

# The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

FEBRUARY, 1892.

1891.	OFFERTORIES.	£	s.	d.
Christmas Day, December 25th.—The Poor.....		6	17	0
Sunday, December 27th.—General Fund.....		3	7	9
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Sunday, January 3rd.—General Fund.....		3	3	1
„ „ 10th.—General Fund.....		2	1	0
„ „ 17th.—General Fund.....		2	12	6

## EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

### BAPTISMS.

Jan. 10.—Dorothy Jessie Cubison. | Jan. 10.—Gladys Adeline Kate Anderson.  
 „ 10.—Henry Theodore Kolbe. | „ 14.—Arthur Chapman.

### BURIALS.

December 26.—William Stephen Taylor, 73 years.  
 January 1.—Amelia Millett, 52 years.  
 „ 4.—Edwin Sykes, 83 years.  
 „ 4.—Edward Henry Rudderforth, 78 years.  
 „ 4.—Caroline Margaret Hall, 81 years.  
 „ 5.—Eleanor Nicholson, 68 years.  
 „ 13.—Emma Pasbach, 33 years.  
 „ 16.—Alfred Penn, 24 hours.  
 „ 21.—Arthur Chapman, 14 days.

## HYMNS FOR FEBRUARY.

M. 72. Tu. 22. W. 76. Th. 78. F. 286. Sa. 173. February 7th,  
 5th after Epiphany, 215 | 82, 78 | 214, 82, 260. M. 172. Tu. 254.  
 W. 280. Th. 248. F. 255. Sa. 180. February 14th, Septuagesima,  
 83, 34, 228 | 83, 334 | 170, 227, 36. M. 265. Tu. 79. W. 271.  
 Th. 27. F. 176. Sa. 169. February 21st, Sexagesima, 172 | 162,  
 38 | 297, 38, 168. M. 23. Tu. 270. W. 269. Th. 207. F. 190.  
 Sa. 188. February 28th, Quinquagesima, 210, 162, 271 | 333. 473,  
 24 | 262, 208, 27. M. 24.

**The present Gloom.**—It has been a sad and troublous time these last six weeks. Never during its existence as a parish has our death rate been so high. The number of entries in our Burial Register is quite double the number recorded for any similar period before. The influenza which has attacked us again, has assumed almost the proportion and severity of a pestilence; so many have been laid low, and so fatal in many cases has it proved. There is scarcely a house which is not mourning the loss of a relation or a friend. And just when our own home troubles seemed at their worst, there has fallen a blow upon the whole of England, we might almost say, upon the world at large. This terrible disease has spared neither poor or rich, high or low, and amongst its victims is the young Prince Albert Victor, who, had he lived, would one day have been our king. We were all aroused, and our affections warmed by the preparations which were being made for his marriage. Not only did our loyalty declare itself

then, but we had learnt to love our young Prince for his own intrinsic excellence and worth. A letter just come to hand from one who knew him well, during the time he was lately quartered with his Regiment at York, says :—" We have been much saddened by Prince Eddy's death. It comes very closely home to us all in York. He won all hearts by his forgetfulness of self and thought for others." His affianced bride, the young Princess, whose affections he had won years ago, is well known in this neighbourhood for the sweetness of her disposition, and her charming kindness. But just in the midst of their brightest hopes there came this sudden blow, and the Prince was taken away. All England mourns this sad event. All England's heart is broken, is filled with loyal and respectful sympathy with our gracious Majesty the Queen, with the Prince and Princess of Wales, with the Princess Victoria Mary, and the rest of the Royal Family. God grant that the gloom which hangs over us may be lifted, that we may feel His gracious love again, in restoring health and happiness to our land. In the meantime, may we humble ourselves before Him, and seek to learn the lesson which He would teach us by the afflictions which He has laid upon us.

**Our Schools.**—The Government Inspector's report has come at last, and is given below in full. No one can read it without feeling assured that the Schools are doing well, and the Teachers doing their duty in every department. We take the opportunity of asking most earnestly for continued and increased support, as to avoid the possibility of these excellent Schools (in which religious instruction is fully and earnestly imparted) being handed over to a Board.

