

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1886.

OFFERTORIES.

		£	s.	d.
Sunday, Nov.	22.—General Fund	2	19	4½
„	„ 29.—S.P.G.	10	7	11½
„	Dec. 6.—General Fund	3	6	11
„	„ 13.—General Fund	2	16	1
„	„ 20.—General Fund	3	1	7½

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EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

- Dec. 13.—James Henry Ruffell Dunne.
„ 13.—Sydney Edward Mason.
„ 13.—Emily Eliza Earle.

MARRIAGE.

- Nov. 23.—John Culpin to Elizabeth Harrison.

BURIALS.

- Nov. 21.—Matilda Beeks, 44 years.
„ 25.—James Cover, 78 years.
Dec. 9.—John Sherwood, 80 years

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HYMNS FOR JANUARY.

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The New Year.—We wish our readers a happy new year! Another completed year has been added to the long roll of time, and we have reason to look back with gratitude for many mercies and blessings received whilst it has been running its course. No great event either at home or abroad to chronicle, but still a great deal has happened. The war in the Soudan was put an end to, but not till after it had failed to save Gordon. A war with Russia has been averted. Difficulties in the Balkans, which might have led to a European war, have been

adjusted. Perhaps the events which at the present moment interest us most nearer home, are, the results of the late Election, and the threatened attack on our Church. The new electorate has given us a Parliament differing but little from its predecessor, save that its members are still most harshly divided into parties. There are no longer two contending sides, Whig and Tory, but four parties, Liberals, Radicals, Irish Nationalists, and Conservatives. The Church has been threatened, but the threat so far has seemed to work to her advantage, and has infused a more liberal spirit and deeper desire for unity amongst her members. May God take care of us and so over-rule the acts of our legislators, that they may tend towards our real good; and may our Church be upheld, and be more and more active in our midst. Let us be hopeful for the coming year! Within the narrow limits of our parochial life, we have to mourn many losses by death, but otherwise, the past year has been uneventful amongst us. The New Year is before us, but who can attempt to foretell the pages of its history, which have yet to be written for another age to read. Again we wish our readers every happiness and blessing.

Advent Services.—These services have been fairly well attended, both on the Thursday and Sunday evenings. The object of Advent and Lenten services is not only the observance of the special season, but also to make an opportunity for something of a mission character, and to seek to arrest the attention of the careless and unthinking. May they bear a good fruit, and may those, who have made an effort to come during Advent, go on coming for the future.

Our Schools.—The Inspector's report has arrived and we give it *in extenso*. The examination was a very hard one and some weak points have been severely handled, but we are pleased to say that there is no diminution of the Grant, in fact, it is about £1. more than it was last year. As a fair set off to imperfections, which may be traced to a temporary weakness in the teaching, we would call attention to the excellence of the needlework, which the Inspector says is "*superior to that of other Schools,*" and "*could scarcely have been done more thoroughly well and neatly.*" The Infants' School has been credited with an excellent character.

Boys' School.—The Boys' School is nearly in its usual condition. In the three lowest Standards Spelling requires attention, and the Reading is not quite so correct and intelligent, or the Writing in such a good character as it might be. Arithmetic is good, especially in the Fourth and Fifth Standards. Composition is well done; and the Elementary Examination generally is about as successful as it usually is. Grammar and Geography are satisfactory. The elder scholars repeat their poetry fluently enough, though without much expression. Their paper work is cleaner and tidier this year than it often is. Singing is carefully taught to satisfy requirements. Very fairly good Order is kept. More practice in Mental Arithmetic is to be recommended. Reading books, copy books and registers should be kept properly clean and orderly, and there should be three sets of reading books throughout the School."

Girls' School.—"The Girls have not passed with their usual success this year. The First and Third Standards are backward in Reading, Writing and Spelling; the Second in Spelling. The upper Standards have done well in all the subjects, except a few scholars who have been unfortunate in their sums. Grammar is exceptionally good in the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Standards; and very fairly good elsewhere. Repetition is mechanical as hitherto. More practice in Mental Arithmetic would be advisable. In the Needlework there is no falling

off. It is as abundant as ever, and in quality is superior to that of other Schools. Of the samples worked for Examination, many could scarcely have been done more thoroughly well and neatly. Good Order was kept.

