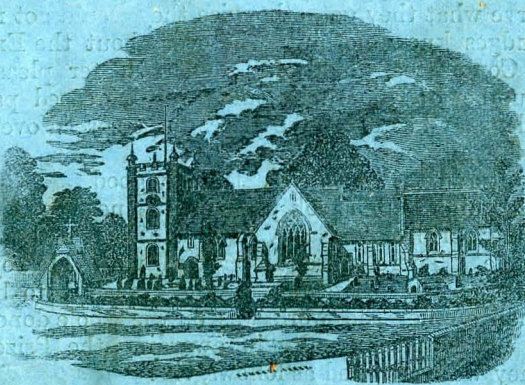


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## Extracts from the Parish Registers.

### BAPTISMS.

Oct. 12th, (born Aug. 15th), William, son of John and Mary Wise, of Millend.

Same day, (born Aug. 16th), Ellen, daughter of James and Emma Grimshaw, of Bymore Cottage.

### BURIALS.

Sept. 27th, (died Sept. 24th), Matilda Cross, aged 31 years.

Oct. 4th, (died Oct. 1st), Mark Gibbs, aged 8 months.

Oct. 15th, (died Oct. 10th), Anne Morris, aged 56 years.

Oct. 18th, (died Oct. 13th), Elizabeth Sheldrake, aged 48 years.

### VEGETABLE SHOW.

The display of articles was decidedly good—of some, exceptionally so. Onions were very superior, and so were potatoes. In giving away the prizes to the successful exhibitors, the Rector expressed the feeling of the Committee, which is one of regret that so many prizes go to a few persons. These few persons deserve what they get, otherwise they would not receive it, for the Judges know nothing whatever about the Exhibitors; but the Committee would feel much greater pleasure if a greater number of labourers would take increased pains with their gardens, and so cause the prizes to be spread over a larger number of exhibitors.

The Fruit and Flowers were extremely good.

The Ploughing Match took place on Wednesday, October 8th, in one of Mr. Cripps' fields at Colstrop. The weather was most unfavourable. There were 12 carters with 11 boys. The Judges, Messrs. Hills, Kitchen and Perry, wish it to be known that in their opinion the work was on the whole done so well, that they had great difficulty in awarding the Prizes. Ultimately they were assigned as follows, viz:—

		£	s.	d.	
1st prize.....	James Grimshaw.....	2	0	0	H. W. Cripps, Esq.
	Boy .....	0	7	6	
2nd prize .....	Edward Cooke.....	1	10	0	Mr. Stone.
	Boy .....	0	5	0	
3rd prize .....	Henry Crewe .....	1	0	0	H. W. Cripps, Esq.
	Boy .....	0	2	6	
4th prize.....	William Collins .....	0	12	6	Mr. Stone.
	Boy .....	0	2	6	
Highly commended	George Tills .....	0	10	0	Mr. Lailey.
	Boy .....	0	2	6	
Charles Barnes, two horses and reins.....		0	7	6	Mr. Powell.

Mr. Cripps paid to the Committee £4 for the service rendered him in ploughing his field. This was divided among all the competitors, each man receiving 5s. and each boy 2s.



The following are the awards of the Rick Building and Thatching Prizes, viz :

1st .....	Samuel Futter .....	1	0	0	Mr. T. Dean.
2nd .....	James King.....	0	15	0	W. H. Smith, Esq.
3rd .....	Mark Davis.....	0	12	6	H. W. Cripps, Esq.
4th .....	Alfred Hawkes .....	0	10	0	Mr. Chambers.

### HAMBLEDEN LITERARY INSTITUTE.

The Reading Room has been opened again for the winter months. It has been of so much use in former years that we hope all friends of the young men and lads will do what they can to encourage it.

### BLANKETS.

The Blankets so kindly provided by W. H. Smith, Esq., may again be borrowed, upon the borrower depositing *one shilling*. It is earnestly hoped that those who borrow them will take great care of them, that they may receive back their shilling when the blankets are returned next spring.

### SCHOOLS.

The examination of Pupil Teachers and Candidates took place at Eton, on Friday, October 24th. The Pupil Teachers for this Parish attended, but with what result will not be known for several weeks. Her Majesty's Inspector, Rev. R. W. Prichard, proposes to visit both Hambleden and Frieth, on Friday, Nov. 28th, when all the children who have kept their attendances must be present.

The Harvest Thanksgiving was unavoidably postponed from the day of the Vegetable Show, and for other reasons it was delayed till Sunday, October 26th. This was too late in the season to allow of any Church decorations, for the severe frosts had cut off almost all the flowers. The collections at Hambleden for Foreign Church Missions, amounted to £5 11s. 0½d.

The Thanksgiving Service at Frieth was held on Sunday, November 2nd. The collections amounted to £1 5s. 3d.

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### MEDMENHAM CORNER.

### MARRIAGE.

Oct. 19th, J. J. Barksfield, of Hambleden, to Ann Meads, of Medmenham.

### BURIAL.

Oct. 11th, Mary Elizabeth Francis Davis, aged 5 years.



The Diocesan Conference held at Oxford, on October 1st and 2nd, seems to have been highly successful. It was very popular with the Laity, who attended in large numbers, and shewed quite as much interest in the debated questions as the Clergy. One great result of Diocesan Conferences will be that Laymen and Clergymen will be more drawn together to work for the good of the Church; another, that Convocation and the Houses of Parliament will be better able to know the mind of the Church before legislation is resorted to.

Oct. 5th was observed in our Church as a day of thanksgiving for the harvest. There were of course the usual decorations made, with no little care, taste and skill. In these and other respects we did what we could to make clear the leading thought of the day. The Psalms and Lessons were selected, as they may be, by permission of the Bishop. The eye saw and the ear heard. Perhaps at no season of the year are we more thankful for the "Ancient and Modern Hymn Book." Those inspiring Hymns with words that seem to supply you with all that may be wanting in your own thankfulness, and with music that is worthy of the words, greatly help to the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. We had 23 Communicants at the celebration, which number should have been greater on such an occasion.

The Offertory was altogether satisfactory, and indicative of a proper feeling, £10 0s. 4d., which with 11s. 11d. collected in the afternoon, made the sum of £10 12s. 3d. We are sorry that such is the pressure put upon Medmenham this year, that it cannot make so many collections for objects outside the Parish. The above collections of necessity had to be made for the School, and their liberality enables us to announce that we are *very nearly* at the end of our task.

The fund stands thus—	£	s.	d.
Amount received or promised, already announced...	29	9	0
Offertory and Collection at Harvest Thanksgiving...	10	12	3

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We believe there will be but one opinion that it had become necessary to use the pruning knife among the many shrubs of our beautiful Churchyard. If they appear now rather topped, we may also remember that in a short time they will sprout again and adorn the peaceful acre no less than before.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Davis in the grievous bereavement they have suffered during their visit to Woodend.

*We have to apologize to our readers for the lateness of our issue this month. The fact is, that the "Proof Sheets" returned through the Post to the Publisher, have never reached him.*