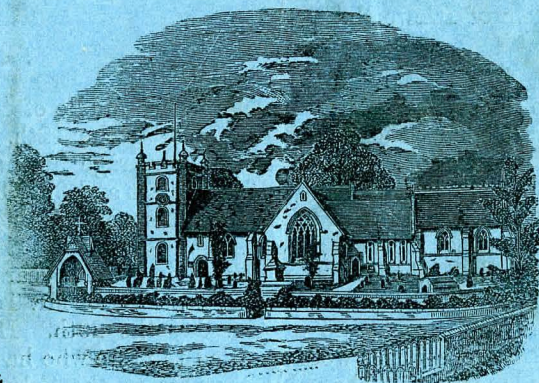


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- Feb. 18th,—(Born Jan. 22nd,) Emily Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Eliza Rebecca Smith, of Greenlands.
Same day,—(Born Dec. 28th, 1871,) Nellie, daughter of Abraham and Sarah Lewis, of Achampstead
Feb. 25th,—(Born Jan. 10th,) Harry, son of George and Matilda Holland, of Hambleden.
Same day,—(Born Jan. 25th,) Walter, son of James and Eliza Bennett, of Greenlands.

MARRIAGE.

- Feb. 5th.—William Austen and Ellen Lathan.

BURIALS.

- Feb. 2nd,—(Died Jan. 27th,) Selina Seers, of Moor's End, aged 65 years.
Feb. 7th,—(Died Feb. 5th,) Alice Austen, of the Henley Union Workhouse.
Feb. 10th,—(Died Feb. 7th,) Mr. Francis Brangwin, of Henley, aged 73 years.

Married on Tuesday, Feb. 6th, at Isleworth, by the Rev. W. H. Ridley, Rector of Hambleden, Mr. E. West, of Frieth, to Miss S. Wisdom of Isleworth.

NIGHT SCHOOL.

These Schools came to an end in the middle of the month. The Hambleden School ended on Monday the 12th. Admiral Ryder's prizes, so kindly given to encourage attendance and attention, were awarded to those in the 1st and 3rd Classes who had taken pains and tried to improve themselves. One boy only in the 2nd Class received a prize.

The Frieth Night School, which as in former years has been indebted to the unwearied care and teaching of Mr. Toovey and William Webb, broke up on Tuesday the 20th. Here again Admiral Ryder's prizes were awarded to those who had by regular attendance shewn the value they set on the School. Their kind friends at Frieth treated them, as before, to tea before dismissing them.

On Sunday, February 18th, collections were made in Hambleden Church in behalf of that most useful and valuable Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. It is this Society which furnishes us with our Bibles, Testaments, and Prayer Books at so very low a price. From this Society also we derive very many other of our books and tracts. It also lends valuable aid to Schools, Lending Libraries, and other Institutions, both in Great Britain generally and in the Colonies.

The day was very unfavourable, and many persons were prevented by the weather from coming to Church. The collections amounted to £2 16s. 2½d.

FRIETH CHURCH ENLARGEMENT.

The Committee are advertising for tenders, and as soon as they have agreed with a builder and the contract is signed, they will commence the work. They offer their best thanks to those who have sent their contributions during the past month, viz.—

	£	s.	d.
Admiral Hon. G. Grey	5	0	0
Deane, A. J. Esq.	2	0	0
Smith, Mr. Stephen	1	0	0
Barnett, Mrs.	3	3	0
Stone, O. E. Esq.	2	0	0

PENNY READING AT FRIETH.

This came off on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 13th, under the presidency of the Rev. F. H. Slocock. The room was well filled, but we understand that though a policeman was present, order was by no means well kept. Ward, with his comic songs, was, as usual, the principal attraction, and he sustained the character which he has won before. We fear that these Entertainments exhibit the tendency, so generally found in other places, to become too light and consequently too low. Instead of elevating and improving the taste of the public, they have a tendency, unless the comic and amusing element be kept thoroughly subordinate to the sober and improving, to foster low tastes and childish or inelegant habits, or even something worse. This is not, we are sure, the wish of our friends at Frieth.

The Lent Mission Working Association holds its meetings at the Rectory, on Tuesday afternoons.

We have to thank Mrs. Barnett for so promptly acting upon our suggestion about waste paper.

The Lent Services are well attended. The Sermons on Friday Evenings at Hambleden will be preached by the Rev. J. Pooley, Rev. F. W. Harris, Rev. L. G. Maine, of St. Lawrence's, Reading, and Rev. J. A. Cree, of Marlow. There will be Special Services in Holy Week. On Good Friday the Services will be in the morning at 10.30 a.m. and Evening at 7 p.m. as last year. There will also be opportunity given to those who like to avail themselves of it, to spend part of the afternoon hours in devotion and spiritual meditation, in harmony with the sufferings of our Blessed Saviour at that time. More particular notice of all these will be given when the time draws nearer. But now in preparation we press upon our readers the claims of Good Friday, to be spent not in pleasure and self-gratification, not merely in idleness and as a day of relaxation, or not simply in compulsory attendance at Church under a master's order; but in solemn remembrance before God of the sufferings of our Blessed Saviour and of our sins which caused those sufferings.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

The Schools at Hambleden and Frieth have just received their first visit of inspection from the Rev. E. Barber, the newly appointed Inspector of Religious Knowledge for the Diocese. He examined Hambleden School on the afternoon of Thursday, Feb. 22nd, and Frieth School on the morning of Friday, Feb. 23rd. He expressed a general approval of the condition of each School, and of the acquaintance of the children with those subjects which he came more particularly to enquire into. Perhaps we shall at some future time receive a more specific report.

The following children of Hambleden School have received Prizes for the greatest number of marks gained in 1871:—

<i>1st Class.</i> —	GIRLS.	Mary Jane Falkner.
"	"	Emma Jane Courtney.
"	"	Jane Stallwood.
"	"	Emily Hewett.
"	BOYS.	Owen Parncutt.
"	"	Charles William Gray.
<i>2nd Class.</i> —	GIRLS.	Sarah Denham.
"	"	Mary Ann Harris.
"	BOYS.	Arthur Lane.
"	"	James Gray.
<i>3rd Class.</i> —	GIRLS.	Elizabeth Williams.
"	BOYS.	Matthew Peach.
<i>4th Class.</i> —	GIRLS.	Mary Jane Gray.
"	BOYS.	Arthur Leaver.

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We beg to tender our sincere thanks to Brooke Young, Esq. for his kind and seasonable contribution of 10s. towards the deficiency in our own Funds.