INFANTS' SCHOOL.—“The Infants' School has again improved very considerably under its present Mistress. The first class read and write remarkably well, and do sums creditably, both on slates and orally. The lower classes are all learning much more and in a better fashion than ever hitherto, and the general level of intelligence is higher than in most Infant Schools. The Needlework and Knitting, both on view and done on Examination day, could hardly have been done better, especially the Knitting. The notes in Music are sufficiently well known, and in the Singing there is some improvement. Marching is orderly and in good time. Very good Order is kept, and the School bids fair to become very shortly one of the best conducted Infant Schools in the district.”

Provident Club.—The annual distribution of the funds of this Society took place at the Vicarage on Wednesday, December 9th. A comparison of the accounts with those of last year shows an increase of £16 in the money invested by the poor. We wish to call attention to the financial position of the Club. Starting in 1882 with a balance in hand of £14, this has gradually been reduced, till this year our balance sheet shows a deficit of £2 8s. 1d. It would appear that our annual income is insufficient by some £4 or £5 to supply the interest of 1d. in the shilling which is added to the cards. As our list of subscribers is a short one, we doubt not that there may be others found willing to subscribe, and thus remove the difficulty. Subscriptions will be gratefully received by the Vicar.

Accounts for the Year ending December 31st, 1885.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	3	14	11	Paid back to Members ...	32	12	11
Paid by Members.....	399	5	4				
Interest at Savings Bank	3	16	2	DISTRIBUTED :—			
Entertainment Committee	1	14	9	Money paid in	366	11	2
Paid by Members for Cards	1	16	7	Interest	26	16	9
SUBSCRIPTIONS:—							
Miss Gwatkin	2	0	0	Printing 1000 Cards and			
Mrs. Barlow	1	0	0	Binding Books	1	5	0
Mrs. Hayes.....	1	0	0				
Miss Louisa Hayes	0	10	0				
The Vicar	1	0	0				
Hon. Mrs. H. Bligh.....	1	0	0				
Mrs. FitzWygram	5	0	0				
Mrs. Sewell	1	0	0				
Mrs. Carr	2	0	0				
Deficit.....	2	8	1				
	£427	5	10		£427	5	10

Winter Entertainments.—A most successful Dramatic Entertainment was given on Monday, December 14th. It had been found necessary to alter the day, and no other could be found to suit. However, a Temperance Meeting, with a full room in the Congregational School, did not seem to interfere with the success of this Entertainment, which was most largely attended, and the result will, we have no doubt, be most beneficial to the parochial institutions to which the profits are applied. The performances were good all round, and it would be invidious to choose out any of the performers from amongst the rest. A Concert, which promises to be very good, will be given on Wednesday, January 20th, and we hope to see a full room.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

JANUARY, 1886.

1	F	<i>Circumcision.</i> Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.	
2	S		
3	S	2nd after Christmas. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.	
4	M	Mission Service, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m. <i>Epiphany.</i> Celebration, 11 a.m. Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.	
5	Tu		
6	W		
7	Th		
8	F		
9	Sa		
10	S		1st after Epiphany. Celebration, 8 a.m. Baptisms, 3.30 p.m.
11	M		Mission Service, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m. Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
12	Tu		
13	W		
14	Th		
15	F		
16	Sa		
17	S	2nd after Epiphany. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.	
18	M	Mission Service, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m. Concert, Boys' School, 8 p.m. Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.	
19	Tu		
20	W		
21	Th		
22	F		
23	Sa		
24	S		3rd after Epiphany. Celebration, 8 a.m.
25	M	<i>Conversion of S. Paul.</i> Celebration, 8 a.m. Communicants' Class for Men, Vicarage, 8 p.m.	
26	Tu	Communicants' Class A, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m. " " for Young Women, Vicarage, 8 p.m. Mission Service, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.	
27	W	Communicants' Class for Women, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m. " " B, Vicarage, 7.30 p.m. " " for Women, Vicarage, 8.30 p.m. " " for Young Men, Mission Room, 8 p.m.	
28	Th	Communicants' Class for Young Men, Vicarage, 8 p.m. Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.	
29	F	Communicants' Class C, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m.	
30	Sa		
31	S	4th after Epiphany. Celebration, 8 a.m. Children's Service, 3.30 p.m.	