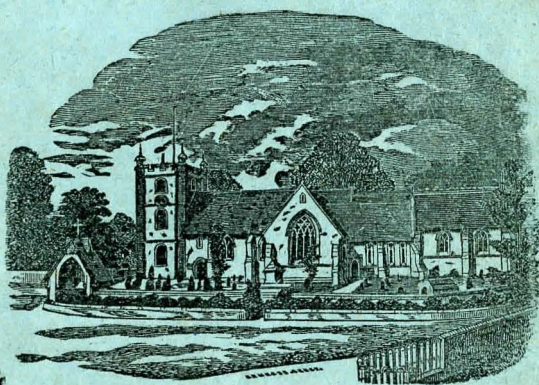


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

Jan. 10th, (born Nov. 25th, 1874), William, son of William and Jane Smith, of Pheasants.

Jan. 24th, (born Dec. 3rd, 1874), Ella Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of Hambleden.

Same day, (born Aug. 29th 1864), Amelia Rosina, and

Same day, (born Jan. 11th), 1868), Frances Ada, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, of Finnemore Farm.

Same day, (born Nov. 28th, 1874), Thomas Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Collier, of Frieth.

Same day, (born Dec. 9th, 1874), Walter, son of Henry and Martha Barksfield, of Frieth.

Same day, (born Dec. 12th, 1874), Annie, daughter of Daniel and Mary Ansell, of Ackhampstead.

MARRIAGES.

Jan. 2nd, Henry Fluter and Mary Keeley.

Jan. 17th, Edward Chilton and Martha Humphries.

BURIALS.

Dec. 28th, (died Dec. 25th), John Gray, aged 78 years.

Jan. 6th, (died Jan. 1st), Walter George Atkins, of Skirmett, aged 8 months.

Jan. 7th, (died Jan. 4th), Thomas Smith, aged 75 years.

Jan. th, (died Jan. 22nd), John Claydon, aged 66 years.

SERVICES IN CHURCH.

The Midnight Service at the close of last year was well attended, considering how very severe the weather was. There were nearly 30 persons present. The text of the Rector's Sermon was Ps. lxxxiv. 7.

Lent is coming very early this year. It is our yearly call to consider our ways, to cleanse away the defilements which we cannot but have contracted since last Easter, and to press forward with more eagerness towards eternal life. At Hambleden there will be daily Evening Service at 7 p.m. On Wednesday Evenings there will be a Sermon preached, we hope, by some kind friends from neighbouring places. On Sunday Mornings the Rector will preach a course of sermons on I Cor. iii. 11—15. "The One Foundation." "The trial by fire." "The unsubstantial buildings." "The substantial buildings." "The builder saved." "The general conclusion."

At Frieth there will be Service with a Sermon, every Thursday evening, at 7 p.m.

The Hambleden Church Choir had their annual Evening Entertainment, at the Rectory, on Tuesday, January 12th. Unhappily, from one cause or other, there was not a large gathering. But all who were there, younger and older, seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. They first did ample justice to a supper of hot roast beef, mutton, pies and plum pudding, and then spent the evening till nearly 11 o'clock, in playing at various games, *e.g.*, musical chairs, magic music, post, &c.

The Frieth Choir had their entertainment in the Schoolroom, on Tuesday, January 12th. The Rector presided with the Rev. C. M. Wetherall for vice-president. The supper was all prepared, as usual, by that kind friend to Frieth, Mrs. Webb. It was a matter of great regret to all that Mr. Toovey was prevented from attending. It was the first entertainment held since the departure of William Webb. He was greatly missed, and all who were there would have given him a hearty welcome. After discussing an excellent supper, the company sat round, and listened to songs, with which several members of the Choir treated them. H. K. Ward was, as might be expected, the principal performer.

FRIETH SCHOOL.

The weather since the re-opening of the School after the Christmas Holidays has been very unfavourable for little children, and this accounts, no doubt, in some measure for the small attendance at School. Parents must be diligent in sending the children in future, otherwise the condition of the School, and the progress of the children, cannot be as good as they desire. But the Half-timers, the Lace-making Girls, have become much more irregular, even before the bad weather came. We wish to suggest kindly to them that they must improve in their attendance forthwith, otherwise we shall be obliged to call in the assistance of the Factory Inspector, who comes armed with the power of the law to enforce attendance, and punish the offenders.

We may be very thankful that notwithstanding the dangerous state of the roads in the snow, and while the snow and frost were departing, we had not more, and more serious accidents. One little boy working for Mr. Deane, of Huttons, fell under the wheels of a waggon, and was very much torn; but he was taken to Reading Hospital, where he has gradually improved.

A girl was brought home to Hambleton suffering from an injured knee through severe falls, and is making slow progress towards recovery.

We have had for so many months so very little sickness, that we cannot be surprised at finding a change. Within the last three weeks we have had a sudden burst of sickness more or less severe. Young and old, males and females, have been laid by. It is well for those who are in a Club, and who also pay in for Medical attendance.



MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BURIALS.

Jan. 8th, Mary Jane Hobbs, of States.

Jan. 11th, Emma Meads.

If we make no particular mention of the above notices, it is simply because we feel sure that silence will be most consonant with the feelings of those who are most affected by the sad events. Sufficient to say that our Parish has been filled with gloom, sorrow, and sympathy, from one end to the other.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

Great pains are seldom if ever taken in vain, and he would be a severe critic who judged that the labours of our Christmas decorations were to little purpose. The Church looked well without being gaudy. It is a pleasure to tender thanks to those who so kindly gave up their time to make the ancient custom worthy of the season.

Among the duties which Christmas brings with it, are those connected with the Annual Choir Festival. On the evening of January 7th, the Choir and Church Ringers met in the Church, to join in a short Service and hear an address from the Vicar. From Church all went at once to the dining-room of the Vicarage, where Mrs. Hill had prepared supper. Eighteen sat down, and we believe had a happy evening together; though for well understood reasons the entertainment this year was of the quietest kind.

Lent comes upon us quickly, may we all awake to it. There will be Service at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, and every evening during Holy Week.

Owing to the fact that the first Sunday in each month during the latter part of 1874, was wet, and time after time people at a distance, and some near at hand, were prevented from receiving the Holy Communion, the Vicar thinks it his duty to offer the sacred privilege somewhat oftener. People will not then be so dependent upon the weather. He purposes to have a celebration on the 3rd as well as the 1st Sunday in each month. He hopes this will be accepted thankfully; nor should it be forgotten that when from bad weather or other cause, Communion is not well attended, the Offertory as a matter of course suffers, and then the poor (the aged and widows especially), are at a loss for the charitable aid which the Church ought to afford them.

We are sorry to say that all the subscriptions for 1874 are not yet in. When they are, a statement of the Parochial Funds will be made.