

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

FEBRUARY, 1889.

OFFERTORIES.

	£	s.	d.
Sunday, December 23rd.—General Fund.....	2	12	6½
Christmas Day.....—The Poor	7	12	0
Sunday, December 30th.—General Fund.....	2	14	2½
„ January 6th.—General Fund.....	2	4	10
„ „ 13th.—General Fund.....	2	7	6½
„ „ 20th.—General Fund.....	2	2	8¾

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EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

Dec. 25.—Arthur Ridge.
Jan. 13.—Ethel Louise Webster.

MARRIAGES.

Dec. 21.—Robert Irvine and Agnes Britten.
„ 25.—Ernest Albert Elphick and Rose Emma Baker.

BURIALS.

Dec. 21.—Rose Mary Gilham, 6 years.
„ 26.—Alexander Ridge, 12 days.
Jan. 3.—Arthur Ridge, 19 days.
„ 14.—Amelia Catherine Winslet, 60 years.

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Tower and Spire.—We reprint here the text of a circular which is now being issued by the Committee appointed to carry out the building of the Tower and Spire:—

“The Challenge Subscriptions, amounting to £250, having failed to secure the contribution of the whole amount of the debt, we are in a position of owing still about £650 after all outstanding promises have been fulfilled. It is very desirable that those who kindly promised donations for 1888 should pay them soon, as, although the Builders have been paid in full, the long-suffering Architects have received little more than one-third of the commission due to them. After these amounts have been received and paid, a liability for £650 remains to

be faced; and, as the neighbouring landowners, whose property has been considerably improved by the completion of the Church, have not come forward as much as had been hoped, we appeal with confidence to our fellow parishioners to grapple with the difficulty, and liquidate the debt by an application of the principle of the continuous drip. Forms have been prepared upon which promises of one, two, three, or any other number of shillings per month can be made, and a band of collectors have kindly undertaken to look after the amounts. The advantage of this system is that it affords a means to all of contributing regularly, according to their means, on a common basis, and in a manner that will be scarcely felt, and that it is every one's interest to get fresh contributors in order the more rapidly to wear away the debt. We appeal to your sentiment of pride in our beautiful Spire, which is the admiration of all beholders, to the spirit of loyalty to our gracious Queen, whose glorious reign it commemorates, and to the sentiment of gratitude to Almighty God, to whose glory it is raised, and to whose house it attracts ever increasing congregations, to join in an united and sustained effort to clear away the debt within two or three years."

Our Choir.—Although we are sure that our friends who lead the singing in the Church look upon their efforts as *a work done for the honour and glory of God*, and feel it a privilege to be allowed to take a prominent part in sustaining the services of the Sanctuary, yet this is not the *only* way in which the congregation would wish their work to be viewed. We, the Clergy, and the Congregation, do greatly benefit by the labour which the Choir freely give. If we do not feel convinced of this, let us take notice the next time we are at a service at some other Church where there is a poor Choir, or no Choir at all. There are few who would wish to question the great advantage which a good Choir is to us. Perhaps it is not out of place now at this holiday season, in which the Choir have usually their annual gathering at the Vicarage, to say a word about them. As to numbers, we compare favourably with most Choirs. There are 20 men and 18 boys, and in addition to these, there is the second or afternoon Choir of 20 boys, which serves as a nursery, from which the ranks of the boys in the first Choir are recruited. There is a practice every Friday evening, at which the boys are obliged to attend regularly. It is much to be wished that the men could make their attendance as regular, but all of them are busy men, and some engaged often to a late hour, so that the difficulties in getting them together are considerable. Two years ago, as a recognition of their services, an excursion to the sea-side was organised, to which many members of the Congregation contributed liberally, and a very pleasant day was spent. It is hoped that a similar expedition may be arranged during the coming summer. We must not conclude this notice without a word for our Organist, whose energy and devotion to his work are well known, and to whom especially the good measure and character of the singing is due.

