

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

DECEMBER, 1889.

OFFERTORIES.

		£	s.	d.
Sunday,	October 27th.—General Fund.....	2	2	4½
„	November 3rd.—General Fund.....	2	8	1
„	„ 10th.—General Fund.....	2	6	0
„	„ 17th.—General Fund.....	2	13	5

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

Oct. 23.—Charles Smith.

Nov. 10.—Amy Isabel Augusta Pounds

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Nov. 10.—Arthur Thomas Taylor.

„ 20.—Frederick Tagg.

BURIALS.

Oct. 29.—Emily Edith Goodman, 4 years.

„ 31.—Maud Mary Cormick, 8 years.

Nov. 6.—Mary Spencer, 76 years.

HYMNS FOR DECEMBER.

December 1st, Advent Sunday, 51, 48 | 50, 47 | 51, 205, 53, 52.
M. 185. Tu. 193. W. 53. Th. 50, 463, pts. i. and ii. F. 48,
Sa. 17. December 8th, 2nd in Advent, 52, 206, 168 | 51, 338 | 49, 45.
204. M. 208. Tu. 210. W. 180. Th. 54, 463, pts. i, iii, and iv.
F. 47. Sa. 21. December 15th, 3rd in Advent, 50 | 48, 53 | 47, 51,
398. M. 221. Tu. 217. W. 242. Th. 48. 463, pts., i. and v.
F. 46. Sa. 257. December 22nd, 4th in Advent, 51, 46, 226 | 47,
24 | 362, 48, 203. M. 53. Tu. *Christmas Eve*, 60, Carol, 63, Carol.
W. *Christmas Day*, 62. 316, 324 | 60, 59 | Carols. Th. *S. Stephen*,
65. F. *S. John*, 66. Sa. *Holy Innocents*, 69. December 29th, 1st
after Christmas, 59, Carols, 57, 55, 62 | 60, 473, 62 | 60, Anthem,
58, Carols. M. 58. Tu. 63 | 288, 289, 379.

Advent—The season of Advent especially bids us look forward, bids us think of what is coming. How little we are inclined to do this, to sit down and try to picture to ourselves the state of things twenty or thirty or forty years hence, and we ourselves disappeared from off the face of the earth. No! we like to think of the world as it is, and we don't often think of it, except with *self* as the central figure of the picture. Advent bids us look forward to something different, to the time when the world itself shall no longer exist. It may not be, Advent tells us, that we shall die at all, but our existence here *must* shortly come to an end! Christ will come; this is sure, and when He comes, this world's life shall cease. His kingdom of heaven will be established, and He will reign over His people. But Advent tells us something more, and this it is which we find so difficult to realize. Christ's coming may be very close at hand, it may be this coming year, this next month, it might be to-morrow. Advent speaks a word of warning, it bids us prepare, make ready, watch! If we would only think thus about Advent, we should be more ready to join in the services, which are specially intended to help us to learn its

lesson. The following services have been specially arranged for this season:—

Thursday, December 5th, Preacher: Rev. J. ORMOND.
" " 12th, " Rev. C. N. WYLD.
" " 19th, " Rev. W. A. NEWTON.

The Vicar will also give (D.V.) a course of addresses on Sunday evenings:—

December 8th, Subject: Christ is coming—"Spiritually"
" 15th, " "Visibly."
" 22nd, " "Quickly."

He will also give special Advent addresses at the Mission Rooms:—

Wednesday, December 4th, Subject: "Hell."
" " 11th, " "Heaven."
" " 18th, " "Judgment."

Missions.—The special day for Intercession for Missions was S. Andrew's Day, November 30th. Sermons will be preached morning and evening in behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, by the Rev. J. COLEY, sometime Military Chaplain in India, on Sunday, December 1st.

Parish Tea.—About 120 sat down to tea on the day which under colour of commemorating the escape from the Gunpowder Plot is usually devoted to fireworks and bonfires. The Concert which followed was as usual dependent upon the efforts of our own people, and we think we are right in saying that most of those who were present enjoyed themselves right well. If we have a bone to pick with our audience, it is that they are somewhat too fond of the comic element. Many a beautiful song, and especially the most excellent instrumental music is passed over with scarcely a sign of approval, whilst almost any comic song is sure to draw down the most rapturous applause. We enjoy a little fun, but we don't want to see the popular taste lowered down to caring nothing for really good music.

Concert and Tableaux.—Somewhat a new departure in the way of entertainment was found in the Tableaux which Mr. Strutt-Cavell and his family got up for the benefit of that most useful institution the Provident Club. The first part, the concert, scarcely received the encouragement which was due to it, and this we think a good deal in consequence of the veto which was put upon encores. We think it scarcely wise to prohibit them, for such expression of good feeling gives life to an entertainment, and confidence to the performers. It would be better to cut out one or two items from the programme, and allow the audience to give full expression to their feelings. The tableaux were really a very great success, the scenery, the grouping and costumes exhibited the greatest skill and taste, and set forth to much advantage the successful poses of those who performed their silent but expressive part. The groups were illustrative of scenes from the works of that wonderful delineator of real life, Charles Dickens. We must not omit to thank the Stage and Chair Trust, for their latest contribution to the comfort of the audience in the shape of a gallery at the far end of the room, from which we are informed by those who tried it, the performances can be seen and heard to the greatest advantage.

