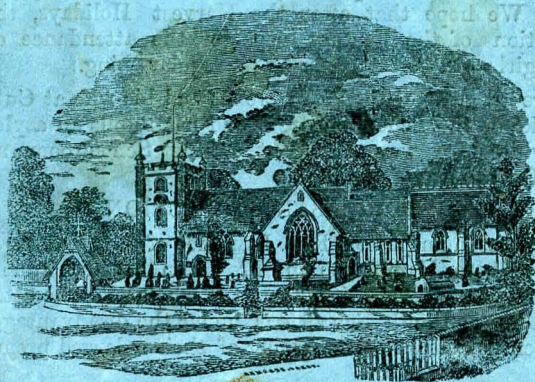


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## Extracts from the Parish Registers.

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### BAPTISMS.

- July 7.—(Born June 19th) Ellen, daughter of Charles and Mary Ann Gill, Hambleden.
- July 23.—Privately (Born January 29th) Mark, son of George and Elizabeth Gibbs, of Skirmett.
- July 27.—(Born May 14th) Harry, son of William and Sarah Cook, of Bottom House.
- Sameday.—(Born May 22nd) Walter James, son of Mary Ann Hobbs, of Skirmett.
- Sameday.—(Born June 11th) Frances Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Millington.

### MARRIAGE.

- July 26th—William John Purcell, to Fanny Sellars.

### FREITH SCHOOL.

The additions to this School have been completed, and the children were re-admitted on Monday June 23rd. The alterations are on the whole very satisfactory. There is now abundance of room for the Infants, and sufficient space to admit the lace making girls as half-timers. We hope that after the Harvest Holidays, through the intervention of the Factory Inspector, the attendance of the lace-making girls will be established as a regular thing.

We are all grateful to Charles Jones and his wife at Cutler's Farm, for providing the School mistress and her Pupils an asylum in their house while they were kept out of the Schoolroom, and to Mr. Toovey for the use of his Barn.

### DIOCESAN INSPECTION.

The Diocesan Inspector, Rev. J. Baines of Little Marlow, paid his annual visit to Hambleden and Freith on Monday June 23rd. He expressed himself as satisfied on the whole with the attainments of the Children. Freith School was under the disadvantage of having only taken possession that morning of their enlarged premises.

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The Boys of Hambleden and Freith Choirs had their holiday trip on Wednesday July 9th. They had expressed a great desire to go to the Crystal Palace, and to the Crystal Palace they went. The Great Western Railway took them to Victoria and back with Pleasure Tickets at one and a quarter fare. By an unfortunate mistake, not being told at which Station to change carriages, they were delayed on the journey, and did not reach Sydenham till half past 12 o'clock. The first thing was to get dinner; after which they amused themselves with the wonders of that interesting place, *e. g.*, the parrots, monkeys, Tower, Cosmorama, &c., till at 5.20 p.m., after a substantial tea, they got again into the Train, and reached Hambleden in safety, and in the highest spirits, between 9 and 10 o'clock, having spent a very happy day; all the more happy because they all conducted themselves so well.

## CRICKET.

The Rector's Annual Game came off on Tuesday the 22nd July, considerably earlier than it was last year, which was in many respects a better arrangement. St. Swithin has not been this year true to his tradition ; for though his own Festival was not without rain, more than one day has passed since the 15th July without rain falling. The match was between Gentlemen and Players. By a mistake the Players had one more on their side, and two of the Gentlemen were *very small*. But this is hardly sufficient to account for the very decided victory which the Players achieved, beating the Gentlemen in one innings, with more than 20 runs to spare. The game was not over till nearly 7 o'clock. At 3 p.m. they adjourned to the Rectory lawn, when ample justice was done to a cold dinner.

## BLANKETS.

The blankets provided by W. H. Smith, Esq. last Christmas, for loan to the poor during the winter have been brought back, but we are sorry to say that *three* of them were in so bad a condition, that the ls. deposited has not been given up to the borrower of the blanket.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN CONFERENCE.

