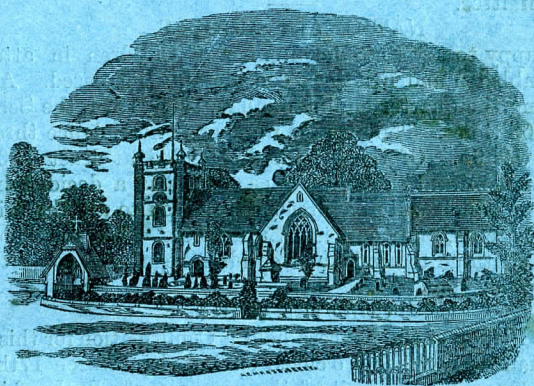


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- March 7th. (Born Dec. 21st, 1873.) Thomas Orlando, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stone, of Yewden Manor Farm.
- March 22nd. (Born Jan. 17th.) Arthur, son of William and Leah Denham, of Skirmett.
- „ (Born May 22nd, 1873.) Annie, daughter of Louisa Hobbs, of Skirmett.
- „ (Born Dec. 22nd, 1873.) Sydney James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Colshop.

BURIALS.

- March 6th. (Died March 2nd.) Maria Middleton, of Hambleden, Aged 60 years.
- March 16th. (Died March 12th.) Thomas Collins, of Hambleden, Aged 59 years.

BENGAL FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

The Committee appointed in Henley, at the Meeting called by the Mayor of that Town, requested the Rector, as also we believe the Clergy of the other neighbouring Parishes, to collect Funds to add to the collection making in Henley. The Clergy and Churchwarden announced themselves willing to receive contributions, larger or smaller, which any person might be pleased to give. The amount received by them was £5 16s. 4d., which has been paid over to the Henley Committee.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

We are happy to say that the number of Children in attendance both at Hambleden and Frieth is considerably increased. At Hambleden, during the quarter ending January 31st, 1874, the School has been open 109 times. The average number in attendance throughout the quarter was 95. Of these 53 had attended at least 100 times, and 30 had not missed one attendance. This is a decided improvement, and one which will give great satisfaction to all the friends of the School, Parents, Managers and Subscribers. We may hope that parents will continue to send their children regularly, so as to maintain this improvement.

CONFIRMATION.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese held a Confirmation for this Parish, in Medmenham Church, at 3 o'clock, on Tuesday, March 17th. The Church was too small to admit of the presence of all the friends of those who were confirmed, who would wish to have been present. Some came from Fawley, some from Henley, some from Highmoor. These with the number presented from Medmenham and Hambleden Parishes, made the total number Confirmed 79. Of these, 40 were from Hambleden, 23 females and 17 males. There was rain early in the morning, but it soon cleared off and the day was fair and warm. The Candidates were very attentive and well-behaved, and the Bishop's two Addresses were very simple and could be understood by all. The singing of the Medmenham Choir did them great credit. The Candidates in this Parish have all been very attentive to the instruction given them in preparation. On the Sunday before, March 15th, the Rector gave them all a final Address, making this his afternoon Sermon at Frieth, and the evening Sermon at Hambleden. We much hope that the whole matter, the preparation and the solemn Service itself, will prove a lasting blessing to those who took part in it.

LENT SERVICES.

The Lent Services have been well attended, notwithstanding the constant changes of weather. On ordinary evenings the attendance has averaged 30; and on Wednesday evenings, when a Sermon has been preached, there have been from 70 to 80 persons. At Frieth there have been good congregations on Thursday evenings, after the first when it rained heavily.

Mark Davies has returned from St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where he obtained admission through the kindness of W. H. Cripps, Esq., Jun. He is much improved in health, but is not yet able to resume his labour.

William Hobbs has spent three months in the Hospital for Consumption at Brompton. He reports himself as much better.

Matthew Peach's arm is gradually improving, and he is able to move it more freely.

The Nurse, Mrs. Bush, is to be found at Richard Feesey's, Rectory Cottages.

GOOD FRIDAY.

We once more invite persons to a solemn spending of the hours of this Great Day: not contenting themselves with coming to Church morning and evening, but trying to pass some of the hours during which our Blessed Lord hung upon the Cross for us, in devout communion with Him, in sad remembrance of their sins which brought this upon Him, and in true sorrow for those sins. To assist their devotions there will be three Services in Church in the afternoon. The first will begin at 2.30 p.m., the second at 3 p.m., and the third at 3.40 p.m.

