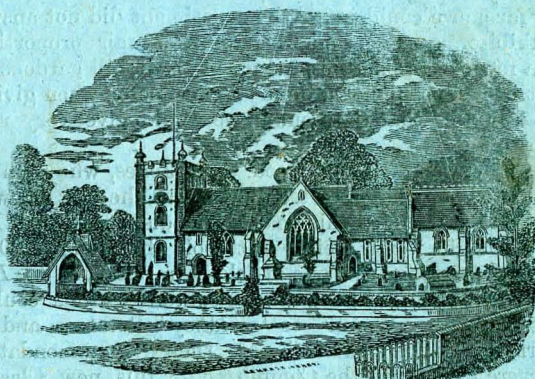


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- Sept. 6th.—(Born Aug. 8th) Esther, daughter of Hannah Cooper, of Moors End
Sept. 13th.—(Born Aug. 2nd) Arthur, son of George and Matilda Holland, of Hambleden.
Sept. 20th.—(Born Aug. 17th) George William, son of George and Sarah Hussey, of High Wycombe.
Sept. 27th.—(Born Aug. 4th) Alfred Thomas, son of Alfred and Elizabeth Piggott, of Fawley.

MARRIAGE.

- Sept. 24th.—George Heath, and Annie Barnes.

LABOURERS' FRIEND ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Show of Vegetables, Fruit and Flowers, was held in the National Schoolrooms at Hambleden, on Tuesday, September 22nd. The Committee had made an alteration this year in the conditions. They tried the experiment of having only one set of prizes for all the Parish, making no difference between the Up-hill and Down-hill exhibitors. We do not wish to compromise the Committee, nor in any way to prejudice their opinion and future course of action, but as far as we could judge the experiment did not answer. The Up-hill exhibitors appeared not to gain their fair proportion of prizes. With a few exceptions the produce of Down-hill gardens was superior to that grown on higher ground. The Rector when giving away the prizes promised that the Committee would give very serious attention to the point.

The Show was extremely good. Mr. Jones, who with Mr. Mitchell kindly acted as Judge, stated that it was the best Show of the kind which he had attended this year. The display of Red Round Potatoes was a sight worth seeing. It took the Judges 20 minutes to award the prizes for this one article. In reference to *Potatoes*, they suggested that there were two sets exhibited which could not fairly be classed under "Round" or "Kidney" Potatoes, and required to be termed "Intermediate." At their recommendation separate prizes were offered by the Committee for this new Class. The display of Fruit, especially of apples, was very handsome. One dish from a tree raised by Mark Davies of Moors End, from a pip, was especially admired. It cannot but be a matter of regret that the prizes fall into the hands of a few competitors instead of being spread over a larger number. There were 5 or 6 Cottagers who gained more prizes than all the other 40 Exhibitors. But it cannot be avoided, except by the efforts of those unsuccessful persons. If these few men will take such an interest in their gardens, and bestow so much thought and labour and pains upon them, they richly deserve to be rewarded by gaining prizes. It remains for the others to take the same interest, and bestow the same care and labour; then they will reap the same reward. These men have not special advantages over others to give them an unfair chance.

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After the Rector and Mr. Toovey had given away the Prizes, Mr. W. H. Smith of Greenlands, kindly addressed to the people a few words of encouragement and advice.

The Ploughing Match took place in a field of Mr. Stone's at Mill-end, on Tuesday, the 29th September. But we must postpone to our next number the award of prizes.

CRICKET.

The return match between Hambleton and Greenlands was played at Greenlands, on Sept. 7. The result was a tie. Each side got 67 runs. They had supper, and spent a pleasant evening together afterwards in Hambleton Schoolroom.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

The Service in Hambleton Church was held after the Show on Tuesday, September 22nd, at 5.30. There was the usual Procession of Labourers carrying sheaves of corn. The singing was good and hearty. The large congregation seemed thoroughly to appreciate the service. The Rector preached from Hosea x, 12, drawing some hints from the preparation for the yearly Harvest, for each one of us to prepare for our great Harvest hereafter. The Collection was for Foreign Missions. It amounted to £6 13s. 7d.

The decorations were very elegant and effective. Many willing contributors had sent corn, fruit and flowers; and many willing hands of all classes helped to arrange them. We have never seen the Church so tastefully adorned.

The Service at Frieth was on Wednesday, the 23rd September. The Collection was also for Foreign Missions, and amounted to £2 1s. 1d. Here also the decorations were in the best taste, and reflect the greatest credit on the industrious and zealous persons who toiled at them so long. The little Church looked beautiful.

The following is the list of the actual coins received on each occasion.

HAMBLETON.				FRIETH.			
Sovereign	...	...	1	Half-Sovereign	...	...	1
Half-Sovereign	...	...	4	Half-Crowns	...	...	2
Half-Crowns	...	...	6	Florins	...	...	6
Florins	...	...	5	Shillings	...	...	5
Shillings	...	...	23	Sixpences	...	...	7
Sixpences	...	...	29	Threepences	...	...	5
Groats	...	...	2	Pennies	...	...	32
Threepences	...	...	13	Half-pennies	...	...	41
Pennies	...	...	70				—
Half-pennies	...	...	32				99
185							

During the summer months water was sent up from Hambleton to Rockwell End, and Pheasants, 3 or 4 times a week. The following contributions towards the expenses have been received.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Doyle, Miss	2 2 0	Smith, W. H., Esq., M.P.	...	...	2 0 0
Frend, Capt.	0 10 0	Smith, Mr. S.	...	...	0 5 0
Lailey, Mr.	0 5 0	Stanley, Hon. Misses	...	...	0 10 0
Ridley, Rev. W. H.	2 0 0				

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BAPTISM.

Sept. 23rd.—George Elsdon, (privately.)

BURIAL.

Sept. 15th.—Jane Townsend, aged 74.

By the decease of Mrs. Townsend, the Church and Parish have lost another supporter on whom we could depend. She was a lady who up to the last shewed her interest in Medmenham and its people; though of late years she has not resided amongst us.

As the older helpers are removed one by one, we do not despair of others coming forward who will gladly enter into their good works. And really it is a matter of urgent necessity that others should come forward lest the Church and Parish suffer by its losses. Nor is it less a matter of *moral obligation* seeing that the Government makes every one liable to the support of education.

Our Harvest Festival happened to fall on the wettest Sunday we have had this year, September 6th. This was most unfortunate. The services and the collections were of course much affected by the bad weather. It was observable however that every family, even those at greatest distances, seemed to send some representatives to Church, and therefore considering the weather we must not complain. The Church was nicely decorated, and we collected £2 16s. 3d. for the Bucks General Infirmary at Aylesbury.

The new Altar-rails are up and it is to be hoped every one is satisfied with them. Being open in the centre the view is not impeded, and that in a narrow church like ours is an improvement. There will also be this advantage that more will be able to kneel at the rails at one time. Our younger friends who do not need the assistance of a rail no doubt will choose the centre.

When the invoice of the rails comes down it will be paid, but there is still opportunity for any who are willing to help towards about £3 which are yet wanting.

Let none of us be backward with christian sympathy for many in this Parish who at this time need and value it.