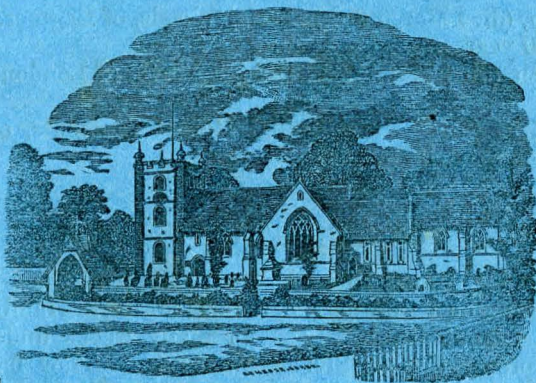


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

March 5th, (born January 28th,) Lucy Charlotte, daughter of Thomas and Louisa Wicks, of Greenlands.

March 12th, (born February 9th,) Constance Mary, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Wye, Skirmett.

March 19th, (born January 24th,) Sam, son of Samuel and Ellen Keeley, of Chisbidge Cross.

March 26th, (born January 28th,) Robert, son of James and Emma Grimshaw, of Bagmore Cottage.

Same day, (born February 6th,) Lottie, daughter of George and Ellen Titts, of Pheasants.

Same day, (born February 11th,) Mary Anne, daughter of James and Emma Humphries, of Pheasants.

BURIALS.

March 4th, (died February 28th,) Maria Wheeler, of the Henley Union Workhouse, aged 76 years.

March 7th, (died March 3rd,) Daniel Woods, of Bagmore Cottage, aged 90 years.

March 14th, (died March 7th,) Joseph North, of London, aged 71 years.

March 25th, (died March 20th,) Robert Clements, of the Henley Union Workhouse, aged 68 years.

CONFIRMATION.

On Wednesday, March 15th, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese held a Confirmation, according to previous notice, in Hambleden Church. The candidates had been for many weeks under instruction in preparation for this solemn service. They had received a parting address from the Rector's own lips; those in the neighbourhood of Frieth, in Frieth Chapel, on the afternoon of the Sunday previous; those at and near Skirmett, in Skirmett School Chapel, at a special service held for that purpose, and very well attended, on Monday, March 13th, at 7 p.m.; and the rest in Hambleden Church, after the regular Evening Service, on Tuesday, the 14th March. There were 40 candidates from this Parish. Twenty-one came from Medmenham, thirteen from Fawley, and a few others from other places. Several of them were more or less really connected with Hambleden. The service commenced at 3.30 p.m. The Bishop was attended by his Chaplain, the Rev. W. Ince.

After the ordinary Evening Prayer was ended, the Bishop came down to the entrance of the Chancel and addressed the candidates on the solemn character of the promises which they were about to make. The Hymn "Veni Creator," was then sung, and hands were laid on them, two at a time, kneeling on the step of the Chancel. When all had been confirmed, the Bishop ascended the pulpit, and spoke to them again in a very simple and impressive style, upon the helps which God provides them all through their life, especially Prayer, Holy Scripture and Holy Communion. There was a large and attentive congregation, consisting in great measure of friends and relations of those who were Confirmed.

In the evening of the same day, at 7 p.m. there was the usual Wednesday Evening Service. The Choir, Clergy and Bishop, entered the Church in procession from the west door, preceded by the banner. The processional hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," was sung. The Litany was chanted, after which the Bishop preached on the character of St. Peter, to a Church full of attentive listeners. After the sermon, the hymn "O Paradise," was sung before the blessing.

On the following morning the Bishop held a Confirmation in Fingest Church, when twenty-four persons were confirmed.

LENT SERVICES AND GOOD FRIDAY.

The week-day Services during Lent have been better attended this year, for which thanks are due to Almighty God. We need not doubt that He will give His blessing to those who attend them.

During Holy Week there will be, as usual, a short sermon every evening, and a special Hymn, suitable for the season, will be sung every evening.

The Rector is very anxious to make Good Friday, as far as possible, a day of great spiritual benefit to the parishioners. In the earnest hope that some who have hitherto been prevented from more than a partial enjoyment of Public Services on that day, may be able to attend a second service, he proposes to have an Evening Service in Hambleden Church, at 7 p.m., instead of an Afternoon Service, at 3.30.

He proposes to have the Special Service in the Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m., as it has been the two last years, and he ventures earnestly to intreat all those who have leisure, or can make leisure, to come and spend an hour or two in prayer and meditation upon the sufferings of our Blessed Saviour, at the same

time of the day in which He endured those sufferings. The day is plainly not one for amusement or pleasure. It is taken away from worldly occupations *because of our sins*. Our Blessed Lord suffered and died for our sins, and that is the reason why this day is made different from other week-days. Our sins therefore, and His bitter sufferings and Death, should be in all our thoughts throughout the day.

There will be Morning Service as usual, at Hambleden, Frieth and Skirmett: the special service in the Schoolrooms at Hambleden, at 2.30 p.m., and Evening Service at Hambleden and Frieth, at 7 p.m. May God give an abundant blessing, and make them to many persons a blessed preparation for Easter Day.

CHURCH EXPENSES.

The old method of paying Church expenses having become a failure, the Churchwardens are under the necessity of devising some other mode. This they have done, and are inviting the co-operation of Church-goers throughout the Parish, by means of a circular which they have prepared and printed.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

The Diocesan Inspector, the Rev. J. Baines, visited Hambleden School, on Friday, the 17th March, and Frieth School, on Wednesday, the 22nd. This Inspection has become more important now than ever, because by the New Education Act, the Government Inspectors are forbidden to make any enquiries on the subject of religion. It becomes therefore of the highest importance that such enquiries shall be made by others; else there will be a tendency to let religion give way to mere secular instruction.

FRIETH CHAPEL CHOIR.

The success of the entertainment given at Frieth, in February last, has encouraged the Members of the Choir to undertake a second, which they hope will take place on Easter Monday, April 10th, to commence at 7 p.m., at which hour the Rector will take the chair. Unless we have formed a very false estimate of their programme, it bids fair, in our opinion, to equal its predecessor. The object to which the profits are to be devoted, no less than our interest in the performers, urges us to invite our readers to patronise the entertainment.