

# The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1890.

## OFFERTORIES.

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Sunday, November 24th.—General Fund.....	2	1	7
„ December 1st.—S. P. G.....	7	7	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
„ „ 8th.—General Fund.....	2	3	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
„ „ 15th.—General Fund.....	2	14	10
„ „ 22nd.—General Fund.....	2	2	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Christmas Day.—The Poor.....	6	10	0

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## EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

### BAPTISMS.

Dec. 3.—Anna Rita Gunner.  
 „ 8.—Albert Jesse Charles Singleton.  
 „ 8.—Walter John Ernest Shepherd  
 „ 8.—Ann Martha Lock.

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Dec. 8.—Charles Lock.  
 „ 8.—Arthur Durnford.  
 „ 17.—Lionel Edgar Farrant.  
 „ 22.—Gwendoline Bowling.  
 „ 22.—Harold Frederic Singleton.

### MARRIAGE.

Dec. 23.—Edward Smith and Annie Gunner.

### BURIALS.

Nov. 27.—Maude Lay, 22 months.  
 „ 28.—Adela Pemberton, 40 years.  
 Dec. 2.—William Boden, 56 years.  
 „ 14.—Herbert Singleton, 3 years.  
 „ 19.—Henry Appleby, 52 years.

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## HYMNS FOR JANUARY.

W. *Circumcision*, 70. Th. 73. F. 74. Sa. 72. January 5th, 2nd after Christmas, 71, | 58, 62 | 70, 74, 179. M. *Epiphany*, 79. Tu. 78. W. 76. Th. 282. F. 180. Sa. 270 January 12th, 1st after Epiphany, 77 177, 81 | 79, 80 | 75, 178, pt. i., 80. M. 177. Tu. 77. W. 79. Th. 24. F. 107. Sa. 242. January 19th, 2nd after Epiphany, 79 | 76, 77 | 76, 78, 173. M. 78. Tu. 75. W. 80. Th. 268. F. 265. Sa. *Conversion of S. Paul*, 405. January 26th, 3rd after Epiphany, 82, 220, 80 | 79, 473, 78 | 82, 219, 81. M. 199. Tu. 26. W. 76. Th. 178. F. 78.

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**The New Year.**—We wish our readers a very Happy New Year! We none of us can tell what may be the issue of the year upon which we are entering, but we can commend ourselves and our friends to the care of God. May His blessing rest upon us, and keep us safe through all the ups and downs of life, and bring us at last to the haven of everlasting rest.

**The School Board Question.**—What is our position now? Certainly our prospects look brighter than they did a month ago. The circular issued by the Managers of our Schools has been productive of good results. It has shown that the great majority of the ratepayers are adverse to the establishment of a School Board. It has brought in

considerable promises of help. About £40 donations are promised towards the reduction of the debt which amount altogether to about £140. There are also promises of increased subscriptions of upwards of £20 per annum. A public meeting of the ratepayers of Hampton Hill has since been held, and was very largely attended. At this meeting the whole question of School Boards and Voluntary Schools was fully discussed, and as a result, an almost unanimous vote was given, (*only three* held up their hands in its favour) *against* the establishment of a School Board! Encouraged by these strong expressions of the opinion of the ratepayers, the managers have determined to continue the struggle and to keep open the Voluntary Schools for the present, but they would not have it understood that the battle is won. The debt is not yet much more than a quarter paid. The promises of increased subscriptions do not nearly meet the annual deficit; so more must be done, if the Schools are to be made permanently secure. An attempt is now being made to induce the Directors of the large Companies, who hold so much property and employ so much labour in Hampton Hill to recognize the responsibility which their position seems to involve, by supporting the schools in which the children of their work-people are educated. A School Board rate would fall heavily upon them, it would surely be to their advantage to help to keep up the Voluntary Schools by giving a comparatively small annual subscription. If the Voluntary Schools are to survive, we must all work together, Managers and Ratepayers, our own parish together with Hampton, we must every one of us do our best, and not only record our votes but also supply the funds necessary for the continued maintenance of the excellent schools which it is our good fortune at present to possess.

**Our Entertainments.**—An excellent dramatic entertainment as well as a good concert have been given during the past month. There have been fair audiences, but we could wish for larger numbers. It must be remembered that these entertainments, especially the dramatic, are produced only by hard work on the part of those who get them up. The only reward which their labour can receive is the thorough appreciation and support of those for whom they so freely work. We trust that our friends will make a larger effort, and each one by personal attendance do all that can be done to ensure crowded houses and enthusiastic support of the concert and dramatic entertainment which yet remain to be given.

**Cricket Club.**—A cricket club was started last season which promised to be our Parish Club. The ground which was used last summer has been enclosed for garden purposes. Has anything been done to secure a new ground before the cricket season comes round? Would it be possible to get leave to use the ground already granted to our football players, just inside the gate of Bushey Park?

