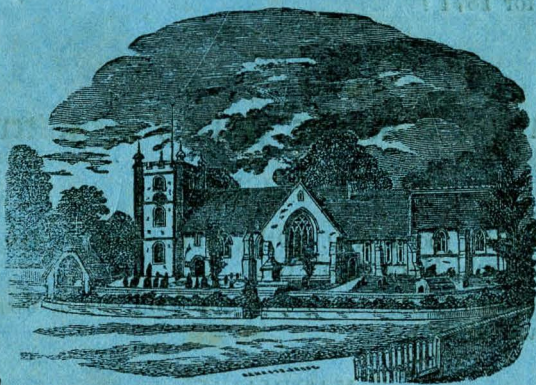


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EDITOR'S PREFACE.

We venture to hope that our many friends will receive with a kindly welcome the expression of our good wishes for them on the arrival of another New Year. If we have, during the past twelve months, afforded them any gratification by chronicling the events of our Parish, it is a satisfaction to us to think that our labours have not been thrown away. And for our many faults and deficiencies we must trust to their indulgence. We can but promise to take increased pains to do what is right, and to record such matters as shall seem to be of general interest. We pray for a continuance of their patronage and support, and request that they will encourage their friends to assist us. We are not quite self-supporting. The sale of a few more copies every month would make us independent. Can we not find *twenty* additional persons willing to benefit themselves as well as to improve our condition, by consenting to take in our Parish Magazine for 1871 ?

Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

December 25th (born Nov. 29th), Lillian Mercy, daughter of Thomas and Mary Anne West.

Same day (born _____), Joseph, son of Joseph and
Hannah Brown.

MARRIAGE.

December 27th, Mr. John Haddon, of Southampton, to Miss Georgiana Hobbs, of Millend.

BURIALS.

December 6th (died Dec. 4th); Joseph Gauntlett, at the Union Workhouse, aged 80 years.

December 8th (died Nov. 27th), Annie Lewis, of Ackhampstead, aged 1 year and 4 months.

The Church Choir gave a Penny Reading and acted their Farce on Thursday the 8th December. Both parts were good. The Readings were decidedly above the average, though unfortunately Admiral Ryder was unable to attend and fulfil his engagement. Of the songs, "The Railway Porter," which William Gray sang instead of E. Millington who had too bad a cold to sing, was the most popular, and deservedly so. John Parncutt, Jun. sang the "Shoe Black" admirably. It was called for a second time, but the hour was too late to admit of repetitions. The performance of "The Village Lawyer" was very good on the whole. The parts of Mr. Snail, Mr. Scout and Sheepface deserve especial commendation. The attendance was good, but there were too many chairs unoccupied.

EXHIBITION OF CONJURING TRICKS.

Professor Hellis from London, gave, according to printed notices, two performances of Parlour Magic and Conjuring Tricks in the School-rooms, on Thursday, December 29th, the first at 3 p.m., the latter at 7 o'clock in the evening. They were extremely successful in every respect, excepting as to the number of the audience. Unfortunately, as is so often the case, the attendance was not large enough on either occasion to keep the rooms warm. But we believe that *all* who were present at each performance were greatly pleased and amused. The severity of the weather doubtless had something to do with the thinness of the attendance. It was unfortunate, also, that Choir Concerts were going on both at Henley and Marlow the same evening.

Many of the tricks were quite new to the majority of those present; and they testified their delight by most unequivocal signs of laughter and applause, but with the most perfect decorum and good behaviour.

Christmas Day falling on a Sunday has seemed to interfere with both the keeping of Christmas and the observance of Sunday. The holiday has been in many instances transferred to boxing-day. The Church decorations, both at Hambleden and Frieth, reflect great credit on those industrious hands who have executed them; but the general absence of holly-berries this season, has made them less brilliant and ornamental than usual.

At Frieth, the day was made especially interesting to the children attending the Day and Sunday Schools, by the kindness of Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Cripps, who, in addition to all the kind fostering care which they bestow on these Schools during the year, by giving instruction personally as well as in other ways encouraging the children to come to receive it, on this day entertained the children with buns, besides adding in some cases more substantial benefits. We are happy to say that the attendance is altogether better and more punctual.

We are sorry to begin the New Year with recording a very sad and serious accident which happened to Mr. E. Lane, of the "Stag and Huntsman," on Thursday, December 22nd. He was thrown from a cart in the dusk of the evening, and received a very severe wound in the head, as well as concussion of the brain and general shock. The other persons who were with him happily sustained very little injury.

CLOTHING SOCIETY.

Subscriptions.

Doyle, Miss	1	5	0
Marjoribanks, Sir D. C., Bart.	1	10	0
Marjoribanks, the Misses	3	0	0
Murray, C. R. Scott, Esq.	3	3	0
Ridley, Rev. W. H.	2	2	0
Ryder, Admiral and Miss	2	0	0
Stanley, Hon. the Misses	0	10	0
	13	10	0
Balance in hand	3	6	11
Children's Payments	34	15	11
	£51	12	10

Payments.

Bills for Clothing	51	13	6
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	£52	18	6
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