

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1891.

OFFERTORIES.

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Sunday, November 23rd.—General Fund.....	2	8	4
„ „ 30th.—S.P.G... ..	6	14	10
„ December. 7th.—General Fund.....	2	16	6½
„ „ 14th.—General Fund.....	1	16	2
„ „ 21st.—General Fund.....	1	19	1

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EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISM.

December 7.—Frederick George Bremridge.

MARRIAGES.

November 22.—Edward Thomas Tomkins and Harriett Moody.

„ 29.—Frederick Paul May and Harriett Jane Cranham.

December 3.—John Davies and Louisa Elizabeth Bailey.

BURIALS.

November 27.—James Coomber, 81 years.

December 6.—Ethel May Shorter, 3 years.

„ 7.—Dora Maud Fentiman, 14 weeks.

„ 7.—William James Alexander, 2 years.

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HYMNS FOR JANUARY.

Th. *Circumcision*, 73. F. 72. Sa. 70. January 4, 2nd after Christmas, 71 | 70, 17 | 70, 74, 179. M. 39. Tu. *Epiphany*, 79. W. 182. Th. 177. F. 209. Sa. 210. January 11, 1st after Epiphany, 76, 79, 80 | 79, 335 | 77, 177, 81. M. 231. Tu. 230. W. 217. Th. 214. F. 194. Sa. 163. January 18, 2nd after Epiphany, 81 | 76, 242 | 79, 220, 82. M. 241. Tu. 26. W. 162. Th. 19. F. 169. Sa. 22. January 25, Septuagesima, *Conversion of S. Paul*, 83, 210, 405 | 215, 473, 333 | 83, 406, 172. M. 290. Tu. 291. W. 272. Th. 281. F. 273. Sa. 164.

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The New Year.—We wish all our readers a very Happy New Year! Whilst thanking them for their forbearance, and the kind way in which our Magazine, with all its failures, has hitherto been received, we would ask them to continue their support during the coming year, and to help us if possible to increase its circulation, and thereby, we hope, its usefulness; as part of our parochial machinery.

Advent.—The weather may to some extent be made responsible for the smallness of the congregations which came together for the special Thursday evening services. We think, however, that were there a little more earnestness and zeal, there might have been more present. On Sunday evenings, too, the attendance has suffered from the weather. On Advent Sunday the Rev. T. Woodman preached morning

and evening, and also addressed the school children in the afternoon. His reference to his own experience in Basutoland was very interesting, and might well have warmed our Missionary zeal. The offertories were not as good as we might have hoped.

Soup Kitchen.—In consequence of the unusual severity of the weather, which has thrown so many out of work, and has caused much distress amongst the working classes, a soup kitchen has been opened with a view to mitigating as much as possible the suffering which prevails. A subscription list has been opened for the purpose of enabling the managers to sell at about half the prime cost of the soup. A Committee Meeting was held in the Vestry on Christmas Eve, at which The Vicar, Miss Barnard, Messrs. H. P. Bowling, W. C. B. Hall, O. Lambert, and Rev. S. N. Waterhouse were present. It was decided to carry on the soup kitchen on the lines upon which it had been commenced. Tickets were voted to be distributed free to the District Visitors. Tickets will also be given to subscribers who wish to have them to the amount of half their subscription, and these may be given away without restriction.

Entertainments.—Notwithstanding the inability of the Entertainments Committee to arrange a programme for this present winter season, yet ere December closes with the last days of the year 1890, it will have given good evidence that the school platform still exists for the Entertainments of the people of Hampton Hill. In the first place there was the Primrose Meeting, on which, because we will not admit politics in any shape into the pages of the Magazine, we will make no comments. It was not, however, on this occasion, nor has it ever been, simply a meeting for the furtherance of political ends, but also a pleasant social gathering, at which all who are fortunate enough to get tickets are treated gratis to a really good entertainment. Not to mention all the performances, the violin solos of Miss Griffiths, and the recitation of Miss Inez Roe, had quite sufficient merit, without other attractions, to have drawn together the large audience with which the Boys' School was packed. The next week followed a new departure, an entertainment given by the teachers and children of our schools. Again the school was filled to overflowing, and upwards of 500 were gathered within its walls. Of this, and the Tableaux which were given the following week and which were largely attended, notwithstanding the cold, we give notice at greater length below. On Boxing Day we again hope to see the school filled with the children of our Sunday School, and either at the end of the month or on New Year's Day, the women who attend the three Mothers' Meetings held in the parish, are, with their husbands, to be entertained with a supper and concert or other performance. It would seem then that there is still some of the old spirit left, nor should people grumble because there is nothing going on for their amusement.

Our School Children.—Too long have their powers to entertain been hidden away from public view. This is the verdict which we are sure many pronounced who were amongst the audience at the Concert and Entertainment which was given on Wednesday, December 10th, by the school teachers and their children. Perhaps many will allow that the children of our schools are well instructed in their book learning, that they are carefully prepared to take part in life, and, above all, receive a thoroughly sound religious education; but many did not

realize, till they saw its proof in last weeks Entertainment, what bright and intelligent members of society their children were being trained to be, and what a power was being developed in them to amuse and interest their parents and friends. It may be mentioned that the whole entertainment was the outcome of only a few days' preparation, and there was time for very little study of the parts which so many took in the programme. As most of us were present, a detailed description of the performance might seem superfluous; we will not therefore attempt more than a scanty notice. The teachers themselves in their songs and glees added considerably to the success of the evening. The singing of the boys and girls, who just gave the results of their regular school work was a decided credit to them, and their recitations and dialogues gave good evidence of the thoroughness of the instruction which has been given to them. Perhaps the most striking part of the performance was the precision with which the Infants went through their musical drill, and the delightfully natural and distinct way in which they gave their recitations. We hope that these entertainments, which promise to continue most popular, will often be repeated, and we think we may give good assurance that such will be the case.

Tableaux Vivants.—An excellent entertainment was given in the Boys' School, on Tuesday, December 16th, in aid of the funds of the Horticultural Society, which suffered so much by the disappearance of the late Secretary. A concert was given some little time back at Hampton, by which something over £5 was netted towards the repayment of the debentures which were issued for the purpose of tidying over temporarily the financial difficulty. On the present occasion there was a good gathering considering the weather, and more realized than at Hampton, but we could have wished that more tickets had been sold, and a more considerable sum handed over to the Treasurer of the Horticultural Society. The exact amount realized will be given in our next. Of the Entertainment we must speak most strongly in its praise. All the tableaux were excellently arranged, and the effect charming, and the scenery belonging to the Stage and Chairs Trust, supplemented by some specially painted by Mr. R. M. Roe, left nothing to be desired. Some have attempted to adjudge the palm of merit. We are inclined to follow in the footsteps of Father Christmas, who would not choose a Queen from amongst so many pretty flowers. The two first tableaux, though very beautiful, were somewhat put into the shade by the effect of borrowed lights in the third and fourth, which made it hard to say, whether Joan of Arc or Hermione should rank in the first place. The intervals, which it was impossible to make very short, were pleasantly passed in listening to the really good music of the Hampton Hill Orchestral Society. We must not omit to mention Father Christmas, whose make-up and costume were inimitable. He was the life and centre piece of the pleasing little competition for Queenhood amongst so many apt representatives of our favourite flowers.

Temperance.—The meetings of the Total Abstinence Society have been well sustained throughout the first half of the winter season. On December 8th, our old friend Henry Raywood gave an address, and, as usual, there was a crowded room ready to receive him. Doubtless there is a power in his honest reality which always ensures him a rapt attention from every single individual in a crowded room.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

JANUARY, 1891.

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

WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

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