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# Extracts from the Parish Registers.

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## BAPTISMS.

April 9th, (born Jan. 14th). Harry, son of William and Annie Plummer, of Pheasants Hill.

Same day, (born Feb. 12th). Alfred, son of Henry and Harriet Edwards, of Frieth.

April 16th, (born Jan. 14th). Arthur, son of Thomas and Anne Shepherd, of Rockwell End.

April 3rd, (born Feb. 20th). Nelly Sarah, daughter of George and Anne Heath, of Skirmett.

## MARRIAGE.

April 17th. Walter Henry Goldswain, to Mary Ann Woods.

## BURIAL.

April 13th, (died April 7th). William Plumridge, of Little Frieth, aged 63 years.

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

The last week in Lent was one which will not soon be forgotten for its extraordinary and unseasonable weather. Such a Good Friday, with so much snow on the ground, and so much falling during the early hours, at so late a period of the year, had not been remembered by any person. The Morning Congregations were consequently much smaller than usual, but more persons attended in the Evening. The Services at Hambleden, commencing with Palm Sunday, were conducted by the Rev. A. B. Donaldson, of Newbury, the Rector being not sufficiently recovered to take them himself. We can only wish that more persons had been able to attend and profit by the earnest, stirring Sermons which were preached. We think Mr. Donaldson will receive a hearty welcome, and deservedly, whenever he visits us again.

The Congregations on Easter Sunday were large throughout the day. The number of Communicants at the four Celebrations was 167. The decorations of the Churches were prepared under no ordinary difficulties. The snow had of course done great damage to the flowers, and at Frieth prevented some of the workers from taking any part in the operations. Great praise is due to those who laboured so diligently at them for the good effect produced.

The Collections for Home Missions, on Palm Sunday, were

at Hambleden	...	...	...	...	£3	14	0
at Frieth	...	...	...	...	1	16	6½

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making a total of	...	...	£5	10	6½
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## NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

The Diocesan Inspector of Schools for this Deanery, the Rev. J. Baines, visited the Schools at Hambleton and Frieth, on Thursday, March 30th. The prevalence of Whooping Cough in and about Hambleton for so long a period, has had a very serious effect upon the School, both as to the number of Children attending, and their progress. His report is as follows :

"The Children at Hambleton (the upper division) passed a good examination. At Frieth all did so, particularly the younger children. I have not met with such accurate and intelligent answers in young children, anywhere."

At Hambleton, Mr. Baines spoke in a low voice and his questions were not heard by the little ones.

On the Wednesday in Easter-week, April 19th, the children attending Hambleton Day and Sunday Schools, had a most lively and merry entertainment, furnished most handsomely and liberally by Mr. and Mrs. Spence. It was to have taken place at Christmas, in the form of a Christmas Tree, but was postponed in consequence of the Whooping Cough, partly because so many children would have been unable to attend, and partly because the Misses Sedgewick themselves had not had the disorder. The entertainment commenced with a kind of Pantomime, "Frank Hiam's," an amusing exhibition, but too long, furnished from London. This was immediately followed by tea, at which all were regaled with as much cake and bun as each could dispose of, and it was amusing to see how much of all kinds quickly disappeared. After the children had testified their gratitude to their host and hostess by the loudest cheers and other thanks-expressing sounds of which they were capable, they were called by name, two at a time, into the adjoining room, where each one received one present or more, gifts which would have come off the "tree" if the season had been suitable for this particular amusement. Some were more "lucky" than others ; but every one received not only kind and approving words, but some substantial token of good-will. It was 7 o'clock before they finally separated. The children will long retain a pleasant and grateful remembrance of Mr. and Mrs. Spence, and the Misses Sedgewick.

HOME MISSIONS.						£	s.	d.
Subscriptions—Anon. ....	...	...	...	...	...	0	8	0
"    Ridley, Rev. W. H. ....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
"    Ridley, Miss ....	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	0
"    Wetherall, Rev. C. M. ....	...	...	...	...	...	0	5	0
Donation—Ridley, Miss E....	..	...	...	...	...	0	2	6
Box—Anon. ....	...	..	...	...	...	0	2	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
"    Dyer, William ....	...	...	...	...	...	0	2	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
"    Falkner, Henry ....	...	...	...	...	...	0	2	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
"    Gray, Mr. C. ....	...	...	...	...	...	0	4	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
"    Porter, Susan ....	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
"    Sunday School, first class, boys	...	...	...	...	...	0	5	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
Collected in Church, Hambleton	...	...	...	...	...	3	14	0
"    "    Frieth ....	...	...	...	...	...	1	16	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
						£9	4	9 $\frac{3}{4}$

## DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL HELP SOCIETY.

At the request of the Bishop there were collections for this very useful Society, on Sunday, April 23. They amounted to £5 7s. 3½d.

There are many Parishes in this Diocese where a considerable population is scattered over a large space of ground, so as to make it impossible for one Clergyman to minister effectually to all, and yet where the Clergyman is so ill paid that it is out of the question for him to pay a Curate. The Rector mentioned two instances in our immediate neighbourhood but in different directions, Wooburn in our own County and Deanery; Caversham in Oxfordshire, in the Henley Deanery. The Society makes grants, not exceeding £40 a year, to help towards the payment of a Curate, on the condition that certain extra work is done in the Parish.

The Editor will be obliged to any person who will send him spare numbers of our Magazine, of any month of the year 1864.

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### MEDMENHAM CORNER.

#### BIRTH.

April 19. Mrs. Joseph Rose, of a daughter.

#### MARRIAGE (OMITTED).

Feb. 26. Charles Brown, to Sarah Ann Koeley.

#### BURIAL.

April 25. Ellen Green.

The death of Mrs. Green is a cause of great sorrow in our Village. She was much and deservedly respected.

The Collections on Sunday, March 26th, for the Parochial Fund, reached £1 16 0.

The usual Vestry Meetings have been held.

At the Meeting for Parochial business, on March 28th, Mr. John Franklin, and Mr. Thomas Dorrell, were nominated Overseers of the Poor. Mr. Philip Hobbs was appointed Surveyor of the Highways; and the following named as eligible to serve the office of Constable, Mr. Thomas Dorrell, Joseph Bird, and Joseph Shervell.

At the Meeting for Church business, on Tuesday in Easter week, Mr. William Hobbs was appointed Vicar's Churchwarden, and Mr. Philip Hobbs, Churchwarden for the Parish. It was agreed to ask for a subscription when required by the Churchwardens.

The customary opportunities and privileges were offered during Lent and at Easter. We are glad to note that the early Celebration of the Holy Communion again shews that an increasing number of persons are thankful for it.

We gratefully acknowledge the kindness of those persons who assisted at the Easter decorations. There was less done than usual, but we do not think the Church looked less well on that account, for great care was taken with what was done. Who could see the Font for example without admiring the remarkable skill with which the letters of the text were formed out of loose flowers? the grouping was also excellent in the Chancel.

We are afraid the Organ Fund stands at last month's figure, £85 17 6.