The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1887.

		OFFERTORIES.	£	8.	d.
		21.—General Fund			
,,	, ,,	28.—S. P. G	11	3	$4\frac{3}{4}$
,,	December	5.—General Fund	2	18	$3\frac{\tilde{3}}{4}$
,,	,,	12.—General Fund	3	2	0
,,	,,	19.—General Fund	2	13	13

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISM.

Dec. 12,-Gertrude Pound.

BURIALS.

Dec. 11.—Clarissa Miriam Eileen Simmons, 10 months.,, 13.—Maria Fort, 82 years.

HYMNS FOR JANUARY.

Sa. Circumcision, 70. January 2nd, 2nd after Christmas, 71 | 72, 73 | 70, 74, 56. M. 73. Tu. 165. W. 58. Th. Epiphany, 79. F. 78. Sa. 178. January 9, 1st after Epiphany, 79, 78, 80 | 76, 79 | 76, 178 pt. i, 81. M. 79. Tu. 297. W. 80. Th. 77. F. 180. Sa. 242. January 16, 2nd after Epiphany, 75 | 78, 80 | 77, 220, 179. M. 22. Tu. 177. W. 80. Th. 197. F. 173. Sa. 76. January 23, 3rd after Epiphany, 80, 218, 173 | 81, 220 | 186, 181, 32. M. 80. Tu. Conversion of S. Paul, 405. W. 29. Th. 281. F. 193. Sa. 79. January 30, 4th after Epiphany, 290, 217, 177 | 76, 473, 79 | 285, 219, 215. M. 76.

Advent Services.—Advent Sunday was our Mission Services Day, and a goodly response was made to the appeal of Archdeacon Blyth, and £11 9s. 0d. was remitted to the Treasurer of the S.P.G. The attendance on Thursday evenings has been good, especially on Thursday, 16th, when we had the pleasure of seeing our old friend Mr. Keene once more amongst us. The Sunday services also have been well attended

Church Conference.—The election of three representatives of the laity of this parish took place in the Vestry, on Monday, December 6th, when the two Churchwardens, Messrs. W. C. B. Hall and A. E. Storey, together with Mr. H. P. Bowling, were unanimously chosen. We welcome the establishment of this Church Conference, as calculated to awaken in laymen a greater interest in the affairs of the Church, and encourage them to engage actively in her work. In these days when the very existence of the Church, as a National one, is threatened, it is of the utmost importance that all its members should arm themselves in its defence; and if these conferences bear no other fruit, yet if they are the means of leading the laity to enquire more closely into her position, to make themselves better acquainted

with the foundation upon which she stands, great good will be done. But it is not only from without, but also from within that danger may be feared. Difference of opinion and party strife often interfere with the harmony of religion, as much as they do in the political world. Nothing tends more to the reconciling of differences and to those mutual concessions which bring about unity, than the meeting of those who think differently, for the purpose of friendly discussion. Rough edges are thus worn away, and often the causes of contention seem to disappear. The first Conference, originally fixed for December 8th, was postponed on account of an accident which for a time disabled our good Bishop. We trust however that he will soon recover and be able to find a day to meet the Conference.

Church Improvements.—The alterations made to the heating apparatus have very considerably added to its efficiency, and notwith-standing the extreme cold of the present season it has been found possible to keep up the temperature in the Church to a comfortable warmth. With regard to the cost, it has unfortunately exceeded our calculation, and although there has been a liberal response from many, yet we hope that those whose names do not yet appear upon the list will shortly come forward and make up the deficiency. £58 in all is required, and towards this, the following contributions have been received or promised:—

	£	s.	d.	1	€ ;	s.	d.
Mrs. FitzWygram	- 5	0	0	Mr. J. Powell	1	1	0
Mrs. Carr		0		Miss Gwatkin	1	0	0
The Vicar and Mrs. Bligh	5	0	0	Mrs. Hayes	1	0	0
Mr. H. P. Bowling	2	2	0	Mrs. Welchman	0 1	LO	6
Mr. G. H. Barlow	2	2	0	Mr. T. Bowling	0	10	6
Mr. W. Blanchard	2	2	0	Mr. G. Evans	0	10	6
Mr. R. M. Roe	2	2	0	Rev. H. Salmon	0	10	0
Mr. W. C. B. Hall	1	1	0	Mr. J. Garrett	0	10	0
Mr. J. Rowley Scriven	1	1	0	Mrs. Lockwood	0 :	10	0
Mr. J. W. Gullick	1	1	0	Mrs. Hopkins	0]	10	0
Mr. & Miss Page	1	1	0	Mr. E. Makepeace	0]	10	0
Mr. A. Bowling	1	1	0	Mrs. Jefferson	0	5	0
Mr. T. D. Ableson							

Our Schools.—The anxious day of inspection has come and gone, and the result of a somewhat increased Grant would be more satisfactory if H.M. Inspector were not quite so hard upon the Teachers. We give full extracts from his report, and cannot but think that the Girls' School for example is fairly satisfactory, if "the upper standards send in good paper work, the arithmetic is not to be complained of . . . needlework is abundant as usual and in great variety, and of a sort not often met with good order is kept." The spelling is complained of, but it should be known that the words picked out for children of seven years of age were "kettle, square, round, orange, chain, stone, bridge, tooth, fender, dirty."