Female Orphans' Home.—We have been requested to announce that a Bazaar will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 13th and 14th, in order to raise funds to fill some of the beds at present unoccupied. £10 per annum will support an orphan. There are only 40 orphans in the home at present, but there is room for 50.

Mothers' Meeting Supper.—This annual supper, which includes fathers as well as mothers, took place at the Boys' School on the evening of New Year's Day. Upwards of 90 were invited, but the weather was not at all propitious for the old and delicate, and many whose work lay far from home were hindered from returning in time by the dense fog which prevailed at that time, but upwards of 60 sat down, and more came in afterwards. The supper, which was in fact very much the same as one of our parish teas, with the addition of as much cold meat as could be eaten, took place at the usual hour—a quarter to seven. Large numbers of ladies and gentlemen, district visitors and school teachers, kindly gave their services as helpers, or presided over the tea department. As soon as the tables were cleared and the room had been re-arranged, the entertainment began. There was a very varied programme, including readings, recitations, songs, and instrumental performances, all of which gave great satisfaction, and a happy evening was spent. Perhaps it might be well to take the present opportunity of explaining what the Mothers' Meetings are. There are three separate meetings, undertaken very kindly by ladies in the different parts of the parish. Mrs. FitzWygram holds one in her own house. Mrs. Salmon continues that which was so long held by our good friend Mrs. Garnons in the Eastbank Road Mission Room; and Miss Barnard holds a third in the Mission Room in the Pantile Fields. The meetings take place once every week in the afternoon. The mothers bring their work and their babies also, when it is necessary, and an interesting book is read to them. A few minutes is occupied towards the close of the meeting by a reading of a religious character, and the meeting is closed with prayer and the singing of a hymn. Occasionally the ordinary routine is interfered with by the introduction of a cup of tea.

Sunday School Treat.—On Thursday the children of the Sunday School had their usual winter Treat. They met at the Boys' School at 5 o'clock, where a large Christmas tree, prepared by kind friends, was lighted up. The Vicar shortly addressed the children, and while speaking in praise of the regular attendance of those who carried off the prizes, was obliged to comment on the unfavourable comparison of the numbers then present, to the average Sunday attendance. The prizes were given to the children by the Vicar's little son, who did his part with great spirit. After the buns were distributed the children filed by the Christmas tree, and each received a bag of sweets and an orange, and then this short but interesting little entertainment came to an end.

Total Abstinence Society.—Following the lead of others, this Society had their usual Christmas party in the shape of a tea and conversazione in the Congregational Schoolroom, on the evening of Monday, January 14th. Between four and five hours were spent by the company, which was restricted to members of the Society, in various games—bagatelle, inspection of photos, examining a microscope, and testing an electric machine which gave shocks gratis. Interspersed with these were some recitations and musical performances, which gave great satisfaction. A very pleasant evening was spent. We may mention that the interest which for five years has been shewn in the weekly meetings of the Society is unabated, and week by week they are very well attended.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

FEBRUARY, 1889.

1	F	Meeting of Sunday School Teachers, 5.45 p.m.
2	S	<i>Purification of the Virgin Mary.</i> Celebration, 10 a.m.
3	S	4th after Epiphany. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
4	M	
5	Th	Mission Service, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.
6	W	
7	Th	Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
8	F	
9	S	
10	S	5th after Epiphany, Celebration, 8 a.m. Baptisms, 3.30 p.m.
11	M	
12	Th	Mission Service, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.
13	W	
14	Th	Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
15	F	
16	S	
17	S	Septuagesima. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
18	M	
19	Th	Mission Service, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.
20	W	
21	Th	Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
22	F	Provident Club, Vicarage, 10.30 a.m.
23	S	
24	S	Sexagesima. S. Matthias —Celebration, 8 a.m. Children's Service, 3.30 p.m.
25	M	Communicants' Class for Women, 8 p.m.
26	Th	Communicants' Class for Women, 2.30 p.m. " " for Men, 8 p.m. Mission Service, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.
27	W	
28	Th	Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 10 a.m.
TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY 6 p.m.