

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1888.

OFFERTORIES.

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Sunday, August 5th.—General Fund.....	3	14	1
„ „ 12th.—General Fund.....	3	2	2½
„ „ 19th.—General Fund.....	2	11	4¼

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

August 12.—Cecil Frank Bell.
„ 12.—Sydney Dawes Nicholls.
„ 26.—William Ernest Singleton.
„ 26.—Lizzie Tagg.

BURIAL.

August 25.—Jane Elizabeth Lush, 75 years.

HYMNS FOR SEPTEMBER.

Sa. 269. Sept. 2, 14th after Trinity, 209 | 281, 269 | 210, 180, 303.
M. 238. Tu. 178. W. 193. Th. 197. F. 107. Sa. 169. September 9, 15th after Trinity, 216, 37, 276 | 261, 342 | 214, 19, 234. M. 199. Tu. 189. W. 281. Th. 217. F. 200. Sa. 242. September 16, 16th after Trinity, 354 | 388, 265 | 355, 277, 296. M.* 270. Tu. 225. W. 353. Th. 194. F. S. *Matthew*, 420. Sa. 355. September 23, 17th after Trinity, 356, 35, 215 | 225, 199 | 290, 279, 27. M. 261. Tu. 165. W. 260. Th. 185. F. 184. Sa. S. *Michael*, 423. September 30, 18th after Trinity, 269, 176, 174 | 335, 473, 329 | 182, 265, 235.

The Weather.—One of the characteristics of our English climate is its ever varying changes. Last year, when we were celebrating our Queen's Jubilee, we rejoiced in an almost unbroken spell of fine weather and sunshine. This year nature is paying its debts, and the water supply which had been short has been restored by the unusual amount of summer rains. It is not the amount of rain alone which has marked this summer's course, but cold and cloud, and absence of sun have also been its accompaniments. One day in July there was snow at Kingston and several other places in the neighbourhood of London. Our crops have suffered. Wheat, even where it looks pretty well, proves deficient in weight and quality, potatoes are much diseased. There has been great difficulty in securing the hay-crop, but the quantity is large, and other crops would yet greatly benefit were we to have now a few weeks of sunshine. Let us hope for the best, and be ready to trust all to Him who has so long provided for our wants, and who will keep us safe even to the end.

tion of Catechism should be of a more practical character, and the facts and words of the New Testament lessons should be better known. The Old Testament subject was well prepared. Division III is excellent, and very capably taught. The boys answering is general and interested."

Cricket.—There is no such noble or manly game as cricket. To judge by the numerous games which are continually going on on the Common, on the Recreation Ground, or in the Park, it would seem that our village need not fear any lack of defenders from those who may wish to wrest from it the laurels of victory with bat and ball. Cricket has long been the national game, but it is only of late years that it has taken such a hold of the national mind. Nowadays the cricket matches between Eton and Harrow, or Oxford and Cambridge at Lords, are looked upon as events in which the whole community is interested. The contest for the county supremacy for the year is watched with keen interest; and when the Australians pay us their biennial visit, cricket enthusiasm culminates in those great struggles when one of the best county elevens, or a selected English team, enters the field to defend our national honour. The cold and wet summer has not been favourable to cricket, and perhaps for this reason the contrast which was presented the other day was the more appreciated. A real August sun shone out warmly over the far-famed cricket ground at Kennington Oval, and there were collected there upwards of 15,000 people to witness the second contest between England and Australia. The wet and dead ground has, through a large part of the season, given a great advantage to the bowlers, and especially it has seemed to favour the fast bowlers of Australia. The scores have been small, and Australia has won a great many matches, and amongst others, defeated the England eleven at Lord's. On this occasion, however, the honours came back to England, and Australia was easily beaten in one innings. Cricket, however, is a game to be played as well as watched, and it is this view of it which many of our younger men and boys take. Time was when, apart from the greater contests between the universities and schools, counties and the greater clubs, cricket was very much tied down to village games in the country—a day was given up, and from morning to night the struggle was kept up. In the busy suburban districts such matches would only be possible in rare instances. The weekly half-holiday however is utilised in the cause of cricket, and every Saturday afternoon scores upon scores of matches are played, and many a hard-worked business man is refreshed and invigorated in the pleasant cricket field. Long may cricket flourish and continue to be our national game.

Our Letters.—Could not the Post Office authorities be persuaded to grant us yet a further boon. We have a capital Post Office, both as to its appearance and also as to its capabilities for business. Does it not seem a pity that all our letters should be carted by its doors, only to be carried back to our village by the postmen. At least half-an-hour would be saved if the letters were sorted and issued from the Post Office at Hampton Hill, and the letter carriers would be spared many miles of useless walking along the roads. Can anything be done to promote this useful reform?

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

SEPTEMBER, 1888.

1	S	
2	S	14th after Trinity. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
3	M	
4	Tu	
5	W	
6	Th	
7	F	
8	S	
9	S	15th after Trinity Celebration, 8 a.m. Baptisms, 3.30 p.m.
10	M	
11	Tu	
12	W	
13	Th	
14	F	
15	S	
16	S	16th after Trinity. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. <i>Ember Day.</i> <i>S. Matthew. Ember Day.</i> Celebration, 10 a.m. <i>Ember Day.</i>
17	M	
18	Tu	
19	W	
20	Th	
21	F	
22	S	
23	S	17th after Trinity. Celebration, 8 a.m. Provident Club, Vicarage, 12.30 p.m. <i>S. Michael and All Angels.</i> Celebration, 10 a.m.
24	M	
25	Tu	
26	W	
27	Th	
28	F	
29	S	
30	S	18th after Trinity. Celebration, 8 a.m. Children's Service, 3.30 p.m.