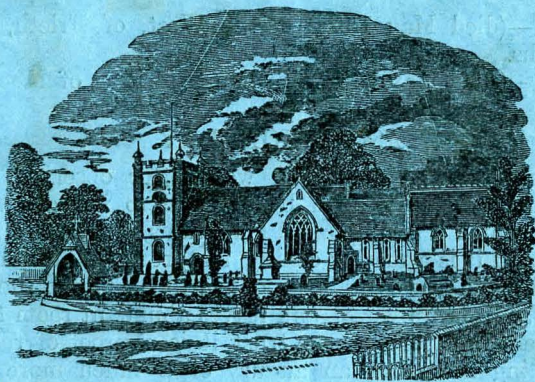


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- May 7th,—(born March 18th,) Joseph, son of James and Ann Leaver, of Little Frieth.
Same day,—(born April 8th,) Jesse, son of Henry and Eliza Munday, of Frieth.
May 21st,—(born March 26th,) Albert, son of Thomas William and Jane Allum, of Millend.
Same day, (born April 15th,) Louisa, daughter of Samuel and Maria Futtah, of Huttons.
May 28th,—(born March 31st,) Sarah, daughter of George and Elizabeth Eggleton, of Goddards.
Same day, (born April 19th,) Albert William, son of William and Anne Aldridge, of Moors End.

Omitted in April.

- March 26th,—(born March 29th, 1868,) George, son of George and Elizabeth Anne Gibbs, of Skirmett.
Same day,—(born Dec. 30th, 1870,) Florence Mary, sister of the above.

BURIALS.

- May 18th,—(died May 15th,) Nellie West, of Frieth, aged 9 months.
May 20th,—(died May 15th,) William Aldridge, of Moors End.

ASCENSION DAY.

This great and blessed day was better observed than in former years. Attention had been drawn to its solemnity and the claims which it has upon all Christians, on the two previous Sundays, and it is a matter calling for great thankfulness that the appeal made was so well responded to. Though the observance was far from universal, and leaves abundant room for great improvement in future, yet we trust it is a proof of real devotional feeling now, and an augury of a much more general observance in years to come. The early Service at 5 a.m. in Hambleden Church was attended by 29 Communicants. There was a calm quietness in the Service at that early hour which seemed specially to suit the peculiar thoughts of the day, and to speak of that Heavenly rest which "remaineth for the people of God." Two hymns were sung very heartily without organ accompaniment.

The second Service at 10.30 a.m. was attended by a larger number of worshippers than usual, of whom 18 remained to receive the Holy Communion.

Evensong was well attended throughout the Parish at 7.30 p.m. The Service was made as bright and cheering as it could be without being choral; a congregation larger than in former years appeared to enter warmly and thankfully into it. Altogether we must hope that hearts ascended up where He has gone before to prepare a home for them that look for Him.

FRIETH CHAPEL.

It is pretty generally known that H. W. Cripps, Esq. Q.C. has kindly promised to give a peal of bells to Frieth Chapel, if proper accommodation is provided for them by other persons. There is at the same time great need of more accommodation in the Chapel for worshippers. Thanks to the kindness and zeal of the Misses Cripps, Mr. Toovey, and the young men of the Choir, a Sunday School numbering more than 50 is now assembled every Sunday at Frieth. This, in addition to the fact, which ought to be most thankfully acknowledged, that the congregation of adults at Frieth Chapel has of late considerably increased, often causes the Chapel to be inconveniently crowded. It is of pressing importance therefore, irrespective of Church bells, that the Chapel should be enlarged. A plan for accomplishing these two works in one and the same effort, has been obtained from H. Woodyer, Esq., the architect, under whose direction Hambleton Church was restored. The cost of the two works combined will be about £500. It furnishes about 25 additional sittings. Different persons will doubtless regard the different parts of the work with different feelings. Some will take to the one, and some to the other. It is very earnestly hoped that all friends of Frieth and Hambleton will interest themselves in the undertaking, and will say plainly to which portion of the work their sympathies are drawn, whether to the bells or the enlargement, or to both, and will kindly render all the assistance in their power to the furthering of that which they adopt as their own. The late owner and occupiers of Greenlands have, with their never-varying liberality, in taking final leave of the parish, given handsome contributions into the hands of the Rector, for the benefit of Frieth Chapel, but more particularly for the increase of accommodation in it.

Subscriptions to any amount will be thankfully received by Mr. Toovey, of Shogmoor, who has kindly consented to act as Treasurer, or by any of the Clergy of the Parish.

PROPOSED NEW ORGAN FOR FRIETH CHAPEL.

The energy of the Frieth choir has not as yet begun to evaporate. They are pursuing their good object in a great variety of directions. First they have endeavoured, and not without good success, to enlist the co-operation of friends of Frieth, who have, from one cause or other, been removed to a distance. Secondly, they have tried to stir up the goodwill and kind feelings of friends far and near to employ their fingers in their leisure time in making articles useful and ornamental, which may be disposed of at a sale, or a stall, the profits to be devoted to their Organ. Thirdly, they are preparing to give, with the assistance of their friends, a good concert of sacred and miscellaneous music, vocal and instrumental, in the course of the summer.

For this purpose Mr. Toovey, the friend of all things and all persons at Frieth, and especially of all connected with the Church and religion, has kindly promised them the use of one of his barns. More detailed notice of what is intended will be given next month. We need hardly add that we wish them every success.

LABOURERS' FRIEND ASSOCIATION.

The Committee have observed with regret that the objects of this Association have not met with that interest among those who might benefit by it, as its friends had hoped. Some years ago they withdrew the prizes for the best-kept Cottages, and now they find the number of those who offer their Gardens for competition so small and decreasing, that they have, for this year at least, withdrawn the prizes for Gardens. Instead of these, they offer to all ploughmen in the parish to compete on some one day, to be fixed by-and-bye, for Ploughing Prizes.

We hope that cottagers will make more efforts than heretofore to win prizes at the Show in September.

DIOCESAN PRIZE SCHEME.

On the 7th May, five girls and three boys from Hambleden School, went to Marlow to attend the examination and compete for the Prizes. The result of the examination will probably not be known for three or four weeks; but the children enjoyed their day greatly, as might be expected.

We are sure it will be interesting to many of our readers to be informed that our late neighbour and friend, whose voice we have often heard among us, the Rev. C. W. Barnett Clarke, of Cadmore End, has accepted the office of "Dean of Cape Town," and will be, when this reaches our readers' hands, on his voyage to the Cape in the vessel Syria. He will be very thankful for the prayers of all who will offer them in his behalf.

HYMN BOOK.

An Appendix to the Hymn Book has been published, and will sometimes be used in Church. The small size are 1d. in paper covers; 2d. in cloth. The larger size are 2d. in paper covers; 4d. in cloth. They may be purchased of Mr. Falkner, Hambleden; and Mrs. Webbe, Frieth.
