

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

FEBRUARY, 1888.

OFFERTORIES.

		£	s.	d.
Sunday,	January 1st.—General Fund.....	4	7	8
”	” 8th.—General Fund.....	3	9	5½
”	” 15th.—General Fund.....	3	2	2
”	” 22nd.—General Fund.....	3	3	0½

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EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISM.

Jan. 8.—Maud Mary Boulonois.

MARRIAGES.

Jan. 19.—John William Lewis and Emma Elias.

BURIALS.

Jan. 11.—Phœbe Hitchcock, 44 years.

Jan. 12.—Allic Beatrice Brown, 19 years

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HYMNS FOR FEBRUARY.

W. 162. Th. *Purification*, 450. F. 180. Sa. 178 (part i). February 5, Sexagesima, 34 | 163, 215 | 169, 220, 32. M. 168. Tu. 169. W. 193. Th. 197. F. 176, Sa. 242. February 12, Quinquagesima, 210, 163, 167 | 279, 333 | 211, 162, 293. M. 83. Tu. 162. W. *Ash Wednesday*, 94 | 84, 466. Th. 92. F. 183. Sa. 89. February 19, 1st. in Lent, 92 | 94, 92 | 91, 353, 86, 465 (pts. i, ii). M. 84. Tu. 263. W. 198. Th. 94, 465 (pts. i, ii). F. 111. Sa. 254. February 26, 2nd. in Lent, 84, 93, 252 | 332, 473, 331 | 85, 94, 259, 465 (pts. i, iii). M. 92. Tu. 91. W. 93.

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The coming Lent.—How soon the Seasons come round again; too soon for some; before there seems to have been time for the improvement which was promised a year ago. So, I fear, many of us will be obliged to own, as we look back to the good resolutions made last Lent, and yet, we must acknowledge it, so imperfectly fulfilled. We should not however be disheartened, we must try again, try perhaps more heartily, more earnestly, more thoroughly. Lent is close at hand, let us be making out our minds to spend it well, to take advantage of all the opportunities which it may afford of making another start in a better life. Let this be our object in view, and if we succeed we shall feel less disposed to grudge the self denial which a Lent well spent involves. As usual there will be special services on Thursdays during Lent, viz:—Celebrations at 7.30 and 11, and special service at 8 in the evening. The Rev. R. DIGBY RAM will preach on Thursday, February, 23rd, and the Rev. G. N. FREELING, Rural Dean of Oxford, on Thursday, March 1st, and the other preachers will be announced next month. The Vicar will preach (D.V.) on the evening of Ash

Wednesday, and will also give a course of sermons on Sunday evenings throughout Lent on the "Steps towards a thorough repentance, illustrated by the parable of the Prodigal Son." 1. Coming to his senses. 2. The reason of the thing. 3. He stirs himself. 4. He goes to his father. 5. He tells out his repentance. 6. His good resolutions.

Confirmation.—It is now settled that the Confirmation is to be held in our church on Monday, March 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Intending Candidates should lose no time in giving their names to the Clergy, as the classes must be formed without delay.

Provident Club.—The financial position of this excellent institution has been brought before most of our readers in an appeal which was made to them on Septuagesima Sunday. It was then pointed out that there was a considerable adverse balance on last years account, and also that the income was not sufficient to meet the annual outgoings. Something was done then towards clearing off the past deficit, but it is most desirable to raise the amount of annual subscriptions sufficiently to meet all demands for the future. Once again may we urge the great importance of promoting as far as possible the practise of thrift. We cannot but feel that the comfort of the members of our Provident Club is most materially increased by the annual distribution just before Christmas of some £400 available for the purchase of clothes, blankets, boots or coals. And where does this money come from? Is it not saved out of the fire so to speak,—would not a considerable portion of it have been wasted, perhaps more than wasted, in those things which minister only to the pleasure or satisfaction of the moment? Is it not a good way of doing good to your neighbour, to give a few shillings to such an Institution as this when you know that each shilling you give means 14 shillings expended in clothing, or other necessaries by those to whom comforts in sufficient quantity are by no means easy to procure. The Vicar will be most glad to receive the names of those who will become annual subscribers, and hopes that soon all cause for anxiety for the future of the club will have passed away.

Tower and Spire.—We were all excitement at Christmas time, for the Spire required but a day or two's work to raise it to its full height, and we expected that the capstone would have been laid in 1887. There was however no long delay, for the bright dry frosty weather which had cheered the holiday makers on Boxing Day, gave way before a warm southern wind, and on Tuesday January the 3rd, a most lovely day, the finial was placed in position by Mrs. Bligh, who accompanied by Miss Butler, joined the Vicar and Churchwardens and many other parishioners who mounted to the top of the scaffold. The Choir conducted by Mr. Dawkins sang Hymn 215, "The Church's one foundation", in the new belfry immediately before the ceremony. After the stone was laid the "Te Deum" was sung and then "God save the Queen". To the many assembled around the effect of the singing, though softened by being shut up within the thick walls of the Tower, was pleasing and sweet, but on the top scarcely a sound was heard, and it was difficult to know whether the Choir were singing or not. Before the crowd dispersed, and it included a great number of adults, and we believe *all* the children of the parish, a number of

buns were thrown down from the top of the scaffold, to the great amusement of anxious expectants below.

