

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1889.

OFFERTORIES.

	£	s.	d.
Sunday, July 28th.—Tower and Spire	7	9	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
„ August 4th.—General Fund	2	17	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
„ „ 11th.—General Fund	1	15	3
„ „ 18th.—General Fund	2	8	7 $\frac{1}{4}$

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

July. 28.—Georgina Smith.
 Aug. 2.—Alfred James Tomkins.
 „ 11.—Robin Edgar Hinch.

BAPTISMS.

Aug. 11.—Claud William Vaughan.
 „ „ Llewlin Harry Jarvis.

MARRIAGES.

Aug. 5.—Albert Walter Green and Elizabeth Pasbach.
 „ 6.—Murdoch Charles Kirby and Gertrude Frances Bligh.

BURIALS.

July. 26.—Jesse Coster, 62 years.
 Aug. 2.—James Cox, 36 years.
 „ „ Alice Broughton Westwood, 37 years.

HYMNS FOR SEPTEMBER.

September 1, 11th after Trinity, 230 | 207, 211 | 233, 237, 24. M. 4.
 Tu. 176. W. 193. Th. 194. F. 180. Sa. 242. September 8, 12th
 after Trinity, 450, 7, 192 | 217, 334 | 449, 266, 23. M. 178. Tu. 165.
 W. 269. Th. 261. F. 265. Sa. 22. September 15, 13th after
 Trinity, 190 | 231, 240 | 181, 355, 32. M. 208. Tu. 189. W. 353.
 Th. 297. F. 354. Sa. 420. September 22, 14th after Trinity, 210,
 273, 36 | 248, 254 | 156, 200, 275. M. 282. Tu. 270. W. 188.
 Th. 176. F. 200. Sa. 297. September 29, 15th after Trinity, 421,
 292, 423 | 335, 473, 333 | 424, 298, 422. M. 279.

St. James's Day.—Our parish festival passed off well. Somewhat too late for insertion in our August number, it has remained till now to give an account of our proceedings. Following the plan which has been mostly adapted of late years, and which has found to work well, it was not attempted to hold our chief festival service after the long afternoon's amusements and sports in the field. To close them at half-past seven or eight, means the cutting them short just at the time, which to that large number of our young people, who are just a little older than children, is the most enjoyable; and it means the exclusion from our pleasant gathering of the many, especially working men, who cannot leave their work till late. No one who was present at our Festival Service on the Sunday evening will say that it lost in dignity and warmth and success in every way from not being held on S. James's Day. There was a large congregation, which included many whom we were most glad to see, who would not in all probability have come any day other than Sunday. The service was very hearty, and the large choir which filled the chancel was all our own. To return, however, to our holiday, in the first place we must not omit all mention of the weather. Throughout the morning appearances were mostly against us, and many hearts quailed with the thoughts of the possible

disastrous effects of such a downpour as the heavy clouds threatened. However, one slight shower as the School procession, gay with flags, and headed by our village band, reached the Church, was all the inconvenience suffered, it was pleasant and fine the remainder of the afternoon. About 520 children (the numbers ever on the increase) sat down to tea and were kindly attended to by a host of willing workers. After tea, the swings, the races and sports of all sorts fully occupied all the time which our young friends could spare from the still more engrossing attractions of Punch and Judy, whose popularity never seems to wane. In connection with an event of great interest to the Vicar's family, tea was prepared on the lawn for the members of the various mothers' meetings and some others, and the occasion was taken advantage of by the School Teachers and children to present a token of goodwill and kindly feeling to the young couple whose marriage was so shortly to take place, and who are about to leave us for the far off country of Canada. We might mention that a very pleasing memento of this interesting little incident will be found in an excellent photograph taken by a local artist. We must not omit to mention that our own Military Band acquitted themselves greatly to the satisfaction of all present, especially to those who engaged in the dances which concluded the festivities of the day. We have to thank those who contribute towards the fund for defraying the expense of the Children's Summer Treats. These Treats, including the Sunday School Trip to the Crystal Palace, cost very little short of £30.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Blanchard	1	5	0
Mrs. FitzWygram	1	1	0
Mr. H. P. Bowling.....	1	1	0
Mrs. Carr	1	1	0
Mr. & Mrs. A. Bowling....	1	0	0
Mrs. E. Butler.....	0	12	0
Mrs. Griffiths.....	0	10	0
Mr. W. C. B. Hall.....	0	10	0
Mrs. Rait	0	10	0
Mr. Storey.....	0	7	6
Mr. J. R. Scriven	0	5	0
Miss Barnard	0	5	0
Mr. G. Sanders	0	5	0
Mrs. Ableson	0	5	0
Mrs. Garrett	0	5	0
Mr. G. Evans	0	5	0
Rev. H. Salmon.....	0	5	0
Dr. Rudderforth.....	0	5	0
Miss Gwatkin	0	5	0
Mrs. Garnons	0	5	0
Dr. Anderson.....	0	5	0
Mr. Milne.....	0	5	0
Mr. Dawkins.....	0	5	0
Mrs. Hubbard	0	5	0
Mr. & Mrs. T. Bowling	0	5	0
Mr. Weller	0	5	0
Mr. Howe.....	0	5	0
Mr. Prewitt	0	5	0
Mr. Singleton	0	5	0
Rev. W. Handcock	0	4	0
Mrs. Uzzell	0	4	0

