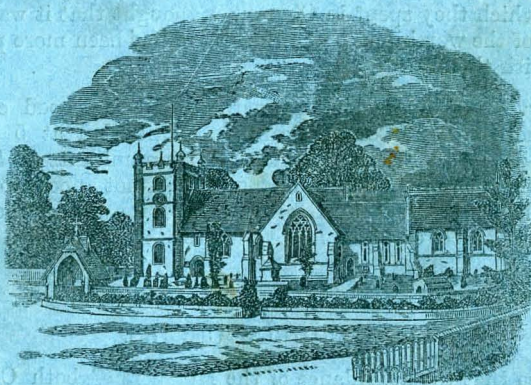


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## Extracts from the Parish Registers.

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### BAPTISMS.

April 29th, (Born April 6th), William Richard, twin son of John and Mary Kingsley, of Southbrook.

May 17th, (Born March 2nd), Charles William, son of William, and Anne Plummer of Pheasants Hill.

### BURIAL.

May 19th, (Died May 14th), Mary Ann Robson, of Henley, aged 88 years.

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In our last number the name of Mr. and Mrs. Underhill's child was given "George Osmund" instead of "Charles Edwin."

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The Services on the Rogation Days were on the whole well attended. We feel sure that none of those who were present grudged the time which they spent in Church, or thought that it was wasted. The wish of the worshippers was that there had been more persons to worship with them.

The Services on Ascension Day were attended by good congregations. There were 23 Communicants at Hambleton at 5 a.m., and 23 at Mid-day. At Frieth there were 8 Communicants at 5.30 a.m. We must hope the time will come, but it does not appear to approach rapidly, when this Great Festival will take its proper position in general observance, on the same level with Christmas Day.

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### THE CHURCH CHOIRS.

We hope that the attendance of the Members of both Choirs will become more regular both at the weekly practice, and on Sundays. We know that there have been reasons sufficient to account in some degree for irregularity on Week-day Evenings. But if the work be so great and good, to lead the praises of God in the Congregation, it is worth trying to do it well. This cannot be done without pains and practice. We must not think to offer to our God that "which doth cost us nothing."

We hope that in our next number we shall be able to report of the Excursions of the Hambleton Choirs.

The Rector tenders his thanks, on behalf of the Hambleton Choir, to those kind friends who have contributed to the cost of the Excursion.



## THE SCHOOLS.

We have so often had to invite attention to the irregular attendance of the children, and to entreat Parents to be more particular in keeping their children at School, that we think it is due to Parents, Teachers, Managers, and Children to mention to our readers the improvement with which our exertions have been lately rewarded. During the last Quarter, which ended April 30th, Hambleden School had been open 117 times. There were 8 children who had not missed one attendance, having been present every time the School was open. There were 67 who had been present 100 times and oftener, and 38 who had been 110 times and oftener. This out of a total number on the Books of 127 is a large proportion : and shows what can be done when all persons concerned work together with a good-will. There is always something which positively prevents one child or another from coming : but a great many imaginary excuses may be done away with where there is an anxious desire. We hope these encouraging words will not make Parents less particular, but on the contrary will urge them to be even more anxious that their children may be amongst the most constant. The same thing may be said for Frieth. This School has been opened 118 times in the quarter. But of the number of 100 on the Books, 9 children missed not one attendance, 51 were present 100 times or oftener, and 36 were present 110 times or oftener. The number of Lacemaking half-timers is 23. Some few have been very regular in their attendance, but many have come irregularly. Notice will be sent to the Factory Inspector of this irregular attendance, who will come and require that the law be properly observed.

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Mr. Richard Leaver and his family finally took their departure from Hambleden on Monday in Whitsun-Week, May 25th. Never did persons in their position in life leave behind them a more universal regret at their departure. Their neighbours in Hambleden seemed to vie with each other in helping to supply their wants during the last weeks of their preparation to depart. Presents of various kinds were made to the family as tokens of regard and affection. Among these was a gift of two handsome Prayer Books, and a framed picture of the Crucifixion, made by the members of the Hambleden Guild to Mrs. Leaver, and Elizabeth, both of whom were members of the Guild. We hope their friends will remember them in their prayers, especially while they are exposed to the dangers of the sea.

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Mrs. Hall, Cook at the Rectory, dropped her watch from her dress on the Evening of Sunday May 17th, between the Rectory and the Church, in going to or returning from Church. She will give a Reward of *Five Shillings* to any one who will restore it to her.

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Collections were made in Hambleden Church on Sunday May 10th, for the Diocesan Board of Education, and at Frieth on Sunday the 17th. The total amount was £4 9s. 4d.



## MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BIRTH.—May 14th, Mrs Alfred Hobbs of a son.

DEATH.—May 3rd, Hannah Street, aged 77.

BAPTISMS.—May 1st, Kate Todd.

„ „ 10th, Edith Shurvell.

„ „ 24th, Ann Brown.

BURIALS.—May 8th, Hannah Street.

„ „ 29th, Edward Shurvell.

As recorded above on Sunday May 3rd, Mrs. James Street passed away to her rest. It was a peaceful close to a long life. For several weeks until a few days before her death her sufferings had been intense. Hers was truly a case in which we may thank God that he saw fit to take her. It is pleasing to note that Mrs. Street's life had been eminently a useful one, as during a length of years she was School Mistress in this Parish. A large number of the present Parishioners owe their education to her. A Teacher's calling it should be remembered, is not without considerable trials, which those who are not Teachers are often dull to make allowance for. Such a calling requires the exercise of great kindness, patience, self-control, firmness, impartiality, and many other qualities. At the same time there are few callings which offer so many opportunities of influencing others for good. We never heard that Mrs. Street was indifferent to the qualities requisite for a Teacher or failed to try and influence for good the children placed under her charge.

One thing we were much impressed with during the illness of our late neighbour, viz., how truly blessed it is for those who are well to wait upon and comfort the sick. When such a good office is rendered cheerfully for love's sake then we see the Religion of our Lord in practice.

We observed the Rogation Days, and had some people each Evening at Church. Perhaps the congregations would have been larger had Evensong been a little earlier.

Ascension Day made itself heard. The Bells rang out merrily at 5 a.m. There was a fair attendance at Morning Prayer, and eight persons remained for the Holy Communion. At 8 p.m. there was a bright hearty service, with a very good congregation. The Rev. J. A. Cree, Vicar of Great Marlow, preached from St. John, xiv, 3.

Whit-Sunday was prepared for in the Church, and we hope not without an effect that reminded the congregation of the greatness of the Day. There were 18 Communicants, and £1 8s. 1d. was collected for the Diocesan Board of Education after the Lord Bishop's Pastoral letter.

The School Treat will take place on or about St. Peter's Day. This will be for those children only that have been regular at School. Mrs. Hill will be glad to see the friends of the children on the Vicarage lawn as last year.

It has been proposed to put new Altar Rails in our Church instead of the present ones which to say the least are quite out of character with the rest of the fittings. One friend has promised a very handsome donation. Those who like to help in this small improvement can do so by letting the Vicar know.