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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

April 4, (born Jan. 25th), Arthur Richard, son of Thomas & Mary Anne Coker, of Pheasants Hill.

Same day, (born Feb. 28th), Alfred, son of George and Anne Tilby, of Pheasants Hill.

April 11, (born Feb. 24th), William Henry, son of Samuel and Maria Fuller, of Huttons.

BURIALS.

April 3, (died March 28th), Edward Richardson, of Hambleden, aged 69 years.

April 19, (died April 16th), Keziah Richings, aged 68 years.

Daniel Hussey, of Skirmett, died April 21st, after a few days illness, and was buried at Fingest, aged 67 years.

EASTER DAY.

Easter Day was well observed as far as attendance at Church is concerned. The congregations at all the services were large, and the number of Communicants at the *five* celebrations was large, 170 in all. There are always some persons kept away by accidental circumstances, and some few attended by preference, or for greater convenience on the Sunday following—and several sick persons received the Communion in private during the week, so that the whole number of persons who communicated at Easter was little short of 200. Still how *many* there are who did not communicate, and who make a practice of staying away! The decorations were very tasteful, simple and cheerful. The cross of white violets at Hambleden, testified to the diligence, industry and devotedness of those who prepared it, at a time when white violets were so scarce. It would be hard to say how many *miles* they went in search of the flowers.

ASCENSION DAY.

The increasing attention which has of late years been paid to the observance of this great Festival will, we hope, be further exhibited this year. The customs and practices of the neighbourhood prevent many persons from doing as they would on this day. But they must, consequently, try to do what they can on their own account; sacrificing something of their own, their sleep, their leisure, their amusement, the time they would otherwise spend upon themselves, to offer to God as their own offering of praise for His Dear Son's glorious Ascension for us. The Rector urged this in his Sermon on the subject on the 25th April, appealing to those who love our Lord Jesus Christ to give him some of their own time by earlier rising for the Service at 5 a.m., or by attendance at the Evening Service at 7 p.m., not doubting of a rich reward from Him who "loveth a cheerful giver."

There will be Special Services in Hambleden Church on the three Rogation Days, as there have been the last two years, at 7.30 p.m. On Monday, May 3rd, the subject will be "The Fruits of the Earth." On Tuesday, May 4th, "The Conversion of the ungodly all around us." On Wednesday, May 5th, "The Conversion of the Heathen throughout the world." The service each day will occupy about half-an-hour.

We are sorry to record an accident to one of David Higgs' little boys, of Spurgrove, on Friday, April 23rd. He fell under the wheel of a cart, and both bones of one leg were broken.

The Nurse has had a very busy time this last month. Her services have been in continual request either by night or day, and she is heartily welcomed wherever she goes. We hope our friends will kindly send in contributions towards her maintenance. The following subscription has been received and is thankfully acknowledged:

Doyle, Miss £1 0 0

DIOCESAN PRIZE SCHEME.

The Examination is to be held on Friday, May 7th. From Hambleden 6 boys and 1 girl will go to Marlow for the Examination; and from Frieth, 1 boy and 2 girls. We wish them all success.

HOME MISSIONS.

The following are the Contributions sent from this Parish for the year ending March 31st, 1875:

Subscriptions.

	£	s.	d.	
Anonymous	0	2	0	
Ridley, Rev. W. H.	1	1	0	
Ridley, Miss	0	10	0	1 13 0

Boxes.

Dyer, William... ..	0	2	4	
Falkner, Henry	0	2	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Gray, Mr. C.	0	1	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Porter, Susan	0	16	1	
Webbe, Mrs. William	0	9	0	
Anonymous	0	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 14 2 $\frac{3}{4}$

Total £3 7 2 $\frac{3}{4}$

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BIRTH.

April 5th, Mrs, Henry Charlton of a son.

DEATH.

April 21st, Charles Shirvell, aged 63.

VESTRY MEETING.

On Tuesday in Easter week (March 30th) a Vestry Meeting for Church and Parish business was held in the School Room. The Churchwardens' Accounts shewed a balance in hand of £2 5s. 11d. Mr. William Hobbs was appointed Vicar's Churchwarden, and Mr. Philip Hobbs Churchwarden for the Parish. Mr. Thomas Donell and Mr. John Franklin were nominated Overseers for the Poor; Mr. Philip Hobbs appointed Surveyor of the Highways; and Joseph Bird named as eligible to serve the office of Constable.

On the evening of April 12th eleven of the attendants at the Night School came to the Vicarage and sat down to a substantial supper. As some resolutions were formed on this occasion for attending the school next winter, we believe the entertainment gave satisfaction.

May 3rd, 4th, and 5th are Rogation Days. There will be 7 p.m. service each day. May 6th is Ascension Day. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion after Morning Service at 11, and Evening Service at 7 with sermon.

We append two Accounts which will be interesting if late in appearing :

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

RECEIVED.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDED.	£	s.	d.
Offertory from Ruridecanal				Mr. Corby	35	0	0
Chapter	0	12	0	Expenses following upon in-			
Collections viz. :				struction from Depart-			
Medmenham Church	24	1	1½	ment and new supply of			
O. P. Wethered, Esq.	2	2	0	Books, &c.....	6	13	11
Oxford Diocesan Board of				In hand	0	1	2½
Education	5	0	0				
Exeter, Pembroke, and							
Jesus Colleges	5	0	0				
Robert Crossman, Esq.....	5	0	0				
	£41	15	1½		£41	15	1½

There is a further sum of £4 granted by the Deanery Association which has not yet been drawn.

NEW ALTAR RAILS.

RECEIVED.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDED.	£	s.	d.
Miss Scott Murray	6	0	0	Rails and Fixing	12	8	0
Miss Nixon	0	5	0	Carriage.....	0	8	0
Mrs. Harris	1	1	0	Kneelers	2	2	0
Wood from churchyard	0	17	0				
Mrs. Verschoyle	3	0	0				
Rev. W. Hill	1	10	0				
Deficiency.....	2	5	0				
	£14	18	0		£14	18	0