Medmenham Corner.

BIRTH.

March 5th. Mrs. Todd, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

March 5th. Henry Lovegrove, of Great Marlow, to Ann Street, of Medmenham.

BURIAL.

March 15th. William Chown, aged 32.

It is some years, we believe, since anything so entirely sad and distressing as the death of William Chown has happened in Medmenham. The circumstances are known to all, but a record should be made of them. He was acting as Ferryman all Sunday, March 8th. Shortly before 9 p.m. he took a man named Langman across the river, and did not return. He was not missed till the next morning. The pole of the boat was found some distance down the river, and the boat itself had drifted nearly to New Lock. Search was made without success on Monday. On Tuesday morning the body was found by Joseph Lowe and John Nibbs, in deep water just below the Abbey Lawn. An Inquest was held on Wednesday, at the Ferry Hotel, when the Jury found that William Chown had been "accidentally drowned." On this mournful case we must not particularize, but we may express a hope that the end of William Chown's life will make a lasting impression on those who were his acquaintances. His sorrowing friends have the sympathy of all the Parish.

The Collections for Bengal Famine, on March 15th, amounted to £4 13s. 9d.

On March 17th, the Lord Bishop held a Confirmation in our Church, at 3 p.m., for Hambleden with Frieth, Fawley and this Parish. There were some 79 candidates, 19 of these (11 males and 8 females), being from Medmenham. The Clergy headed by the Choir walked in procession before the Bishop, from the Vicarage to the Church. Chiefly on account of the unexpected number of Candidates there was only time in Church for the singing of three hymns besides the Confirmation Service proper.

The warnings and exhortations of the Bishop were particularly plain and practical. We doubt not that the young persons on whom hands were laid will cherish an obedient recollection of what their chief Pastor so affectionately said to them.

Every year it is needful to remind a Parish of the awful solemnity of the Holy week and especially of Good Friday.

On Easter Day there will be two celebrations of the Holy Communion, the first at 8 a.m. the second after Morning Prayer.

The ordinary Parochial Accounts for 1873, are now given; we trust that our readers will pardon the delay which has been unavoidable.

RECEIVED.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDED.	£	s.	d.
C. R. Scott Murray, Esq. (for Parish Clubs and Poor) ..	6	6	0	Church Expenses ..	8	3	10
Miss Scott Murray ..	7	0	0	School Mistress ..	36	0	0
Mrs. Townsend ..	1	0	0	" Monitress ..	2	8	0
Mr. and Miss Hobbs ..	5	0	0	" Expenses ..	4	6	10
Mrs. Harris (Firing and Clothing Clubs) ..	1	0	0	Choir Expenses ..	1	8	9
T. O. Wethered, Esq. M.P. ..	4	0	0	Firing and Clothing Clubs ..	7	7	0
Mr. James Ralston ..	0	15	0	Nursing Club ..	0	15	0
Mr. P. and Mrs. P. Hobbs ..	2	0	0	Alms to Poor ..	9	4	4
Sir. William Clayton ..	1	10	0				
H. W. Caslon, Esq. ..	5	0	0				
Rev. F. T. Wethered ..	1	1	0				
Mr. and Miss Blackwell ..	1	11	0				
Mr. and Mrs. Dyson ..	1	1	0				
Exeter, Pembroke, and Jesus Colleges ..	3	3	0				
Mrs. Hill ..	2	2	0				
Rev. W. Hill ..	10	0	11				
Offertory ..	7	2	11				
School Pence ..	1	12	10				
Balance from 1872 ..	2	8	1				
	£63	13	9		£63	13	9

In the Church last year were collected the following sums:

	£	s.	d.
Offertory for Poor ..	7	2	11
Pastoral Letter ..	1	13	2
Ascension Day (for Society) ..	0	2	10
Whitsun Day ..	2	4	3
St. Peter's Day ..	0	4	7½
August 3rd ..	11	0	0
October 5th ..	10	12	3½
December 3rd (Day of Intercession for Student's Fund) ..	0	3	6
December 14th (St. P. G. Sermons) ..	2	6	10
	£35	10	5

Missionary Meeting in School Room .. 1 5 6
Missionary Boxes .. 0 17 0

£22 2 6

In our next we hope to give a full account of School Improvement Fund.