

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

FEBRUARY, 1891.

OFFERTORIES.

		£	s.	d.
1890.				
*Christmas Day, Dec. 25th.—The Poor.....		31	15	2½
Sunday, December 28th.—General Fund.....		2	16	8
1891.				
Sunday, January 4th.—General Fund.....		2	5	4
„ „ 11th.—General Fund.....		1	7	11
„ „ 18th.—General Fund.....		2	3	6

*Including £25 part of a cheque for £100, which was placed in the offertory with a memorandum directing that the money should be applied as follows : To the Tower and Spire Fund, £25; To the Clock Fund, £25; To the Provident Club, £25; To the Poor, £25.

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

MARRIAGES.

December 3.—Harry Rivers and Emily Harmes.
 „ 27.—John William Reed and Lily Frances Lucas.
 January 20.—John Charles Batten and Clara Ellen Chapman.
 „ 20.—Hugh Davison Wadham and Mabel Emily Beeching.

BURIALS.

December 30.—Elizabeth James, 86 years.
 January 6.—James Bransom, 63 years.
 „ 7.—Thomas Richard Richnell, 53 years.

HYMNS FOR FEBRUARY.

February 1, Sexagesima, 6 | 224, 261 | 162, 407, 168. M. 269. Tu. 221. W. 162. Th. 267. F. 161. Sa. 17. February 8, Quinquagesima, 34, 191, 36 | 217, 197 | 262, 170, 271. M. 165. Tu. 163. Ash Wednesday, 94 | 84, 466. Th. 93. F. 105. Sa. 22. February 15, 1st in Lent 92 | 83, 176 | 94, 355, 86, 465 pt. i. M. 94. Tu. 112. W. 267. Th. 92, 465 pt. i. F. 109. Sa. 91. February 22, 2nd in Lent, 91, 184, 259 | 92, 473, 334 | 198, 93, 85, 465 pt. it. M. 89. Tu. *S. Matthias*, 269. W. 267. Th. 244, 465 pt. ii. F. 106. Sa. 93.

Our Vicar who for some time has been suffering from the strain of over-work, has gone abroad for rest and change. He is at present at Cairo with Mrs. Bligh, and from the accounts which have reached us from every stage of their journey—Paris, Rome and Naples—it is evident that the journey has been both agreeable and beneficial. We have no doubt that our Vicar will soon be restored to us in his usual perfect and vigorous health; and in the meantime we are very glad to think that he and Mrs. Bligh have escaped the Arctic winter we are having, and are now enjoying sunshine and rest in Egypt on the banks of the Nile.

Lent.—This year Lent commences much earlier than usual, Ash Wednesday being on the 11th of February. It ought not to be necessary to remind Christians that from the earliest days of Christianity it has been customary to set apart a period of rather more than forty days before Easter, during which the followers of Jesus should devote all the time they can spare from their several avocations to self-examination and to good works. And surely it is not surprising that such a custom should have existed from the beginning; for when we remember it is in the closing days of Lent that we commemorate the last sufferings and death of Christ; when we remember why He suffered and died, and why we are called Christians; it becomes self-evident to all who can read, or listen and reflect, that this is the most appropriate occupation for a Christian at this season. In every Christian land, nay, wherever on earth two or three followers of Jesus meet together to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, there is this season of Lent observed and kept; and in this Parish every due provision has been made by the careful forethought of our good Vicar for the spiritual needs of his flock. The Thursday Evening Special Services will be held as has been usual in the past at 8 o'clock throughout the season, commencing on the 19th inst., to which all are cordially invited. Further particulars will be announced later.

Confirmation.—A Confirmation will be held by the Lord Bishop of Marlborough in the Parish Church on Tuesday, March 17th. Candidates' Classes have been formed, and if any others wish to join they must make application as speedily as possible.

