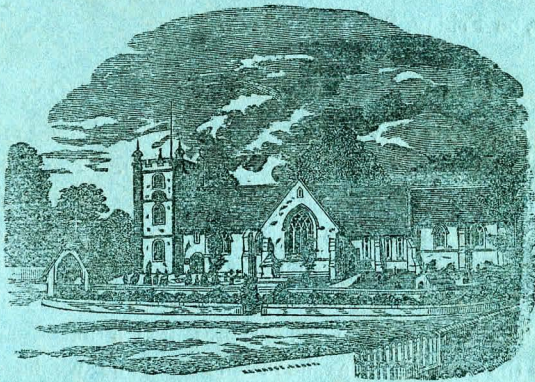


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

Sept. 6th, (born July 7th) Fanny, daughter of Thomas and Anne Janes, of Shogmoor.

Omitted before.

July 23rd, (privately) Alice Mary, daughter of Frederick Samuel and Anna Maria Avery, of St. Giles', London.

Aug. 2nd (born June 21st) Esther Harriett, daughter of James and Anne Leaver, of Little Frieth.

BURIALS.

Sept. 23rd (died Sept. 21st) Mary Anne Millington, of Henley-on-Thames, aged 43 years.

Sept. 25th (died Sept. 21st) Elizabeth Day, of Medmenham, aged 44 years.

Died Sept. 17th, at the great age of 92, Edward Marjoribanks, Esq., of Greenlands, and of 34, Wimpole Street, and 59, Strand, London. He was buried in the family vault in Kensal Green Cemetery, on Friday, September 27th.

LABOURERS' FRIEND ASSOCIATION.

The annual show of Vegetables, Flowers and Fruit, took place in the Schoolrooms, on Wednesday, September 9th. The day fixed was much earlier than in former years, owing to the fact that the season generally was so early. The show was quite as good as could be expected, considering how unfavourable the season had been for garden produce. There were not so many things exhibited, especially from Uphill. The Uphill table indeed presented a naked appearance. Nor were the productions as handsome as some we have seen in former years. But this could not excite surprise. Rather was it a matter for wonder that such good roots could be exhibited. One sample only of turnips was on the tables. The Flowers and Fruit were far superior to what we have ever seen on this occasion. Of the former, one specimen exhibited as a Nosegay of Cut Flowers, was so tastefully arranged, as well as made up of such good flowers, that though it was not a nosegay, but a table decoration, it received a special first prize. Apples, damsons and grapes, contended in vain one against another, so that the Committee awarded separate prizes to each.

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The Rector, in giving away the prizes, took the opportunity of shewing to the assembled company, one of the advantages of the Association. He told them that there had been two women in opposite parts of the parish, whose cottages had been so untidy, that he had promised each of them, that if she got a prize from the Association, he, himself, would give her another. One of the two appeared this year as a successful competitor, and carried away both a prize awarded by the Committee, and a sum of equal amount given her on the spot by the Rector, according to his promise.

At 5.30 p.m. on the same day, there was a Service of Thanksgiving for the Harvest, in Hambleton Church. It was well attended by a large and apparently earnest congregation. The people had been invited from the pulpit on the previous Sunday to send offerings of corn, fruit and flowers, to decorate the Church. To this call they liberally responded, and some persons kindly lent their own personal services in putting up the decorations. They were very elegantly and tastefully arranged, so that the Church presented a lively and cheerful appearance, rich and poor being represented by their willing offerings. The lectern and the tall candelabra were conspicuous by the flowers and grapes twined round their stems, while their bases were masses of fruit of various kinds. As usual, a procession marched from the School into the Church, headed by the choir, who were followed by labourers carrying sheaves of corn. The sheaves were kindly lent as before, by him, whose loss we are all at this time lamenting, and only just beginning to feel, the late E. Marjoribanks, Esq., whose bailiff, Mr. Harvey, had specially prepared them for standing in the Church. The preacher was the Rev. J. Pooley, who has during the last three months received a hearty welcome from all classes, who were glad to renew the acquaintance which they had so much valued some years ago. The collection for Church Missions at the close of the service, during the singing of the "Te Deum," amounted to £9 13s. 10d.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Frieth, was held on Tuesday, September 15th, at 6 p.m. There was again a full attendance of thankful worshippers. The chapel was simply and tastefully decorated by kind volunteers, and looked very pretty and bright when lighted up. The preacher was the same as at Hambleton. The collection amounted to £1 10s. 5½d., making a total from the Parish of £11 4s. 3½d.

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We are happy to say that through the mercy of God, the fever which has seriously visited some families at Rockwell End, has not spread further, and that all those who have had it are recovering.

The recurrence of continued dry weather caused almost greater distress for water, than in the month of August. The water-cart was again set in motion, but after only two or three journies its services were rendered unnecessary by the fall of refreshing showers.

HAMBLEDEN FAIR.

Handbills announcing the entertainments prepared for the Fair, were printed and circulated early in the month. Many persons were looking forward anxiously to it, because they had been deprived of their summer holiday on the occasion of the Club Feast. Kind friends of all descriptions lent their assistance, and combined to make the Fair answer the one end for which it has been set up, namely, to provide persons such innocent entertainment at home, that they may not be induced to run into the grievous temptations which attend on Henley Fair. Too much praise cannot be given to the young men of Hambleden, for the kind way in which they threw themselves into the works of the day, and the willingness they shewed to do whatever they could to make the day successful. Articles of every description, gim-cracks, fancy articles, toys of lesser and greater value, up to the useful garden forks, which Miss Doyle's kindness offered for sale at a low price, commended by an appropriate text of Scripture, were gradually cleared from the stalls, and a considerable number of books, Prayer Books, Bibles, Church Services and the like, were also disposed of. Aunt Sally, Quoits, Football, &c., occupied and amused the more active part of the company, while the boys bobbed in water for apples, and tried to sit in the clothes basket. We must reserve the remainder of our observations till next month, except merely to repeat our thanks to *all* persons for their kindly assistance.

COALS.

The money for the coals, provided by Mr. Scott-Murray's kindness, must be paid by Oct. 24th. The amount for each person is 9s.

To be published the first week in October, Bible Readings for Family Prayers,—New Testament, St. Luke and St. John; Old Testament,—Genesis and Exodus. Each part 2s. 6d. By the Rev. W. H. Ridley, Rector of Hambleden. Published by Messrs. Rivington, 3, Waterloo Place, London.