The following are extracts from H.M. Inspector's report:-

Boys' School.—"The Boys have passed far more successfully in their Standards this year. Better Reading, Writing and Spelling are to be desired in some of the Standards, with more attention to neatness and cleanliness in the first, second and third Standards; but the passes are much more numerous. Grammar is good. Geography on the whole is very fairly good. The fourth Standard have done well in every subject. Singing by note is quite sufficiently satisfactory, and songs are creditably sung. Duly efficient order was kept during the Examination."

GIRLS' SCHOOL.—"The second Standard write nicely, the upper Standards send in good paper work, and the Arithmetic as a whole is not to be complained of. But in the lower Standards there is a great deal of very poor Spelling and Handwriting. Grammar is in general pretty good. Repetition is rather mechanical. Needlework is abundant as usual and in great variety, and of a sort not often met with. Patching and Darning especially are to be remarked with the general neatness and cleanness of everything. Singing by note is satisfactory. Good order is kept to-day."

INFANTS' SCHOOL.—"The Infants Read, Write and Spell very nicely, and their Arithmetic on slates is very fairly good. Singing is not above the average. Marching is orderly if a little noisy. There is a great deal of Needlework, and much of it very creditable. Order is maintained successfully."

Provident Club.—The distribution of money took place on Wednesday, December 8th, and we are glad to say that the Club is doing as good a work as ever. In giving the Balance Sheet we would remind our readers of an appeal for fresh subscribers put forth last year, which met with no response. A glance at our subscription list will show that it is a very short one, and we confidently trust that fresh subscribers will come forward, sufficient at least to clear off our present adverse balance.

ACCOUNTS for the Year ending December 31st, 1886.

RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
Entertainments' Committee 1 10 0 Error in pence, 1885 0 5 3 Paid by Members 354 2 9 Ditto for Cards 2 0 4 Interest at Savings Bank 3 17 3	## S. d. Balance against, 1885 2 8 1 Mr. Makepeace's Account 0 5 6 Paid back to Members 29 8 1
SUBSCRIPTIONS:— Miss Gwatkin 2 0 0 Mrs. FitzWygram 5 5 0 Mrs. Hayes 1 0 0 Miss Hayes 0 10 0 Mrs. Barlow 1 0 0 Mrs. Carr 2 0 0 Mrs. Hopkins (two years) 1 0 0 The Vicar 1 0 0 Hon. Mrs. Bligh 1 0 0	Distributed: — Money paid in
Deficit	£382 7 1

School Teachers' Houses.—The new houses are now roofed in, and secure from the weather, and it is hoped that there are sufficient funds in hand to clear the cost.

Dramatic Entertainment.—No one could fail to be pleased with the pleasant evening's amusement afforded by the performance of "The Chimney Corner" and "Two Heads are better than One," on Wednesday, December 15th. There was some capital acting, and though we don't often mention names, we feel sure that one or two, at least, of the parts acted will be well remembered by their excellent rendering on this occasion. Although there was a large audience, yet we fear the takings for the front seats do not allow us to anticipate any large benefit to the School Funds.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

JANUARY, 1887.

1	s	Circumcision. Celebrations, 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
2 3 4 5 6	M Th W Th	 2nd after Christmas. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mission Service, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m. Epiphany. Celebration, 11 a.m. Mission Service, Pantile Fields, [8 p.m.
8	S	Work Meeting, Vicarage, 2.45 p.m.
9 10 11 12 13 14 15	SM THW THE S	1st after Epiphany. Celebration, 8 a.m. Baptisms, 3.30 p.m.Mission Service, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m.Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m.
16 17 18 19 20 21 22	S M W H F S	2nd after Epiphany. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mission Service, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m. Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m. Work Meeting, Vicarage, 2.45 p.m.
23 24 25	M Th	3rd after Epiphany. Celebration, 8 a.m. Communicants' Class for Men, Vicarage, 8 p.m. Conversion of S. Paul. Celebration, 11 a.m. Communicants' Class A, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m. ,,, B, Vicarage, 8 p.m. ,,, for Young Men, Mission Room, 8.45 p.m. Mission Service, Eastbank Road, 8 p.m. Communicants' Class for Women, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m.
26 27		,, ,, for Women, Vicarage, 8 p.m. ,, for Young Men, Mission Room, 8 p.m. Communicants' Class for Young Women, Vicarage, 8 p.m.
28	F	Mission Service, Pantile Fields, 8 p.m. Meeting of District Visitors, Vicarage, 12.15 p.m. Communicants' Class C, Vicarage, 2.30 p.m.
29	s	,p.m.
30 31		4th after Epiphany. Celebration, 8 a.m. Children's Service, [3.30 p.m.