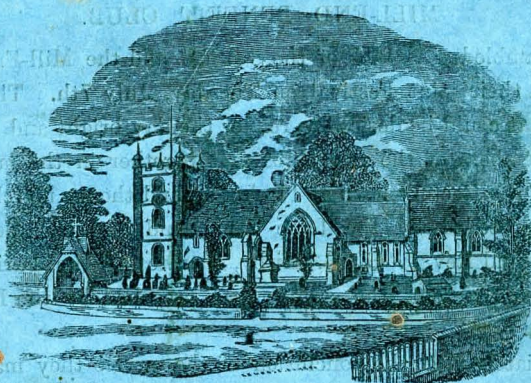


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BAPTISM.

July 12th, Frank, son of Joseph Job and Ann Barksfield, of Little Frieth.

We are sorry to inform our readers that the Rector has been recalled from his continental tour by the serious illness of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop Sumner; we regret this the more as we fear he will not reap that benefit, which all hoped he would have done, from the entire rest from parochial duties which his residence abroad would have afforded him.

THE SOUTH BUCKS FRIENDLY SOCIETY AND THE MILL-END BENEFIT CLUB.

The Hambleton Branch of the S.B.F.S. and the Mill-End Benefit Club held their joint Festival on Tuesday, July 7th. The weather was all that could be desired to render the day bright and happy.

The members of the two clubs met together in the lane at the bottom of the Rectory lawn at 11 o'clock, and thence marched to the Church, preceded by the Lane End Band and the Rev. C. M. Wetherall and Rev. J. H. R. Kirby, Curates of the Parish. The Rector being absent, the sermon was preached by the Rev. C. M. Wetherall.

Immediately after the conclusion of the service they marched, to the music of their band, up the Parsonage Hill and down through the Dean to the school-room, where, after a few minutes' waiting, they sat down to a substantial dinner, and it may be said with truth, "did justice to the occasion." Including the Stewards, who dined by themselves afterwards, there were just over a hundred present at the dinner, the largest number there has been for some years.

After grace had been said, the Rev. C. M. Wetherall congratulated them upon the large number present, and gave a short account of the doings of the Hambleton Branch of the S.B.F.S. for the year 1873.

After the dinner was over, the members and their friends adjourned to the Dean; cricket and other amusements were soon started. The Chair Firm of Messrs. West and Collier had challenged eleven members of the Benefit Clubs, and this game, after a good afternoon's steady play, resulted in favour of the former by seven wickets. Some members of the Hambleden Cricket Club also played a game on their own ground. At five o'clock dancing commenced, under the elm trees, which was kept up with much spirit until supper time at 7.30.

After supper the band preceded the members back through the Dean and down the hill to the centre of the village, where they brought the day's holiday to a close by playing the National Anthem. It was gratifying to learn that the people returned to their homes quietly, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves during the day.

Several Farmers expressed their regret at not being able to attend, and Mr. Lailey, who was away from home at the time, kindly took tickets for twelve of his men.

A slight accident occurred during the day, though fortunately unattended with serious results, Mrs. Wetherall being struck by a cricket ball.

THE DRY WEATHER.

The long continued drought has caused a great scarcity of water in some parts of the parish, and means are now being taken to supply the chief sufferers with water from Hambleden. A fund has been started for this purpose, and any further subscriptions will be thankfully received by the Clergy.

SUN STROKES.

During the past month several people have suffered from sunstroke; we are happy to say that in all cases but one, that of William Lane, the results have not been serious, and we are glad to state his case has assumed favourable symptoms.

We are glad to state that Robert Feesey's arm, which he broke by an unfortunate fall in the Dean, is progressing favourably.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BIRTH.

July 8th, at the Vicarage, the wife of Rev. Walter Hill, of a son.

DEATH.

July 14th, at The Cottage, Henry William Caslon, Esq., aged 59.

BAPTISMS.

July 5th, Frederick Hobbs.

July 12th, Elizabeth Ellen Hassell.

BURIALS.

June 30th, Jane Collier.

July 18th, Henry William Caslon, Esq.

For a small place, Medmenham seems to witness many changes. The Cottage is again vacated after an occupation of less than a year. We shall all agree that Mr. Caslon, who came amongst us not long since as quite a stranger, was a kind hearted man, always forward to help on his neighbours, and to find employment for them. In him the Parochial Fund has lost a substantial supporter. Not the least pleasing thing to observe at his funeral, and in Church on the Sunday following, was the presence of many employed by him in London, who came to shew how much they appreciated his invariable kindness to them.

On Sunday, July 12th, there seems to have been a disgraceful scene on the river close by. A steamer deliberately ran into a boat containing several persons. Fortunately no one was injured; but this did not make the malice of those who directed the steamer any the less. At the subsequent trial the Magistrate told the perpetrators of this dastardly act "that it might have so ended that they had been tried for manslaughter or even murder." Our constable, Joseph Bird, behaved with spirit and judgment, and did good service by bringing these men to justice.

The new chancel rails have been ordered, and we hope will speedily be put up. This announcement does not mean that the subscription list is closed.

Tuesday, August 11th, is the day selected for the school treat. The names of the children entitled to attend will be placed on the door of the school a week previously.