Last Autumn the Bishop of the Diocese held a Synod of the Clergy at Oxford. At this Synod it was determined that a Conference of the Clergy and Laity of the diocese should be held if the Laity were willing to concur in the proposal. To this they have given their consent. The Conference is to be held in Oxford on the 1st and 2nd of October. Before that time each Parish in the Diocese will be called upon to elect two Laymen, who will have to vote for 5 Laymen from whom the whole body of Representatives will be chosen. The total number of Clerical Members is to be 150, besides the *ex officio* members, (who are the Dean and Canons of Christ Church, Oxford, the Archdeacons and Rural Deans), and of Laity, there are to be 3 for every 2 of the Clergy. There will be many important questions concerning the Church and her work, in which their opinions will be of great value.

A meeting was held in the Vestry, on Monday, July 28th, when A. J. Dean, Esq. and W. H. Smith, Esq., were elected by the persons present.

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We cannot issue this number of our Magazine, without alluding to the sad and very sudden loss which the Church and the Country have sustained in the death of Bishop Wilberforce. His kindness, eloquence, activity, energy, made him such that his removal is a public loss, and hundreds of private individuals feel that a personal friend has been taken from them.

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## MEDMENHAM CORNER.

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### BIRTH.

June 27.—Mrs. Henry Charlton, a daughter.

### BAPTISM.

July 16.—Arthur Crossman.

June 29th.—ST. PETER'S DAY.—This festival was observed carefully in the Church. There was an early celebration at 8 a.m. The services in the morning and afternoon were rendered as appropriately as the day as possible. The attendances of the Congregations were large. In the morning the Vicar preached from *Leviticus ix. 30*, and pressed upon the people that a Dedication Festival should teach them to thank God for his House, to reverence it, and make incessant use of it.

On the following day, as being a suitable time for the enjoyment of the Children, the School treat was held. Shortly before 4 o'clock the children assembled at the school whence they proceeded to Church with banners flying. A short service was held and a short address given to the children by the Vicar. After Church the children proceeded to the Vicarage garden; here, under a large tree, for there was a slight fall of rain most of the afternoon, tea had been prepared, to this, we need not say, the young guests paid great attention, and the mothers of the children, according to an excellent custom, were also invited to tea by themselves on the Lawn, and were waited on by Mrs. Hill, the Misses Bickley, and Miss Hill. Cricket, Running, Rounders, &c., were, during the evening, the amusements of the Boys, and the Ladies entered vigorously into the entertainment of the girls. At the time for parting, the Vicar addressed the children, exhorting them for the future to be regular and punctual in their attendance at School both on week days and Sundays. Some more refreshments were then handed round to all and the company broke up, we hope well pleased.

The Fund for improving the Schools stands thus:—

	£	s.	d.
Whitsunday Collection (portion) ... ..	1	15	0
Promises { Marlow Deanery Association of Church Societies ... ..	4	0	0
{ Robert Crossman, Esq. ... ..	5	0	0
Offerory of the Ruridecanal Chapter at Hambleden, July 8th: ... ..	0	12	0
	11	7	0

It would be advisable to make an effort on Sunday, August 3rd, for the School. There will be a special evening service on that day at 6.30. It is to be hoped that people will make a point of coming and giving the utmost in their power.

Application for help has been sent to the Diocesan Board of Education, the result of which shall be made known next month.

On July 21st the Members of the Medmenham Branch of the S. B. F. S., held their Gala Day. They invited the Vicar to take the chair at the dinner. The loyal toasts were given and heartily responded to.

The good people of Medmenham will have been saddened equally with the other Parishes of this Diocese at the announcement of the Bishop of Winchester's sudden death. He was best known in country parishes for his marvellous Sermons, and the wisdom of his fatherly Confirmation Addresses. We may conscientiously say of him, that he threw his great talents into nothing with more energy than to "Preach the Gospel to the Poor."