Provident Club.—The accounts of the Provident Club would have presented a considerable adverse balance had it not been for an anonymous gift in the offertory on Christmas Day. Although it is a matter for congratulation to be free from debt, yet we hope that an effort will be made so to increase the number of our subscribers as to make our income equal to the annual expenditure. Every penny subscribed represents a shilling saved and expended in clothes and other necessaries at the beginning of winter.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1890.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Paid in by Members ...	382	19 5	Balance against 1889 ...	11	8 4
Ditto for cards ...	1	7 0	Paid back to Members ...	18	15 4
Interest at Savings Bank ...	3	1 11	Distributed to poor:—		
Offertory Christmas Day ...	25	0 0	Money paid in ...	364	4 1
Subscriptions —			Interest ...	28	14 6
Mrs. FitzWygram ...	5	0 0			
Mrs. Carr ...	2	0 0	Balance in hand ...	3	8 7
The Vicar & Mrs. Bligh ...	2	0 0			
Mr. V. Griffiths ...	1	1 0			
Mr. H. Bowling-Trevenion ...	1	1 0			
Mrs. & Miss Hayes ...	1	10 0			
Miss Gwatkin ...	1	0 0			
Mrs. Hetherington ...	0	10 6			
	£426	10 10		£426	10 10

The Soup Kitchen established at the FitzWygram Coffee Tavern has proved most useful in helping us to cope with the present distress; more than one thousand pints of good substantial soup, together with as many pieces of bread, having been distributed within thirty days of its being opened.

Coals.—There have been two distributions of Coal by the Vicar and Churchwardens of Hampton, in which the inhabitants of this Parish have participated, and it is expected that a further supply may be divided among our suffering poor. Besides the above, a further considerable quantity of coal provided by the generous liberality of a parishioner, has also been distributed during the past month.

Temperance.—On Monday evening, 12th January, a Social Gathering of Total Abstemiers was held in the Congregational Schoolroom. An excellent tea was provided by Mr. March, who acted as caterer; and the room was prettily decorated by the Misses Allison. There were present among others, the Rev. and Mrs. de Ricci, Miss Butler, Mr. O. Lambert, Mr. and the Misses Allison, Mr. and Mrs. March, &c. Mr. Allison's bagatelle table, electric battery, and large stereoscope provided amusement to all; and there were other games in abundance for everyone. Great regret was expressed at the absence of the popular secretary, Mr. Tite, who we are sorry to hear has been obliged to go to the seaside for a change. Mrs. Tite would not leave her husband in his illness, and her absence was universally regretted.

Sunday School Treat.—On Boxing Day the children of the Sunday School were assembled in the Boy's School, for the purpose of receiving the prizes for good conduct and regular attendance. After a few words from the Vicar, the children were called up one by one to the platform erected at the end of the room, where Mrs. Bligh presented each of them with a handsome book suitable to their age. The Vicar then brought his magic lantern into action, and for more than an hour provided a most interesting and amusing entertainment, which was very well received and highly appreciated, not only by the school children, but also by their teachers and others, their elders, who were present. At the conclusion the little ones received each, an orange, a bun and some sweets; and amid hearty cheers for the Vicar and Mrs. Bligh they dispersed to their homes at half-past seven; while their teachers adjourned to the ice and enjoyed a couple of hours skating.

Bazaar for Tower and Spire.—We hope that none will forget to do all they can in preparation for this Bazaar which it is intended to hold early in the summer with the object of greatly reducing, if not extinguishing the debt on the Tower and Spire Fund. We have heard that several ladies have agreed to hold weekly working parties at their different houses especially for this. The success of the Bazaar will greatly depend upon the energy and zeal which is shew in preparing for it.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

FEBRUARY, 1891.

1	S	Sexagesima. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. <i>Purification of the Virgin Mary.</i> Celebration, 10 a.m. Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
2	M	
3	Tu	
4	W	
5	Th	
6	F	
7	S	
8	S	Quinquagesima. Celebration, 8 a.m. Baptisms, 3.30 p.m. <i>Ash Wednesday.</i> Special Services, 11.15 a.m. and 8 p.m. Celebrations, 7.15 a.m. and 10 a.m.
9	M	
10	Tu	
11	W	
12	Th	
13	F	
14	S	
15	S	1st in Lent. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Celebrations, 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Special Service, 8 p.m.
16	M	
17	Tu	
18	W	
19	Th	
20	F	
21	S	
22	S	2nd in Lent. Celebration, 8 a.m. Communicants' Class, C.* <i>S. Matthias.</i> Celebration, 10 a.m. Communicants' Class A.* " " B.* " " D., Eastbank Road, 8 p.m. Celebrations, 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Special Service, 8 p.m. Provident Club, Vicarage, 10.30 a.m. *Classes A B & C are suspended for the present.
23	M	
24	Tu	
25	W	
26	Th	
27	F	
28	S	

WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

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