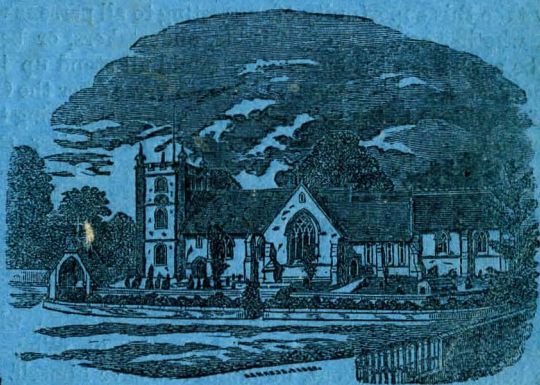


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## Extracts from the Parish Registers.

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### BAPTISM.

February 13th, (born December 26th, 1875.) William James, son of James and Louisa Jane Small, of Mill End.

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### MARRIAGE.

February 26th.—William Gray and Caroline Taplin.

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### BURIALS.

February 6th, (died February 2nd.) James Butler, of Hambleden, aged 65 years.

February 13th, (died February 6th.) George Lathan, of Hambleden, aged 22 years.

February 19th, (died February 13th.) William Harman, of Hide, aged 63 years.

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The funeral of George Lathan, was attended by his fellow workmen, according to Mr. W. H. Smith's desire, and also by a considerable number of his fellow club-men, the Odd Fellows, whose orderly and reverent behaviour are worthy of remark.

We may take this opportunity of suggesting to all persons who attend Funerals, whether as mourners, friends, undertakers, or bearers, that it would be a very good thing if they would all stand up in Church during the Psalm, and read their alternate verse after the Clergyman, instead of leaving it to the Clerk. They can then sit during the Lesson. And when they stand round the grave, they had better say the responses and the Lord's Prayer, and the Amens in like manner. It would always be a good thing if some one belonging to the Funeral were to remain and see the grave filled up.

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An accident happened to Mr. Cripps' carter, Eggleton, which might have been very serious. He was in a cart without reins, and when the horse began playing about, he jumped to save himself. The horse swerved at the moment, and brought the wheel of the cart over his side and shoulder. Happily no serious mischief was done, and the man soon began to recover.

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### HAMBLEDEN CHURCH RINGERS.

The promised Entertainment came off on Thursday, February 25th, in the Schoolrooms. We are happy to say it was a great success. There was "a crowded house," several persons going away unable to find seats, and several who desired first class seats, being obliged to content themselves with second class accommodation. But we believe that no one who was present regretted having come. The first part was good, especially the Duett "Very Suspicious," sung by Mr. Harry Ridley and Harry Lane. But it was left for the second part,

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consisting of the Play, "Old Phil's Birthday," to satisfy the audience. The Play itself is good in character, and in some parts quite touching. The devotion of "Old Phil" to his employer, whom he always calls "Hardress and Co.," is wonderfully well sustained to the end. The performers did their parts well. It would be invidious to make distinctions. But we may safely say that "Old Phil" was well represented; he lighted up the scenes with life and animation, and won universal approval. The audience were kept alive throughout and testified their pleasure and approbation by most unmistakeable signs.

The result will be heard, we hope, in the music of the Hand-bells. Nearly £4 was taken for admission, and some kind friends handsomely and generously paid 10s. apiece for their tickets.

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### NIGHT SCHOOL.

The Frieth Night School has continued till now, and the attendance of the scholars has kept unabated. Through the kindness of Mr. Wetherall, and Mr. Toovey, they had tea, &c., instead of lessons on Tuesday, the 29th February, to wind it up for the season. We are glad to offer here, the thanks of all parties to the kind friends who have voluntarily given their services as Teachers throughout the winter.

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### NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Once more we exhort all parents to send their little ones *at once*, that they may be able to keep the necessary number of attendances by the end of October.

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### LENT.

The Rector has written and distributed a short Address for this year.

At Hambleden, there will be Daily Service at 10.5 a.m., and 7 p.m. On Wednesdays there will be a Sermon in the Evening. The name of the preacher will be announced on the Sunday before.

At Frieth, there will be Daily Service at 4.45 p.m. On Wednesdays and Fridays, at 11 a.m. On Thursdays, there will be Service at 7 p.m. with a Sermon. The preacher's name will be announced on the Sunday before.

There will be Collections in the Churches on  
Sunday, March 12th, for the Church Penitentiary Association.  
Sunday, March 26th, for the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.  
Sunday, April 9th, for Home Missions.

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### HOME MISSIONS.

It is requested that all boxes be sent in before the last day of March.



## MEDMENHAM CORNER.

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### BAPTISM.

February 6th.—James Austin.

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### NIGHT SCHOOLS.

These have been unwontedly successful this winter, whether we regard the attendance or the progress that has been made. To begin with : the suggestion, thrown out in the Magazine of last April, touching the formation of another school, met with a ready response. A school was got together at Woodend, by Mr. Edward Fawell, in October last. He kindly undertook the instruction ; Mr. Plumridge, of Marlow Common, came to his side as a voluntary assistant. Widow Austin's house was found available for a room, and there as many as 9 or 10 have been regularly in attendance. The Vicar made note of the attainments of the lads when they first came and shortly before breaking up, and he can testify that the trouble taken by those who have taught them shews an excellent result.

The Night School in the village has also been better attended and more appreciated during the school time. Some who used to be comparatively idle seem now anxious to get on, but there are several lads who hold aloof altogether. Nineteen in all have been under regular instruction. Suppers at the Vicarage, on February 19th, for Medmenham boys, and on February 23rd, for those from Woodend, have ended the season.

Owing to the serious illness of Widow Austin, the Sunday Evening Services at Woodend, could not be continued after February 13th.

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### LENT.

During Lent there will be service with an address each Wednesday and Friday, at 7 p.m.

It is not easy for country clergy to get help, but the Vicar will procure what he can get in that way, so that there may be occasionally the advantage and increased interest of fresh preaching.

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### ORGAN FUND.

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Sum already announced .. ..	68	0	6
Lowe, Mrs., Matilda and Joseph ... ..	0	10	0
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