

Ertracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- March 1st.—(Born January 14th.)—Clara Emma, daughter of John and Elizabeth Stockwell, of Moor's End.
- March 8th.—(Born Oct 28th. 1867.)—Anne, daughter of Charles and Eliza Hedwicker, of Ewden.
- Same day.—(Born Dec. 8th, 1867.)—Clara Rebecca, daughter of Moses and Mary Gammon, of Skirmett.
- Same day.—(Born Dec. 24th, 1867.)—Henry Arthur, son of Thomas William and Jane Allum. of Pheasants Hill.
- Same day.—(Born Jan. 10th.)—William Richard, son of William and Harriett Harris, of Hambleden, Harness-maker.
- Same day.—(Born Feb. 9th.)—William, son of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney, of Hambleden.
- Same day.—(Born Jan. 28th.)—Emily, daughter of George and Alice Poole, of Frieth.
- March 15th.—(Born Feb. 12th.)—Annie, daughter of William and Charlotte Stillwell, of Millend.

BURIALS.

- March 26th.—(Died March 22nd.)—Anne Lane, of Hambleden, aged 76 years.
- March 27th.—(Died March 23rd.)—James Lewis, of Spurgrove, infant.
- Same day.—(Died March 22nd.)—John Bourne, of Moor Common.

CONFIRMATION.

The Confirmation for this Parish will be held by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese in Hambleden Church, on Palm Sunday, April 5th. Service will commence at 11 o'clock.

The Services for the day will be as follows:-

Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

Morning Prayer and the Confirmation at 11 a.m. but no Communion Office.

Afternoon Service as usual, at 3 p.m.

Evening Service at 6 p.m., when the Bishop will preach.

The relations and friends of those who are to be Confirmed are invited to be present at the Confirmation.

At Frieth Chapel the Services on that day will be as follows:—
The Litany, with the first part of the Communion Office, at 8 a.m.
Afternoon Service, as usual, at 3 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY.

The Services will be as in former years, viz.-

At Hambleden ... 10.30 a.m. ... 3 p.m.

At Frieth 11 a.m. ... 7 p.m.

At Skirmett 11 a.m.

It is hoped that all masters will give their servants and labourers the opportunity of attending Church, as has been the immemorial custom, on this great and solemn day, when we specially commemorate the Sufferings and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EASTER SUNDAY.

The Services at Hambleden Church will be as follows :-

Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.

The Litany, at 10 a.m.

Morning Prayer (without Litany,) Sermon and Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

Afternoon Service, at 3 p.m.

Evening Service, at 6 p.m.

At Frieth there will also be two celebrations of Holy Communion viz. at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., and Afternoon Service at 3 p.m.

At Skirmett there will be Afternoon Service at 3 p.m.

It is proposed in future, when Sunday falls on the 19th day of the month, to chant the Morning Psalms throughout. As the 95th Psalm is then "used in the ordinary course of the Psalms," it seems strange and awkward to chant this Psalm, as on other Sundays, and then to break off and read the two following. The first occasion on which this will occur is on the First Sunday after Easter. It is thought that this will recommend itself to the feelings of the congregation generally.

FUND FOR LIGHTING & WARMING THE CHURCH.

A collection will be made towards supplying the deficiency in this Fund at the *Evening Service* on April 5th. It is not too much to hope that those who benefit by the warmth and light afforded in Church, will all, according to their ability, contribute to the necessary expenses attending them.

HAMBLEDEN CHURCHYARD.

During the past month some of the flowers, which have with great care been planted and tended at certain graves, have been disturbed and removed, apparently with some mischievous intent. The Church authorities cannot suffer any damage to be done to anything that is in the Churchyard, whether tombs, graves, trees, or flowers. Especially when friends desire to shew their lasting affection for those whom God has been pleased to remove from them, and to honour their memories with such sweet and innocent tributes of love and respect as primroses, snowdrops, violets, and other spring, summer, or autumn flowers, those in authority are bound, and will hold themselves bound, to protect such friends from any wanton interruption. If any person whatever is found damaging any flowers in this Churchyard, steps will immediately be taken to have him or her punished for the offence.

The violent winds during the past month did considerable damage to the West window in Frieth Chapel. It is a matter calling for thankfulness that the damage was not even greater than it proved to be. The injured part has been sent to London, and we hope has been restored in a perfect condition.

CONCERT.

It is proposed, if the health of the Bishop of Winchester continues to improve, to give a Grand Concert in Hambleden Schoolrooms, on Tuesday, the 14th April, to commence at 7 p.m. On this occasion the Hambleden Church Choir will be assisted by kind friends. among whom we will name the Misses Ridley, H. Sumner, Esq. whose comic songs on a former occasion, will not have been forgotten by those who heard them; and H. Houseman, Esq. who will perform on the cornet, accompanied by Mrs. Houseman. Programmes will be issued in good time. We hope we shall not give offence to any of our kind friends, if we suggest to them that as the Choir deserves well of all the Congregation, and we may add of the Parish, it would be a great encouragement to the Choir, if others would follow the example of the gentry (who are always most ready and thoughtful,) and would give them more extended and liberal assistance. either by taking more tickets for the Concert, or by increasing their Easter contributions, or by patronizing them in any other way.

The profits of the Concert are to go towards the expenses of a trip in the summer.

The new bridge and alteration of the road at Skirmett, promise, when complete, to be a great improvement, and to confer a great boon on the public.