**Our Schools.**—H.M. Inspector's Report has just arrived in time to be included in this month's magazine. Taken all round it is a good report and the amount of grant is quite up to the average. We give the report in full:—

**Boys' School.**—“The boys have passed a more satisfactory examination in their Standards this year. In each of the Elementary Subjects there is an advance, but

there is still room for improvement in Handwriting and in Arithmetic. Both Grammar and Geography are good. Recitation would be the better for more expression in it. Singing by note on the whole is pretty good, but more practice in the ear test would be advisable. Songs are sung with great energy. Good order is kept. The registers show an irregularity of attendance, which must be a serious hindrance to the success of the school."

**GIRLS' SCHOOL.**—"The girls have done much better than usual in their Elmentary Work, more particularly in their Spelling. In the lower Standards they pass for the most part, but Reading is rather indistinct and Handwriting not always legible as it might be. The papers of the upper Standards are generally good, especially the Composition of the fifth Standard. Grammar is very fairly good. Recitation correct, but wanting in life and intelligence. The Needlework on view is as plentiful and varied and very well done as usual. The samples done for examination were only fair. Singing is to be commended, both songs and exercises. Discipline is in general good."

**INFANTS' SCHOOL.**—"The infants have done on the whole very nicely this year. Handwriting especially is very good, and in Reading there is improvement. In Oral Examination they answer with intelligence, but too noisily. Needlework and Knitting exhibited are above the average. The work for examination is fairly well done. Recitation has more expression in it than generally elsewhere. Songs are nicely sung and a proper acquaintance shewn with the notes. Marching is very good. Very fairly good order is kept. The attendance is outrunning the accommodation "

**Christmas.**—This year at least we have been favoured with a glorious day for our great Festival. A light frost and a bright sun which held its own throughout the day, and in its parting lit up the sky with lovely roseate hues. Before the sun rose, however, our Christmas Day had commenced, and there were a goodly few who were present at the 7 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion. At 8 a.m. there was a Choral Celebration, which was well attended by the choir, 17 of whom were communicants. The eleven o'clock service was well attended and there was a considerable number of communicants. At evensong, at 5 o'clock, carols were substituted throughout for hymns and the service was bright and hearty. The Church looked very nice and thoroughly in keeping with the joyous Festival. The decorations were almost entirely to the Chancel and Baptistery, but were especially good. The singing throughout the day was most hearty, and we congratulate the choir upon their efforts to make the services thorough and bright. Their good attendance at all the services was a special feature of their Christmas.

**Sunday School Treat.**—There were very few absentees from the gathering of the Sunday School children on Boxing Day at 5 p.m. The large schoolroom was tightly filled with the children and teachers and a few friends. Before the prizes were distributed, the infants gave several recitations, notably that concerning the death of Cock Robin, which gave great satisfaction to the audience. The girls also sang, but the boys reserved their voices for the general harmony of the evening which was of the heartiest and loudest description imaginable. The prizes were distributed by two young people and, in most cases were the highly merited reward of excellent attendance during the year. The Magic Lantern exhibited by the Vicar, was as usual highly appreciated by the little folk, and, together with the buns, sweets and oranges, exactly suited their tastes. Altogether it was a most successful evening, and we trust it will conduce to the success of the Sunday School during the coming year.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

## JANUARY, 1890.

1	W	<i>Circumcision.</i> Celebrations, 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Mission Service, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.	
2	Th		
3	F		
4	S		
5	S	<b>2nd after Christmas.</b> Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Epiphany. Celebration, 10 p.m.	
6	M		
7	Th	Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.	
8	W		
9	Th		
10	F		
11	S		
12	S	<b>1st after Epiphany.</b> Celebration, 8 a.m. Baptisms, 3.30 p.m.	
13	M		
14	Th	Concert, Boys' School, 8 p.m.	
15	W	Mission Service, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.	
16	Th		
17	F		
18	S		
19	S		<b>2nd after Epiphany.</b> Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
20	M		
21	Th	Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.	
22	W		
23	Th		
24	F		
25	S		
26	S	<b>3rd after Epiphany.</b> Celebration, 8 a.m. Children's Service, 3.30 p.m.	
27	M		
28	Th	Communicants' Class, C., Vicarage, 8 p.m. Communicants' Class, A., Vicarage, 2.30 p.m. " " B., Vicarage, 8 p.m.	
29	W	Mission Service, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.	
30	Th	Parish Tea, Boys' School, 6.45 p.m.	
31	F	Provident Club, Vicarage, 10.30 a.m. Meeting of Sunday School Teachers, Vicarage, 5.45 p.m.	

### WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY ... .. 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY ... .. 5.30 p.m.