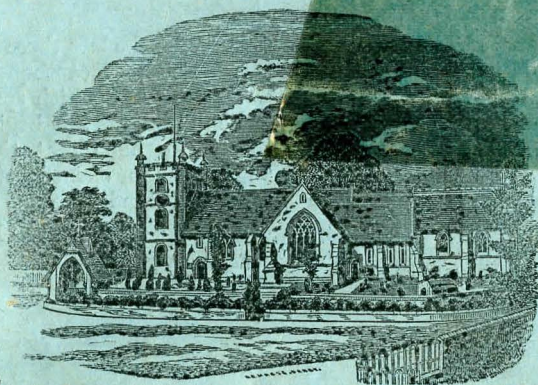


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

October 8th, (born Sept. 9th.) Frances Mary, daughter of William and Dinah Hopgood, of Greenlands.

October 22nd, (born Sept. 20th.) Edith Annie, daughter of James and Eliza Bennett, of Greenlands.

MARRIAGE.

October 21st. Charles Wakefield and Anne Didcock.

October 28th. Moses Denham and Mary Anne Aris.

BURIALS.

October 7th, (died Oct. 5th.) George Osmond Lovejoy, aged 3 years.

October 14th, (died Oct. 10th.) Martha King, of Greenlands, aged 65 years.

October 16th, (died Oct. 12th.) Harry George Parkins, aged 8 years.

HAMBLEDEN SCHOOL.

This School has, unhappily, been closed for the last three weeks by recommendation of the Medical Authorities, in consequence of a sudden outbreak of a Diphtheritic Sore Throat, which spread with great rapidity, principally among the children, at the beginning of the month. The disease has abated and we hope that the School will speedily be reopened, even if it has not been opened before these pages reach our readers. It is an especial hindrance at this particular time, when every moment was of so much value for preparing the children for the Inspection and Examination by Her Majesty's Inspector, which is due in November.

PENNY SAVINGS' BANK.

At the Diocesan Conference held last month at Oxford, some useful remarks were made on the duty of encouraging thrift among the labouring classes. We are glad of an opportunity of trying to show the labourer how that it is more than ever important for him to save money. The wages of the labourer have undoubtedly improved of late years, and all persons much rejoice in this, if the labourer will make a good use of them. But he must understand that this increase of wages makes his position very different from that of his father and grandfather. When labourers received only nine or ten shillings a week, they were almost compelled to depend upon other persons to provide them some necessary things; for example, Medical advice in sickness, support in old age, and many comforts for hard times. But now that they earn as much as a mechanic or artizan, they must, like the mechanic, provide all such

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things for themselves. They must be *independent*, instead of depending upon others. They must not think that they can spend their extra earnings on luxuries or in waste; and that "the Parish" or "the Board," will do for them as in former times. It is the duty of every one to provide for himself and his family to the *utmost of his power*, and not to be beholden to others for anything if he can possibly help it. So instead of merely getting more to eat and drink, and better clothes, out of his increased earnings, the labourer must at once begin to provide for difficulties which will come some day. He must pay into a Benefit Club against the day of sickness. We must hope also to get Sick Benefit Clubs for labourers' families, and he must pay into that for his wife and children if he has any. He must also lay by small sums against old age. It is astonishing how large a sum grows from very small amounts regularly laid by. There are a great many, an unusually large number, of young couples marrying at this time. Suppose one of them puts by 3d. a week, (the value of a pint and half of beer !) for thirty years, they will have of *their own*, for which they are beholden to no one, at least £12 or £13. If they will look round them they will see cases of persons who might have saved in this way, and have neglected to do so, and now are suffering and will suffer in consequence. Such cases as these are to be seen everywhere. A man and woman who have had no children, the man always earning good labourer's wages, and the wife earning something according to her position. The man dies say about 60 or 70 years of age. They laid by nothing, and so the widow comes on the Parish, and thinks it very hard that no relief is given her except in the Workhouse. Had they laid by the cost of one child's keep the forty years of their married life, there would have been now nearly or quite £200 for the widow !

Or a single man, or one who lost his wife in youth and has been for twenty or twenty-five years without expense for his children, if he had done the like he might have had £100 or more to maintain him in old age !

Every person in the world, whatever his or her position may be, must learn that they have no right to look for help from others, until and unless they have been, and are, doing *all they can* to help themselves.

To assist persons in thus providing for future necessities there is the Penny Savings' Bank always at their service. The Rector is ready to receive from them any sum from a *Penny* and upwards. All sums above 10s. earn interest, at the rate of a halfpenny a month for every 10s., until the whole amount reaches £5, when it must be transferred to one of the larger Savings' Banks.

We should be very much pleased if our remarks should lead any of our young friends to begin a course of *saving* money. Let them remember that the money so saved is *their own*, and if at any time they really require it, either through some unexpected distress, or to help them further forward in life, they can take it out and use it.

NIGHT SCHOOLS.

Night Schools will commence at Hambleden and Frieth on Monday, November 6th. No boys will be taken in either place under 13 years of age.

Collections were made in Hambleden Church on Sunday, October 29th, for our suffering fellow-Christians in the East of Europe. The amount collected was £48 16s. 2½d. Some of our richer friends had already sent their contributions privately.

CHURCH MISSIONS.

A Missionary Meeting will be held in the Schoolroom at Hambleden, on Monday, November 13th, at 6.30 p.m. The Rev. Edgar Jacob, Chaplain to the late Bishop Milman, of Calcutta, will address the Meeting.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BURIALS.

October 4th. Sarah Audrey Potier, aged 23 years.

October 16th. William Smith, aged 4 years.

The long illness and great sufferings of both of the above had called forth much sympathy in our Parish. We are sure that in such cases we ought only to be thankful that God in His mercy has thought fit to take them to Himself.

William Smith, being one of the children of our School, all his school-fellows attended the funeral. In the Church, Hymn 358 was sung, and at the grave, Hymn 142.

CONFIRMATION.

We may take it as certain that the Lord Bishop will hold a Confirmation for our Parish, at a neighbouring Church, early in the Spring. There need therefore be no waiting for the episcopal notice before we move. The Vicar would be glad to know, conveniently soon, what candidates wish to be presented from Medmenham, in order that preparation be not hurried. Something has been done already, but this is intended as a request to parents and god-parents to do their part early.

The Night School commenced on the 17th of last month. There are ten names on the book. The School is open three nights a week, from 6.30 to 8.

It is feared that it will not be possible this winter to have a School at Woodend as well; but, if help be forthcoming in time, it shall be done.