Th. 291. F. 80. Sa. 261. January 29, Septuagesima, 83, 170, 168 | 83, 473, 168 | 83, 262, 172. M. 83. Tu. 168.

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The New Year.—We cannot let this season pass without wishing our readers a very happy New Year. May our work together in the parish during the coming year be blessed, and may it prove to be for the honour and glory of God.

Advent Services.—With the exception of one which fell upon a stormy, wet day, these services have been fairly well attended. We shall hope for a still better muster in Lent.

Christmas Day.—The decorations in the Church, including the new Baptistery, were especially good this year. The services were well attended, and the number of communicants again increased.

Confirmation—The Lord Bishop of London will hold a Confirmation in our Church during Holy Week. Candidates should at once give in their names to one of the Clergy.

Tower and Spire.—We had thought even up to Christmas Day, that we should have been able to announce the setting of the capstone of the Spire, as a thing accomplished within the year 1887. Frost, however, set in and stopped the work within a few feet of the finish. Our funds now amount to £1701 0s. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. Do not let us forget that £700 more is wanted, as well as the clock and bells.

The New Baptistery.—The first instalment of our additions to the Church has left the builder's hands, and we have to record the opening of the Baptistery beneath the new Tower, on Christmas Eve. After the usual Christmas Eve service, the clergy and choir proceeded to the Baptistery, and, standing round the Font, a short service was held, including the 127th Psalm, and the following collect specially compiled for the occasion:—

“Almighty and Everlasting God, mercifully be pleased to bless this Baptistery which we have built in the Name and strength of Him Who is the tried and precious Stone; visit it, we beseech Thee, with Thy merciful loving kindness; cleanse it by Thy grace from all pollution, and keep it ever pure; bless those who shall here be admitted through the holy waters of baptism into the fold of Thy Church; and may all who witness baptisms here, be stirred up to a more worthy fulfilment of their own baptismal vow. We ask all in the Name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.”

The procession then left the Baptistery, singing the 242nd Hymn, “We love the place, O God.”

Provident Club.—The distribution of the monies saved during the year by the members of the Provident Club, together with interest, 1d. in the shilling, took place at the Vicarage, on Wednesday, December 7th, when upwards of £400 was given out. We give below the annual balance sheet, in which it will be perceived is a large and increasing adverse balance. This state of things cannot be allowed to go on, and unless more subscribers can be obtained, or some other means of meeting the interest account be found, the Club must be closed, or started again upon a new footing. The sum required is not more than £10 per annum, surely such an excellent institution will not be allowed to fall for want of this?

ACCOUNTS for the Year ending December 31st, 1887.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Paid in by Members	395	12	6
Ditto for Cards	2	1	0
Interest at Savings Bank ...	3	18	1

SUBSCRIPTIONS:—

Mrs. Hayes	1	0	0
Miss Hayes	0	10	0
Mrs. Bowling	0	2	6
Mrs. FitzWygram	5	5	0
Mrs. Carr	2	0	0
Mrs. Hopkins	0	10	0
Mrs. Barlow	1	0	0
Miss Gwatkin	2	0	0
The Vicar.....	1	0	0
Hon. Mrs. Bligh.....	1	0	0
Deficit	15	11	0

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PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Deficit, 1886.....	5	16	6
Mr. Makepeace's Account	1	10	6
Paid back to Members	24	1	2

DISTRIBUTED:—

Money paid in	371	11	4
Interest	28	10	7

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Our Schools.—The much looked-for day of H.M. Inspector's visit has come and gone. On Monday, November 28th and the two following days, the Rev. R. Byrne and his two assistants, Mr. Shilton and Mr. Whitworth, arrived, and subjected the three departments of the School to a most searching examination. On the whole, we are glad to be able to report that the result is good. The amount of the Grant earned is £328 2s. 6d., as compared with £320 7s. 9d. last year, an increase of nearly £8, and in many ways the Inspector expressed himself well satisfied. The Boys passed well throughout the School, 93 per cent. of the maximum number of marks being obtained. Allusion is made in the report to "a great advance" having been made—"in the upper classes the paper work generally is good"—"songs are sung with great energy"—"the boys are quiet and well-behaved during the Examination." In the Girls' School there have been great difficulties to contend with, especially the severe illness of the Mistress, previous to and during the examination, and, in consequence, we are not surprised to find that in this department the result was not quite so good as last year. Still, it is gratifying to have to record the high commendation of the needlework. "The needlework equals or surpasses that of past years in quantity and quality. Again the neatness and finish of the work, with the good taste shown in it, are to be remarked." In the Infants' School we have, since June, had a new Mistress, to whose credit mainly (though we must not omit the share to which the late Mistress is entitled) redounds the character of the School, which we give in the Inspector's own words:—"The Infants' School is in highly efficient condition under its new Mistress. Reading, writing and arithmetic, both mental and on slates, are all very good, especially the writing, and the knowledge the children show of things about them, and their readiness in answering, are much above the common. Recitation is much to be commended. Drill exercises are remarkably well done. Needlework, both done during the year and for Examination, is considerably above the average. The Kindergarten specimens are better finished off than generally elsewhere. Singing by note is only just good enough, the songs would improve were there an instrument. Marching is very spirited. Discipline, especially in the principal schoolroom, excellent." If we add to this that (what is called) the "excellent" grant has been gained, and every possible penny earned throughout, we have every reason to be satisfied with the state of our Infant School.

Dramatic Entertainment.—An excellent and most amusing entertainment was given in aid of the funds of the School on Wednesday, December 14th. Surely such a good entertainment for so good an object was worthy of better support. The total takings were £10 12s., but only £4 of this are available for the School funds; but as soon as the expenses are paid every penny then goes to the School, so that 50 more tickets taken would mean £5 more added to the School funds. Cannot we stir up a little more enthusiasm? Good houses are the best reward to those who take so much trouble to provide for our entertainment—may it be an overflowing one on February 7th.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

JANUARY, 1888.

1	S	Sunday after Christmas. Circumcision. Celebrations 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.
2	M	
3	Tu	Bible Reading for Men, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.
4	W	
5	Th	Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
6	F	<i>Epiphany.</i> Celebration, 11 a.m. Work Meeting, Vicarage, 2.45 p.m.
7	S	
8	S	1st. after Epiphany. Celebration, 8 a.m. Baptisms, 3.30 p.m.
9	M	
10	Tu	Bible Reading for Men, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.
11	W	
12	Th	Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
13	F	
14	S	
15	S	2nd. after Epiphany. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
16	M	
17	Tu	Bible Reading for Men, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.
18	W	
19	Th	Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
20	F	Work Meeting, Vicarage, 2.45 p.m.
21	S	
22	S	3rd. after Epiphany. Celebration, 8 a.m.
23	M	Communicants' Class for Men, Vicarage, 8 p.m.
24	Tu	Communicants' Class A, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m. Bible Reading for Men, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.
25	W	<i>Conversion of S. Paul.</i> Celebration, 11 a.m. Communicants' Class for Women, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m. " Class B, Vicarage, 8 p.m. " Class for Young Men, Mission Room, 8 p.m.
26	Th	Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
27	F	
28	S	
29	S	Septuagesima. Celebration, 8 a.m.
30	M	
31	Tu	Bible Reading for Men, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.