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. James.....	0	3	0
Mrs. Coope	0	2	
Mrs. Dowsett	0	2	6
Mrs. White	0	2	6
Mr. O. Lambert	0	2	6
Mrs. Hetherington	0	2	6
Mr. Makepeace	0	2	6
Mrs. Poley.....	0	2	6
Miss Hunt.....	0	2	0
Mrs. Hayes.....	0	2	0
Mrs. Cubison.....	0	2	0
Mrs. Highmore	0	2	0
	£14	9	0

Cost of children's Treat on S. James's day (only.)

	£	s.	d.
Tea and Sugar.....	1	3	4½
Cake.....	4	15	10
Bread and buns.	1	3	10
Butter	1	7	6
Milk.....	1	4	0
Band	3	3	0
Punch and Judy.....	1	15	0
Prizes, Sweets, &c.....	2	0	0
	£16	11	6½

Cost of Crystal Palace and
 Infants' Treats, about... 12 0 0

Gambling.—It is considered by many thoughtful persons, whose opinion is worthy of respect, that gambling is one of the foremost and most dangerous vices of this age. And what is gambling? The spirit of gambling displays itself in a variety of forms, and in varying degrees of intensity, but every sort of gambling is stamped by its special characteristic feature. It is the possible chance of gaining something which is not the reward or wages of toil, and which, till fortune favors you, you cannot claim as your right. Well would it be for many, if, instead of embarking thoughtlessly on a course in which gambling is a prominent feature, they could be induced to sit down quietly and think over some of the many unanswerable reasons which can be brought forward for avoiding it altogether. First and foremost amongst them is the fact that gain must mean also loss. If it be gain to you it must mean loss to someone else, and on the contrary if it be loss to you it means gain to somebody else. Every gambler wishes to win and not to lose, but he can only profit thus at the expense of someone else on whom will be fixed the loss which he himself wishes to avoid. How selfish and ungenerous then must be the position of the gambler who is bent on gain, how impossible to him to fulfil the law of Christian charity, which demands that we should seek for others the same good as we wish to have ourselves. But there is also a business point of view, for there is before us the fact which cannot be explained away, that gamblers as a body are *losers*, and losers to a very large extent. A very great deal of the betting in which our young men are involved, is conducted by men who study the laws of chance so accurately, that their bets are conducted on a system which ensures a large gain to themselves, and a corresponding amount of loss to those who bet with them. This is acknowledged by many, but there is still the possible chance of gain, and this craving for gain in those who indulge in betting, is ever growing and increasing its hold, and although the chances are largely against the gambler, he cannot forbear, he cannot resist the temptation to try for the possible chance.

There is another sort of gambling not allowed indeed in our own country, but encouraged by other States, inasmuch as it is found to be a convenient means of raising money. Lotteries are arranged whereby a large sum of money is collected together by small contributions, and certain prizes, some of them of great value, are drawn for by the subscribers. This is certainly a less hurtful sort of gambling than betting, but after all there is the same spirit underlying it, the chance of gaining something for which there has been no work done, and in these lotteries too, the chances of gain are still more decidedly against the investor. A large portion of the money, half of it or more perhaps, is taken for the benefit of the scheme in behalf of which the lottery was got up, and only the remaining half is divided in prizes by those who have taken shares. Before we close we would give one word of advice, especially to young men, and it is this. Flee gambling! Have nothing to do with chance. Remember it will more probably lead you to hurt—very possibly to ruin, both as regards things temporal as well as those eternal. Flee from it altogether! it is easiest to keep quite clear. Just as the drunkard often finds his only safety in total abstinence, so will those who have a craving for the fortune of chance alone find safety by keeping altogether clear of gambling.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

SEPTEMBER, 1889.

1	S	11th after Trinity. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
2	M	
3	Tu	
4	W	
5	Th	
6	F	
7	S	
8	S	12th after Trinity. Celebration, 8 a.m. Baptisms, 3.30 p.m.
9	M	
10	Tu	
11	W	
12	Th	
13	F	
14	S	
15	S	13th after Trinity. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. <i>Ember Day.</i> <i>Ember Day.</i> <i>S. Matthew. Ember Day.</i> Celebration, 10 a.m.
16	M	
17	Tu	
18	W	
19	Th	
20	F	
21	S	
22	S	14th after Trinity. Celebration, 8 a.m. Communicants' Class, C., Vicarage, 8 p.m. Communicants' Class, A., Vicarage, 2.30 p.m. Communicants' Class, B., Vicarage, 8 p.m. Provident Club, Vicarage, 10.30 a.m.
23	M	
24	Tu	
25	W	
26	Th	
27	F	
28	S	
29	S	15th after Trinity. <i>S. Michael and All Angels.</i> Celebration, 8 a.m. Children's Service, 3.30 p.m.
30	M	

WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

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