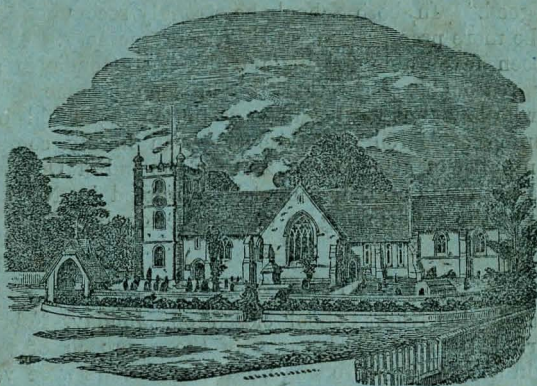


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BAPTISMS.

Feb. 10th. (Born Dec. 18th, 1874). Clara Lucy, daughter of Edwin and Anne Tombs of Moors End.

BURIAL.

Feb. 25th. (Died Feb. 21st). Mary Williams, of Spurgrove.

Died Feb. Mrs. Robinson of Skirmett, and was buried at Fingest.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

The Annual Inspection and Examination in Religious Knowledge was conducted by the Rev. E. Barber, Diocesan Inspector, on the 18th and 19th February. His reports of both Hambleden and Frieth Schools are on the whole satisfactory. Of Hambleden School he says: "The children answered *well* to questions in Religious Knowledge, and throughout the School this is perfectly satisfactory. In the first class and in the infants' class the answering was particularly good." In both Schools he strongly recommends that the children be more practised in writing from memory. The weather has not been favourable for little children's attendance at School. We may reasonably hope that it will soon become better. All children who have not yet begun to go to School should be sent at the beginning of March, otherwise they can hardly complete their required number of attendances, 250, by the end of October. If that number is not made up they cannot be examined in November, and cannot be at the tea-drinking on the Inspection-day.

NIGHT SCHOOLS.

The Hambleden Night School closed on Monday, February 8th, rather earlier than usual, because of the approach of Lent. The numbers in attendance were small, but the scholars were very attentive and well conducted, and made decided progress.

At Frieth the numbers have been large, and kept up well. Great thanks are due to those kind friends who have so perseveringly devoted their time all through the winter to teaching these poor lads.

CONFIRMATION.

Nine persons of various ages were taken to Bisham Church to be Confirmed, on Tuesday, the 23rd February.

HOME MISSIONS.

It is requested that Home Mission boxes be sent in to the Rectory some time this month.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Before our next number is issued Easter will have come. We therefore invite attention now, though so early, to the observance of Good Friday. We most earnestly press upon all persons to consider how desirable it is to make the observance of this day different from that of all other days. It should not be what is commonly called a "holiday." Holy indeed should every thought and work be upon it, but not pleasure or amusement, or society, or any thing of this world's pursuits should be carried on. Because it is the day of our dear Lord's deepest humiliation, and that was for our sins! How can we be *merry*, while we are thinking how our sins brought Him to the Cross and the grave? We had better work than play. It is much to be desired that each person should spend as much as possible of the time in which He was in His bitter sufferings and on the Cross, in solemn meditation, prayer and intercession for others. To help towards this there will be a succession of short services in Hambleden Church during the afternoon, with intervals for private prayer and thought, so that those who choose to come may take part in some of these devotions, or all, just as suits them best. If we have not a deep feeling of our sins, and of the great punishment which these sins brought on our Blessed Lord, we can never value as we ought what He has done for us, or the good things He purchased for us by His death.

POST OFFICE.

We ought to have announced in our last number that Post Office Orders can now be obtained at Hambleden, of Mr. Biggs, and that a Branch of the Post Office Savings' Bank has been opened at Hambleden, so that those persons who have accounts with the Post Office Savings' Bank can have their business transacted at Hambleden.

SOUTH BUCKS FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

We are sorry to say that a man who was a member of this Institution has behaved in a very unworthy manner. He belonged to the Medmenham District, and that District is served by the same Local Agent as the Hambleden District, who lives at Frieth. The Rev. W. H. Ridley is in the habit of supplying sick papers to those who live at a distance from Frieth, to save them from having to send so far. He supplied this man with a sick paper, and paid him two weeks sick allowance, amounting to 18s. He then found from the Local Agent that the member was six months in arrears of monthly payments, and in a few more days he had left the Society altogether, so that he cheated Mr. Ridley of the whole of that sum. Members cannot, in future, expect to receive any sick allowance from Mr. Ridley, until he has ascertained from the Agent that they are not in debt to the Society.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BURIAL.

Feb. 9th. Esther Meads, aged 83 years.

On the Evening of Shrove Tuesday an Entertainment was given in the School-room, which had the peculiarity, if not the merit, of being a first attempt. It must be confessed it was rather hurriedly got up, a fault for which those who were responsible offer their apologies, as probably some who would have been pleased to be present were scarcely aware of what was going to take place. But certainly no trouble was spared to make the most of such time as there was for preparation, and to render the Entertainment worthy of an audience. Reading, music, and conjuring performances made a very fair programme, nor was there any lack of persons willing to contribute to the enjoyment of the evening. Miss Hill, Miss Ryder, Miss Charlton, with Mr. and Mrs. Todd, and Mr. Fawell, attended to the musical portion, both with the piano and singing; while Messrs. Weguelin and Rigden exhibited their skill in conjuring (not forgetting Master Ernest Hill, who allowed himself to be corded up in a box). Mr. Harper and the Rev. W. Hill read several pieces.

Front seats were 6d., other seats 2d. each. The proceeds, after paying expenses, amounted to 15s. 6d., which will purchase some music books for the Choir.

On Wednesday, February 17th, the Rev. E. Barber, Diocesan Inspector of Schools, made his second triennial inspection of our School, after which he sent the following report. "In the first class several children answered fairly in Religious subjects; generally however the children want brightening up. Writing requires rather more care. Reading is a little too monotonous. Arithmetic fair though not very high." Every respect will be paid to this report and we mean to profit by it; at the same time it is only fair to the children to say that they expected and were prepared to be examined in higher arithmetic, only they were *not* examined. The Inspector requested a half-holiday to be granted to the children by way of reward.

At the Confirmation held by the Lord Bishop, at Bisham Church, on February 23rd, three candidates from Medmenham were presented.

Our Lent Services began with excellent congregations. At the "service for *men and elder boys only*," on Tuesday, February 23rd, there was but a poor attendance, this was grievously disappointing. The Vicar preached on the abuse of language. It is hoped that the following Tuesday services during Lent will be better attended.

The Holy week and Easter Day will have passed before the issue of the next number. For the observance of Holy week and in it of Good Friday especially, the Church will afford frequent services. On Easter Day there will be an early and late Celebration of Holy Communion.