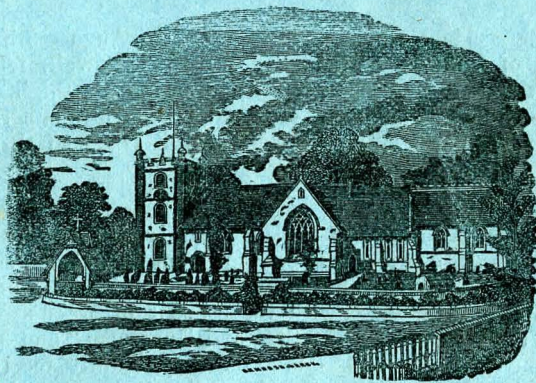


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

August 9th.—(Born June 14.)—Ann Chapman, daughter of George and Matilda Holland, of Hambleton.

Same day,—Annie, daughter of George and Ellen Brazier, of Moor Common.

Same day,—Annie Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Sarah Smith, of Hammersmith.

August 23rd.—(Born July 2nd.)—Emily, daughter of William and Caroline Shepherd, of Pheasants Hill.

Same day,—(Born June 27.)—Harry George, son of Moses and Hannah Parkins, of Hambleton.

Same day,—(Born July 5.)—Tom, son of Lois Jane Cook, of Burrow.

MARRIAGE.

August 8th.—Jude Cook and Ellen Croxon.

Another accident we have to record. On August 5th, William Stallwood of Luxters, in the employ of Mr. Powell, fell from a wheat-rick which he was thatching, and broke his thigh. At first fears were entertained as to what would be the ultimate result, but latterly he has been going on well, and it is hoped that he will recover.

During the continuance of the dry weather all through the earlier part of last month, water was sent up from Hambleton eight times a week to supply, in part, the most pressing necessities of the poor on the hills. Casks were, with the consent of Messrs. Wethered, lent by Mr. E. Lane, of "The Stag and Huntsman," and Mr. W. H. Feesey conveyed it. It has been most thankfully received. We trust that now that a gracious rain has fallen and refreshed the earth, replenished the springs, and partly filled ponds and tanks, the water-cart may not be any further required. The following contributions supplied the necessary funds.

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| Doyle, Miss | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Hind, Mrs. Anne | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Marjoribanks, E. Esq. and the Misses ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Murray, C. R. Scott, Esq. | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Ridley, Rev. W. H. | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Mr. Scott Murray kindly promised more, if more were required. Miss Hind, with her invariable thought and generosity, seeing the mention of the water-cart in our last Number, sent a Post-Office Order for the above amount.

HAMBLEDEN NATIONAL SCHOOL.

Three boys and four girls were sent to Marlow on May 29th, to compete with boys and girls from all the Schools in the Archdeaconry of Buckingham, for the Prizes given under the Diocesan Prize Scheme. It is satisfactory to find that though no one obtained a Prize, all were thought worthy of mention, and each one receives a Certificate, with the Bishop's arms at the top, stating the position in which he or she was placed. The children are ranged in three Divisions according to age. The First Division contains those who are 13 years old and upwards. The Second Division those between 11 and 13 years. The Third Division those under 11 years. In each Division are three classes. Needlework is placed separately.

Of our Boys, William Edmund Falkner was placed in the 1st Class in the Second Division, he being 12 years of age. Josiah Mason was placed in the 2nd Class in the same Division. John Parnutt was placed in the 1st Class in the Third Division, he being not 11 years old. Of the Girls, Fanny Kibblewhite was placed in the 2nd Class of the First Division, her age being over 13 years. Emma Kibblewhite was placed in the 2nd Class in the Second Division. Mary Jane Falkner was placed in the 2nd Class in the Third Division.

For needlework, Mary Anne Plumridge was placed in the 1st Class of the First Division. Fanny Kibblewhite in the 2nd Class in the First Division, and Emma Kibblewhite in the 2nd Class in the Second Division.

This is, we think, on the whole satisfactory. It would of course have been more gratifying if we could have announced that a higher place had been awarded to each scholar. But we hope it will act as an incitement to both teachers and scholars to exert themselves during the coming and future years, that more credit may be gained for the School on future occasions. Such Public Examinations are chiefly useful in shewing to managers and teachers both what can be done with children, and wherein their own system or its details have been unsuccessful.

FRIETH SCHOOL.

It is with very sincere regret that we announce that Mrs. West, who has for so many years had the charge of this Infant School, has been obliged through increasing ill health, to relinquish the care of the School, and also her office of attending to the Chapel. In both these capacities she will be greatly missed. She had won the esteem of all the parents in the neighbourhood, and the affection of the children, by her kind, patient, motherly care of all the little ones, and we believe she felt it to be a real privilege to "be a doorkeeper in the House of God." Mrs. West's illness came so suddenly, that owing to the Rector's absence from home, no definite arrangement has yet been made for the filling up of either post. At present, Mrs. West's son, Thomas, has taken charge provisionally of the School, as a temporary arrangement. We hope for her own sake, and for the sake of her family and of her neighbours, that it will please God in some degree at least, to repair her health and spare her for further usefulness.

SKIRMETT SCHOOL-CHAPEL.

We are sorry to have to state that in consequence of the misconduct of some of the girls who had been allowed to help in leading the singing on Sundays, it became absolutely necessary to forbid them to sing any more for a time. These girls having been reprov'd one Sunday for misbehaviour during Service, by Mr. King, had the impertinence to refuse to sing the next time that he went to officiate at Skirmett. The Rector was very sorry for the loss to the congregation occasioned by having no singing, and having, it is hoped, discovered the real delinquents and excluded them from the number of singing girls, has given permission for the singing to be resumed. It is to be hoped that parents, as well as the children themselves, will feel how shocking is such behaviour in connection with God's worship, and will try to teach their children to behave better.

We are sure that many of our readers will be interested to know how important a day Thursday, September 3rd, will be to one whom they now esteem and love, and to one whose memory still brings back pleasing thoughts of his former labours amongst us. On that day both the Rev. G. H. Gibbs and the Rev. W. C. Risley, Jun. are to be married.

LABOURERS' FRIEND ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Show of Vegetables and Flowers will take place on Wednesday, September 9th. The hours and other regulations will be the same as formerly. The season has been so forward this year, that the day is much earlier than usual. We hope all our friends the Cottagers, both above and below the hills, will exert themselves to shew their best produce, and so keep up the character of the Exhibition. The Prizes will be given away as usual in the afternoon.

The Treasurer, Mr. T. Deane, of Huttons, will be obliged to all Subscribers to pay him their subscriptions as soon as possible.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held in Hambleton Church at 5.30 p.m. the same day. The Sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. Pooley. A collection will be made for the Missions of the Church. Any contributions of corn, flowers, fruit, or other produce of the ground, that persons may please to offer for the Decoration of the Church, will be thankfully received, if sent to the Rectory the day before; but flowers can be sent to the Church on the morning of the 9th.

HAMBLETON FAIR.

This Fair will be held as usual on the day of Henley Fair. Last year it was specially successful, the great object being to keep persons from the dangers and temptations of Henley Fair. We solicit the kind co-operation of all our friends in making it as successful as before. No effort will be spared to ensure success. Hand-bills with particulars will be printed and circulated before the day.

IN THE PRESS.

Bible-Readings for Family Prayers, Part I, containing St. Luke and St. John, by the Rev. W. H. Ridley, M.A. Rector of Hambleton, Bucks. Published by Messrs. Rivington, Waterloo Place, London.