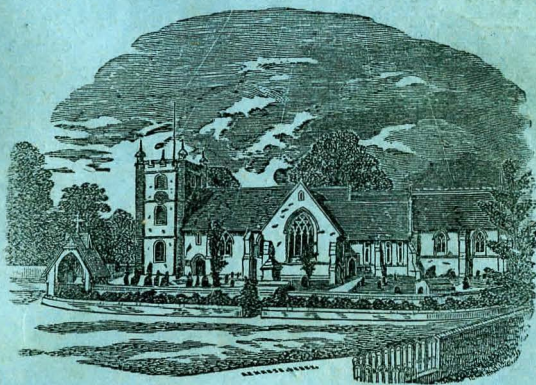


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## Extracts from the Parish Registers.

### BAPTISMS.

Nov. 7th (born Sept. 30th), Minnie Louisa, daughter of William John and Fanny Pursell, of Skirmett.

Same day (born Oct. 3rd), William Joseph, son of William and Mary Ann Anderson, of Skirmett.

### BURIALS.

Nov. 6th, a male person found in the river, supposed to be about 38 years of age.

Nov. 16th (died Nov. 11th), Mary Coker, of Pheasants Hill, aged 2 years.

Nov. 20th (died Nov. 16th), William Collins, of Hambleden, aged 78 years.

On Thursday, Nov. 4th, the men working for the Thames Conservancy at Mill End, saw the body of a man floating down the stream. They drew it to shore, and an inquest was held upon it on the following day. No trace whatever was discernible by which the identity might be proved. He appeared to be a man in respectable circumstances, for he was very well dressed in a suit of black, and every article of clothing was on his body, excepting a neck collar. Nothing whatever was found in any of his pockets, with the exception of a new tobacco pouch. The verdict at the inquest was, "Found drowned." He was buried in Hambleden Churchyard, on the Saturday afternoon. His clothes were removed to Marlow and placed under the care of the Police there. We have not heard that any enquiries have been made there respecting them. It seems astonishing that a man, especially one moving, as he appears by his dress to have done, in a respectable sphere of life, shall have been missing anywhere in the country, and yet the Police not have heard of the fact by public advertisement.

### CHURCH MISSIONS.

The meeting in the Schoolroom, on Thursday, October 28th, was well attended, though the evening was very dark, and the weather by no means of the best. After the Rector had made a few opening remarks respecting the Prince of Wales' visit to India; the new Church rising on the spot formerly occupied by the Slave Market at Zanzibar; and the work which Bishop Steere is entering on in Caffraria, the Rev. C. B. Hawkshaw, Organising Secretary of the Propagation Society in the Diocese of Hereford, made a very interesting address. He gave a great deal of interesting information, and told many anecdotes about Caffraria, keeping the attention of the audience, the older and the younger members, alive for an hour. He wound up by exhibiting some pictures representing practices and superstitions



prevalent in India. He also gave some very interesting particulars of the work of the Clergyman at Liverpool, who devotes himself to the service of the emigrants, who leave that port in great numbers every month, sometimes taking the voyage with them to America.

The collection was to be for the Caffrarian Mission. It amounted to £2 16s. 11½d.

As the ladies of the Parish devote their energies to working garments for missionary use, which this year were sent to Zanzibar, they think it only fair that the gentlemen of the parish shall show a similar zeal for the cause, and as these cannot employ their fingers in needlework, it is proposed that they shall raise £6 a year, for cost of maintaining a native child at a Christian school in Zanzibar. They are requested to send their contributions to Mrs. Ridley, at the Rectory.

Before our words meet the eyes of our readers, the Day of Intercession with its Services, will have come and gone. But we may be in time to urge all our friends to make special remembrance of the work of Missions at Holy Communion on Sunday, December 5th. We would remind them that the great desire is that every person shall be roused up to take an interest in this holy work; and consequently that all persons do pray and beseech Almighty God, who holds the hearts of all men in His Hands, to stir up a Missionary spirit in the hearts of all, and especially to incline the hearts of many able and zealous young men, to devote themselves to the work of the ministry among the heathen,

We are requested to add that whatever Missionary Boxes have not been sent in when these words are read, will be welcomed if returned without delay. The accounts for the year 1875 will be closed in a few days.

We beg to remind our readers that the subscriptions for this Magazine are due, and are not all paid for 1875.

#### HAMBLEDEN LITERARY INSTITUTE.

We hear some rumours of some entertainment being in progress, provided by the young people who frequent the Reading Room. We hope they will persevere and get up their work well. We wish them every success.

#### NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

The School Committee are inviting their fellow-parishioners to unite in one earnest and hearty effort to clear off the debt, amounting to about £30, which attaches to the three Schools. For this purpose collections are to be made in Hambleden and Frieth Churches, on Sunday, December 12th. We cannot doubt that the result will be favourable.

They take the same opportunity of publicly notifying and expressing their thanks for Mr. Schwabe's very opportune and generous offer of £10 worth of prizes, for regularity and cleanliness combined.



## MEDMENHAM CORNER.

ADVENT SERVICES.—On Wednesdays during Advent there will be Service in the Church with Sermon, at 7 p.m.

A Missionary Meeting in aid of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, will be held in the Schoolroom, on Tuesday, December 7th, at 6.30 p.m. The Meeting will be addressed by the Rev. Joseph Higgins, deputation from the Society.

On the following Sunday, December 12th, Sermons will be preached and collections made after each Service for the above object.

It will perhaps be of service to those wishing to avail themselves of the Parochial Library, if a list is made out of the Books contained in it, after thus being put on record, it can be referred to at any time.

Memoirs of Eminent Men.  
 Eldad the Pilgrim.  
 Journal of a Poor Vicar.  
 History of the Jews.  
 Life of Anson.  
 Early Lessons.  
 Mungo Park's Travels in Africa.  
 The Jew.  
 Sandford and Merton.  
 Historical Tales.  
 Aunt Maddy's Diamonds.  
 Lord of the Isles.  
 Evenings at Home.  
 Rokeby.  
 Mother's Fables.  
 Life of Neff.  
 George Stanley.  
 Line upon Line.  
 Lesson Book.  
 The Throne of David.  
 Life of John Howard.  
 The Cottage Farm.  
 Bruno.  
 Robinson Crusoe.  
 Story without an End.  
 Natural History (Animals).

World without Souls.  
 English History.  
 Last hours of Christian Men.  
 Hunters and Fishers.  
 History of Rome.  
 The British Isles.  
 The Serious Call.  
 Conversations after Church.  
 The Whole Duty of Man.  
 Christian Watchfulness.  
 Things rarely met with.  
 Learn to Live.  
 Meditations. Sundays & Holydays.  
 Hugh Latimer's Life.  
 Holy Living.  
 History of the Prayer Book.  
 America as it is.  
 Margaret Maitland.  
 Twin Sisters.  
 Monthly Packet.  
 Life of the Duke of Marlborough.  
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