Our Schools.—Once again, and for the last time *it must be*, unless during the present month we receive some promise of assistance, we

appeal for our National Schools! Shall they be given up for want of £40 a year? Shall the schools which now for many years have served such a good purpose—have afforded a good and sound education to so many of our people—be given up in exchange for the far less satisfactory, the far more expensive School Board? Are you so fond of paying rates that you wish to add at least another sixpence to the amount which our collector is bound to demand of you? Think well of this before you make the plunge! Remember there is *no way* for you to return! A School Board once established, means *henceforward* a heavy yearly rate! A small effort *now* will save us from a large amount of trouble! The Inspector and his two assistants examined the schools on Thursday and Friday, November 21st and 22nd. The result of the examination has not yet come to hand, but will be given in the next number of our magazine.

Accounts, year ending October 31st, 1889.

	BOYS.			GIRLS.			INFANTS.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Government Grant	124	6	3	112	11	5	80	0	0	316	17	8
Subscriptions &c.....	39	17	0	19	18	6	19	18	6	79	14	0
Church Offertory Fund	12	10	0	6	5	0	6	5	0	25	0	0
School Pence.....	87	13	7	86	18	6	27	7	9	211	19	10
Dramatic Entertainment	5	10	4	2	15	2	2	15	2			
Rent of School House...	17	4	0	8	12	0	8	12	0	55	7	11
Work Sold in School...				6	0	6	0	17	3			
Use of School	3	1	6									

Balance (deficiency to Oct, 31st. 1889)..... 688 19 5
118 19 3½

£807 18 8½

	EXPENDITURE.								
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance (deficiency last year).....							85	18	7½
Salaries—Head Teac'rs	141	8	9	92	10	0	66	10	0
Assistant do..	104	0	1	73	10	10			
Pupil Teac'rs				16	2	0	36	18	0
Monitors.....	18	4	0	2	5	0	2	5	0
Books, Apparatus, Stationery	27	6	9	17	19	0	10	6	2
Fuel, Light, Cleaning..	19	1	7	12	1	6	12	6	4
Replacements & Repairs	5	15	5	5	1	3	3	1	6
Rent	20	0	0	15	0	0			
Rates, taxes & insurance	4	10	4	2	9	5	2	9	5
Sundries.....	5	7	9	2	13	2	2	16	10
	£345	14	8	239	12	2	136	13	3
							807	18	8½

Gospel Mission Services.—We are glad to be able to report that so far these services have proved a success; each of the three first services having been attended by 50 persons or more, and these almost all grown up. We are sure that the music contributed by the Hampton Hill Orchestral Society is a great element of success. We are not, however, unmindful of the efforts of those who are working with us in the matter, and believe that much is due to them. There is indeed plenty of room for mission work in our midst, for notwithstanding the efforts which are being made to bring home the Gospel to all, there are many who are practically living the life of heathens in our midst. We would urge those who are working with us to continue their good work.

Provident Club.—The distribution of money will take place at the Vicarage, on Wednesday, December 11th, at 11 a.m.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

DECEMBER, 1889.

1	S	Advent Sunday. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sermons for S.P.G. Children's Mission Service, 3.30 p.m.
2	M	
3	Th	Dramatic Entertainment for the Schools, 8 p.m.
4	W	Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
5	Th	Celebrations, 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Special Advent Service, 8 p.m. Preacher, Rev. J. ORMOND.
6	F	
7	S	
8	S	2nd in Advent. Celebration, 8 a.m. Baptisms, 3.30 p.m.
9	M	
10	Th	Service for Communicants' Class, 9 p.m.
11	W	Distribution of Provident Money, Vicarage, 11 a.m. Mission Service, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.
12	Th	Celebrations, 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Special Advent Service, 8 p.m. Preacher, Rev. C. N. WYLD.
13	F	
14	S	
15	S	3rd in Advent. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
16	M	
17	Th	Concert in the Boys' School, 8 p.m.
18	W	<i>Ember Day.</i> Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
19	Th	Celebration, 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Special Advent Service, 8 p.m. Preacher, Rev. W. H. NEWTON.
20	F	<i>Ember Day.</i>
21	S	<i>S. Thomas.</i> <i>Ember Day.</i> Celebration, 10 a.m.
22	S	4th in Advent. Celebration, 8 a.m.
23	M	
24	Th	<i>Christmas Eve.</i> Choral Evensong, 7.30 p.m.
25	W	Christmas Day. Celebrations, 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Evensong and Carols, 5 p.m.
26	Th	<i>S. Stephen.</i> Celebration, 10 a.m. Sunday School Treat.
27	F	<i>S. John.</i> Celebration, 7.30 a.m.
28	S	<i>Holy Innocents.</i> Celebration, 10 a.m.
29	S	1st after Christmas. Celebration, 8 a.m. Children's Service, 3.30 p.m.
30	M	Mothers' Meeting Supper, 6.45 p.m.
31	Th	Midnight Service, 11.30 p.m.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 10 a.m.
TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY 5.30 p.m.