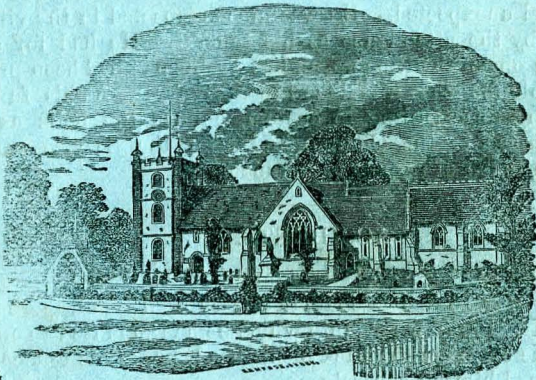


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- May 10th.—(Born March 10th.)—Charlotte, daughter of Robert and Anne Guttridge, of Pheasants Hill.
May 21st.—(Born *March 31*)—Bertha Patience, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toovey, of Shogmoor.
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BURIALS.

- May 4th.—(Died May 2nd.)—Samuel Brown, from the Henley Union Workhouse, aged 71 years.
May 20th.—(Died May 17th.)—Edward Morris of Hambleton, aged 53 years.
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MARRIAGE.

- May 2nd.—Walter Rose and Susan Janes.
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The death of Edward Morris at an early hour on Sunday the 17th, was sudden and unexpected. He was much respected in the village, as was shown by the attendance at his funeral. He had for some years past been one of the Ringers, and as Trebleman had been principally responsible for what was done in the Belfry. At his funeral his brother ringers, according to custom, chimed the bells as the corpse was carried to the Church, and after the Service rang a muffled peal in token of respect to his memory.

ACCIDENTS.

We have again to record some distressing accidents.

On Saturday May 16th, old Jonathan Feesey of Millend, fell out of a waggon in Mr. Hobbs' wharf, into which he had mounted to empty it of wood. He cut open the back of his head, broke his left collar-bone, and bruised himself severely.

On Monday May 18th, John Webbe of Moor Common, in the employ of E. Marjoribanks, Esq., while engaged in working the Steam Saw Mill at Greenlands, put his left foot in the way of the saw; in a moment it was severed from his body. Mr. Jeston was instantly sent for and was very shortly on the spot. He did all that was immediately necessary, and the poor man was attended to most carefully and assiduously by every one belonging to the place, both on the farm and in the house. As quickly as possible he was conveyed in Mr. Feesey's van to the Reading Hospital, where, late in the evening, the necessary operation of removing a further portion of the foot was performed. The poor man is, we are thankful to say, going on as well as can be expected.

It is not a little remarkable that in three successive numbers we have been called upon to register no fewer than 12 accidents, more or less severe, occurring in almost all parts of the Parish, and we cannot be too thankful to add that one only out of the number has proved fatal. But no one can read this statement without feeling that the remarkable recurrence of accidents calls for some special thought on the part of all the Parishioners.

FIRST.—These accidents remind us all by what an uncertain grasp we hold our earthly treasures. Our own lives, the lives of our children, health, strength, the use of our limbs, the power to earn our living, all these things may slip out of our grasp at any moment; a trifling matter may deprive us of them.

SECONDLY.—We ought to ask ourselves whether we are ready to yield them up to God, if He should see fit to take them? He has an absolute right over them; they are His, and only lent and entrusted to us by Him to use for Him. Are we ready to own His claim, and without murmuring to give them up and say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord?"

THIRDLY.—Can we trust Him if He does remove them, that he doeth all things well? Can we not only submit, but earnestly believe that He is doing better for us in taking them than if He left them to us?

FOURTHLY.—We ought to learn to set less store, in comparison, by all those things which are liable to accident, and to set more store by God himself, His Love, His Word, His Day, His Church, His Sacraments, and our own souls, which are so much more precious, and which are not taken from us in this uncertain manner. If we would live looking to God in *all* our ways, or in the words of the Psalm, "Set God *always* before us," He will preserve us from all evil, and whatever He may see fit to order for our present life, He will make all work together for our eternal good.

ASCENSION DAY.

It is very sad, and looking at it from a simply religious point of view, it is almost unaccountable, that this great festival of the Church, this day of so great commemoration, should be so terribly neglected in the country. Christians cannot assign any sufficient reason for passing by the day of triumph of their Saviour when they commemorate with such extreme rejoicings the day on which He entered upon His life of suffering and humiliation. The Church in her Services has paid the same distinguishing honors to both days; we cannot but think if Christian masters and mistresses and parents would but give the matter that thought and reflection which it has a right to demand, they would, as far as in them lies, require the same religious observance of the one day as of the other.

The attendance at the Services at Hambleton Church on Ascension day was far from encouraging. There were only 11 Communicants,

the whole morning congregation, not reckoning the school children, being but 35; the number present in the evening was 36. There was an additional Morning Service at Frieth this year and an additional Evening Service at Skirmitt. This latter, and the Evening Service at Frieth were better attended.

On Sunday the 17th of May, the Congregations at Hambleden were invited to return thanks to Almighty God for His late mercies to our country; *first*, in the speedy and successful termination of the Abyssinian War; and *secondly*, in the preservation of the life of Prince Alfred. For this purpose a Te Deum was sung at the close of the Evening Service.

Before this number is in the hands of our readers, but not soon enough for us to give information of the result, as far as it will be known for several weeks, the examination under the Diocesan Prize Scheme will have been held. The centre in this neighbourhood is Great Marlow. Four Girls and three Boys will go from Hambleden to Marlow to this examination on Friday the 29th May.

DIOCESAN CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY.

In obedience to the Pastoral letter of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, collections will be made in Hambleden Church for this Society on Trinity Sunday, June 7th. The Parish owes a debt to the Society for the kind help which was afforded by a grant of £100 when the Church was restored. It is hoped that the Parishioners will help to pay this debt, in order to enable the Society to assist the many other Parishes which are seeking its help.

FRIETH CHAPEL.

The nineteenth Anniversary of the Consecration of this Chapel will be held on Sunday, June 14th, instead of the previous Sunday. The Services for the day will consist of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Morning Service as usual at 11 a.m., and Evening Service at 6.30 p.m. The Sermon in the Evening will be preached by the Rev. F. W. Harris, Vicar of Medmenham.

The collections through the day will be given towards the expenses of the Chapel.

The Magazine may be had of Caroline Denham, Hambleden; Esther Parncutt, Millend; Agnes Brace, Skirmitt, and Mrs. Webbe, Frieth.