**Boys' School.**—"The school continues to improve. The elementary work as a whole is of better quality than it was. Handwriting is in some cases still not what it might be, but the written work is generally successful, both on slates and paper. Grammar and Geography are well answered. Poetry is pretty well recited, but more intelligence in answering questions about it is to be desired. There is more music in the Singing this year. The order is better than it has been for years, and a higher tone prevails in the school generally, especially amongst the elder scholars."

**Girls' School.**—"The girls have acquitted themselves with nearly their usual success in elementary subjects. Handwriting, Spelling and Arithmetic still require attention, especially in the third and fourth standards, but Reading is satisfactory. Grammar is pretty good. History is very well answered. Recitation is good and more thoroughly understood than sometimes hitherto. Needlework is remarkable as usual for finish, neatness, cleanness and superiority in quality generally. Singing is very good. Discipline of the best sort prevails. The girls are well behaved, attentive and brought up in very good habits."

**Infants' School.**—"The infants' school fully maintains its high position. All the classes do extremely well in everything, except that the first class might be more accurate in their sums. Needlework and Kindergarten work compare favourably with the best to be seen elsewhere. Drawing is good. Musical Drill is spirited as last year. Songs are very nicely sung, and notes thoroughly well understood. The discipline is excellent."

**Our School Children.**—Again we have to make reference to the Schools, but this time especially to the children. Under the superintendance of their Teachers, and with their assistance, they gave a most excellent entertainment on the Tuesday before Christmas. It would be impossible within the limits of our Magazine, to describe all the performances thoroughly. It must suffice to call attention, especially to the musical drill of the infants, and their quaint little recitations.

The boys and girls both gave musical drill performances this year, and sang many capital songs, but they excelled themselves, the girls in their most pretty Japanese Fan Song, and the boys assisted by the girls in the closing naval and military performance. The teachers also gave some glees and solos, which were very well received. There was a large audience, principally made up of parents and friends of the children.

**Mothers' Meeting Supper.**—The annual supper for those who attend the three mothers' meetings, which are held weekly in the parish, took place on Tuesday, December 29th. For the information of some of our readers we would state that a meeting is held every Thursday afternoon at the Eastbank Mission Room by Mrs. Bligh and Mrs. Salmon, another on Monday afternoons by Mrs. FitzWygram at her own house, and a third on Thursdays at the Pantile Mission Room by Miss Barnard and Miss Cremer. The mothers who attend these three meetings, as well as their husbands, are the guests at the Mothers' Meeting Supper. Eighty sat down and enjoyed a substantial meal of tea, cake and cold meat. After the supper there was an excellent concert and entertainment. As usual there were songs and recitations and music by the Hampton Hill Orchestra, and in addition to these three was given by two of the ladies a little comedietta called "A Fair Encounter," which seemed to give great satisfaction to all the assembled company. We must not omit to thank all those ladies and gentlemen who assisted at the supper and helped to make the entertainment go off so well.

**Sunday School Treat.**—The winter Sunday School Treat took place on Wednesday, December 30th, when there was a large attendance of children. The Vicar said a few words, in which he endeavoured to impress upon the children the great importance of regular attendance, and drew attention to the numbers who could come on an occasion like the present. The prizes were then distributed upon the platform by Mrs. Bligh, assisted by her son. The entertainment, which was preceded by a distribution of buns, was an exhibition of dissolving views and comic scenes from the Vicar's magic lantern. It would seem that the children never tire of seeing the magic lantern, and although a great majority of the slides are shown year after year, the continuous roar of satisfaction and applause never ceased from the beginning to the end of the exhibition. After the show was over, the children filed past and received as they went out a packet of sweets and an orange.

**Confirmation.**—A Confirmation for this parish will be held at Hampton, on Monday, March 28th, at 7 p.m. Candidates should give in their names at once.

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**In Memoriam.**

We have all lost a friend by the death of Mr. William Blanchard, who has been taken from us at the age of 64. He has long been a resident in Hampton Hill, and there are few, especially of the poor, who are not cognizant of some of the many kind acts which he did amongst us.

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