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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

October 31st, privately, (born same day), Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, of Mill End.

November 19th, (born October 2nd), Flora, daughter of William and Leah Denham, of Skirmett.

November 26th, (born October 1st), Amy, daughter of William and Susan Hobbs, of Rockwell End.

BURIALS.

November 1st, (died October 30th), William Toovey, from the Henley Union Workhouse, aged 81 years.

November 2nd, (died November 1st), Edward Chambers, of Mill End, infant.

November 3rd, (died October 27th), Eliza Jemmett, of Henley, aged 49 years.

November 4th, (died November 1st), William Feeseey, of Henley, aged 31 years.

November 18th, (died November 15th), Alfred Plumridge, of Hide, aged five years.

SKIRMETT SCHOOL ACCOUNTS.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Deane, Rev. R. W. ...	1	1 0	Mrs. Brace ...	4	5 4
Doyle, Miss ...	1	0 0	Stove and pipe ...	0	19 6
Marjoribanks, Sir D. C.,			Coal... ..	0	5 4
Bart.	1	0 0	Notice Board... ..	0	2 8
Marjoribanks, the Misses	1	0 0			
Murray, Miss Scott ..	1	0 0		£5	12 10
Ridley, Rev. W. H. ...	1	0 0	Balance in hand ...	2	13 9
Rector and Churchwardens, from Miss Hind's legacy	2	5 7			
	£8	6 7		£8	6 7

On November 1st, Miss Sykes took charge of the School. No children will be admitted under $2\frac{1}{2}$ years old ; and they are not intended to remain after 7 years old ; at that age it is hoped they may go to Hambleden.

HAMBLEDEN NATIONAL SCHOOL.

The School was inspected by Adam Rankine, Esq., one of the Government Inspectors, on November 1st. Unfortunately, owing to the constant sickness among children during the year, there was but a small number of children to be examined. His report of the School has not yet been received. He kindly asked that they might all have a half holiday, and this they spent in drinking tea and eating cake in the Schoolrooms.

The Rector has written and circulated an address to the parents, urging them to keep their children *regular* in attendance at School. It is quite surprising how many irregularities of attendance are allowed and committed by the parents, often we believe, thoughtlessly. They do not consider the great mischief which is done by it in many ways, and can hardly believe at last that their children have missed so often. A little forethought, determination and perseverance, would put an end to much of this irregularity. We have no doubt that many parents will give more attention to the subject, now that it has been so plainly brought before them. The arrival at the end of each quarter of the promised card, with the information written on it, will help to keep up the parents' attention.

COALS.

The number of those who have paid their 9s. for half a ton of coals is 85. The coals are in course of delivery. If this severe weather lasts, the depositors will not regret that they have provided themselves with fuel, and will, it is hoped, be grateful to Mr. Scott-Murray, for enabling them to provide it at so small a cost.

We are requested to ask all persons who have Missionary Boxes, to send them back to the Rectory, on or before December 15th.

ADVENT.

During Advent a course of Sermons will be preached on Sundays, at the Evening Service. The following will be the subjects:—

1st Sunday in Advent, December 3rd, "Christ judging mankind now in this life."

2nd Sunday, December 10th, "Christ knocking for admittance now."

3rd Sunday, December 17th, "The last judgment."

4th Sunday, December 24th, "Waiting for the consolation of Israel."

What a great thing it would be if we could all give our minds during that sacred season, to these solemn subjects? How the thought of them would prepare us for Christmas, to rejoice in the Birth of a Saviour; and how it would prepare us to enter with more care, and better hope, on the duties and events of another year! If it does require a little more effort to come out on a cold, dark night in December, this would be more than

made up to us by the blessing with which God would repay our efforts, and the blessed thoughts with which He would warm our hearts. Besides, the Church is always comfortably warm at the Evening Service.

THE NEW LECTIONARY.

On December 3rd, the 1st Sunday in Advent, or Advent Sunday as it is often called, the new Table of Lessons, or Lectionary, will begin to be used. The Sunday Lessons begin at Advent, though the Daily Lessons begin in January. The principal changes made in the reading of Scripture, are the following: There is a third 1st Lesson furnished for the third service on Sundays, when there are three services; and for the 2nd Lesson at the third service, when no special Lesson is appointed, the Clergyman may read any one he chooses out of the Gospels. Some of the existing First Lessons are left out, and some chapters which are not now used, are appointed instead.

The Gospels are read only once a year at Morning Service, instead of three times; and the Epistles are read also once a year in the Morning.

In like manner the Epistles are read only once a year at Evening Service, instead of three times, and the Gospels are read also once a year in the Evening.

The Apocrypha is scarcely read at all. But several chapters from the Book of Revelation are read.

The Lessons are made much shorter.

In many cases new Lessons are appointed for Saints' Days, and other Holy Days.

Books of the New Table of Lessons may be purchased of Mr. Falkner, at the School, or of Mrs. Webbe, at Frieth, at 1d. and 1d. each.

MIDNIGHT SERVICE.

It is purposed to hold a Service, as usual, in Church on the last night of the year. The Service will be conducted in the same way as on former occasions.