Since then there has been a pause, waiting for the Vane which was not quite ready, but it has now been fixed and already almost all the length of the Spire has been cleared of the scaffold poles which obstructed the full view of its graceful proportions.

Mothers' Meeting Supper.—On the evening of the day on which the Spire was finished, the usual annual supper was given to the members of the different Mothers' meetings and their husbands. There was a very good attendance, and the numbers, including the staff of workmen from the Church who were invited to make it their "Rearing feast", reached very nearly to 100. An excellent entertainment followed, in which "Mother Goose" and a wonderful Persian Dwarf "Sir Ignis Fatuus Ponsasinorum", took leading parts. So closed a most successful day.

The Unemployed.—Though we are thankful to say there are not as many unemployed in our village as in many other parts of England, yet there has been a great scarcity of work, and we fear a considerable amount of suffering to many who though willing to work have not been able to get employment. To provide a remedy, as far as possible, a fund has been started for the purpose of finding employment for those unable to procure it, and at the same time carry out some work of public benefit. A sum of £28 8s. has been raised by subscriptions, an account of which is given below. A work which it is thought will prove a boon to many, the draining and re-gravelling of the School yards and approaches, has been taken in hand, and so far does credit to Mr. Singleton, who gives his time and undertakes the overlooking of the work as his contribution to the good work.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. FitzWygram	3	3	0	J. C. R.	0	10	6
Mr. H. P. Bowling	3	3	0	Mr. G. Evans	0	10	6
The Vicar & Mrs. Bligh ..	3	3	0	Mr. J. R. Scriven	0	10	0
Mr. W. C. B. Hall.....	1	1	0	Miss Waterhouse	0	10	0
Mr. T. Bowling	1	1	0	Mrs. Butler	0	10	0
Mr. W. Crofton	1	1	0	F. G.	0	10	0
Rev. G. W. Potter.....	1	1	0	Mrs. Lloyd	0	5	0
Mr. T. D. Ableson.....	1	1	0	Miss Nichols	0	5	0
Mr. G. H. Barlow	1	0	0	Mr. J. Garrett.....	0	5	0
Mrs. Carr.....	1	0	0	Mrs. Hayes	0	5	0
Mr. W. Blanchard.....	1	0	0	Mrs. Coape	0	5	0
Mr. J. W. Gullick.....	1	0	0	Mr. J. J. Roberts	0	5	0
Mr. J. Mason	1	0	0	Mr. A. E. Storey	0	5	0
Mr. A. Bowling	1	0	0	R. H.....	0	2	6
Mr. D. Rutherford.....	1	0	0	H. T. A.	0	2	6
Mr. J. Powell	1	0	0	Mrs. Jefferson.....	0	2	0
O. L.....	0	10	0	L. R.....	0	1	0

Entertainments.—The next Parish Tea is to take place on Wednesday, February 1st., and a Dramatic Entertainment in aid of the School funds on Wednesday, February 8th. It is hoped that there may be a good attendance at both of these entertainments, and that the latter will yield a substantial benefit to our Schools.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

FEBRUARY, 1888.

1	W	Parish Tea, Boys' School, 6.45 p.m.
2	Th	<i>Purification of the Virgin Mary.</i> Celebration, 11 a.m. Mission Service, Pantile fields, 8 p.m.
3	F	Work Meeting, Vicarage, 2.45 p.m.
4	S	Meeting of the Sunday School Teachers, 5.30 p.m.
5	S	Sexagesima. Celebrations 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
6	M	
7	Th	Bible Reading for Men, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.
8	W	Dramatic Entertainment, Boys' School, 8 p.m.
9	Th	Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
10	F	
11	S	
12	S	Quinquagesima Celebration, 8 a.m. Baptisms, 3.30 p.m.
13	M	
14	Th	Bible Reading for Men, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.
15	W	<i>Ash Wednesday.</i> Special Services, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.
16	Th	Celebrations, 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
17	F	Work Meeting, Vicarage, 2.45 p.m.
18	S	
19	S	1st. in Lent. Celebrations 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
20	M	
21	Th	Bible Reading for Men, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m. Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
22	W	<i>Ember Day.</i>
23	Th	Celebrations, 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Special Service, 8 p.m.
24	F	<i>Ember Day. St. Matthias.</i> Celebration, 11 a.m.
25	S	<i>Ember Day.</i>
26	S	2nd. in Lent. Celebration, 8 a.m. Children's Service, 3.30 p.m.
27	M	Bible Reading for Men, Vicarage, 8 p.m.
28	Th	Bible Reading in the Church, 2.30 p.m. " " for Men, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m. " " Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
29	W	Bible Reading, Division B., Vicarage, 2.30 p.m. " " Division C. Vicarage, 8 p.m.