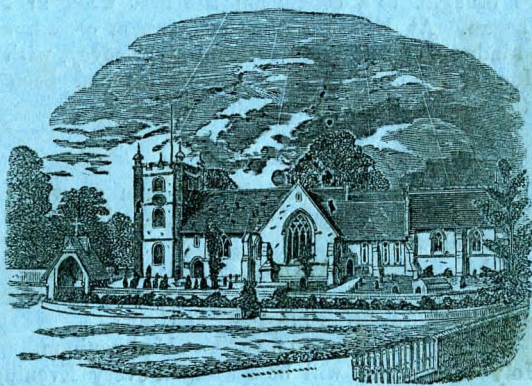


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

Feb. 11th, (born Jan. 8th.) Edith Mary, daughter of William and Emma Dyer, of Hambleton.

Same day, (born Dec. 19th, 1876.) Emma, daughter of John and Dinah Palmer, of Millend.

Feb. 18th, Elizabeth Anne Grace, daughter of Charles and Hannah Sadler, of Luxsters.

Feb. 25th, (born December 22nd, 1876.) William, son of Samuel and Ellen Keeley, of Chisbidge Cross.

Same day, (born Jan. 3rd.) Horace, son of John and Eliza White, of Frieth.

BURIAL.

Feb. 13th, (died Feb. 8th.) Louisa Palmer Chambers, of Millend, aged 32 years.

Feb. 28th, (died Feb. 25th.) Elizabeth Higgs, of Rockwell End, aged 68 years.

(Omitted before.) Dec. 30th, 1876, (died Dec. 27th.) John Higgins, of Hambleton, aged 72 years.

NIGHT SCHOOLS.

These were brought to a conclusion the first week in February before Lent began. At Frieth the School season closed, as usual, through the kindness of Mr. Wetherall and Mr. Toovey, with tea and games on Monday, Feb. 12th. The attendance had been regular throughout the winter and the behaviour satisfactory.

LENT SERVICES.

At Hambleton there is Daily Service at 7 p.m. as well as in the Morning. On Wednesdays there is a sermon in the Evening. The Preachers are as follows:

Feb. 28th.	Rev. J. A. CREE.	Great Marlow.
March 7th.	Rev. G. PHILLIMORE.	Henley-on-Thames.
„ 14th.	Rev. N. PINDER.	Greys.
„ 21st.	Rev. W. HILL.	Medmenham.

During Holy Week there will be a Sermon every Evening. The Services on Good Friday will be the same as they have been the last two years.

On Sunday, March 11th, there will be Collections for Home Missions, and on Sunday, March 25th, for the efforts newly making for the conversion of the Jews.

At Frieth there is daily a short Service with short address at 4.45 p.m. On Thursdays there is Service with Sermon at 7 p.m. The Preachers are as follows, viz:

March 1st.	Rev. W. HILL	Medmenham.
„ 8th.	Rev. J. K. BEST	Lane End
„ 15th.		
„ 22nd.	Rev. A. ALMACK	Bray.

At Skirmett there is Service with a Sermon every Tuesday Evening at 7 p.m.

It will be interesting to some of our readers to learn that the Rev. A. B. Donaldson who so kindly and ably ministered to us last year during Holy Week, is going now to South Africa as Archdeacon of Maritzburg. Our best wishes and earnest prayers will accompany him.

The Home Mission boxes should be sent in before Easter.

SKIRMETT SCHOOL CHAPEL.

A collection was made here after the Service on Sunday, January 28th, towards the necessary expenses of the Services: it amounted to 10s. 3d.

The collections on Sunday, Feb. 25th, for the Church Penitentiary Association amounted to £3 10s. 2½d.

LANE END CHURCH REBUILDING.

Fifty years ago Lane End had no Church, nor Clergyman nor School; it excited the warm sympathies of the then Rector of Hambleden, the Rev. H. C. Ridley, who laboured at great personal cost to provide its inhabitants with some religious teaching. The Church was built at the cost of J. M. Elwes, Esq., who then resided at Boltor End. It was in the course of erection when the Rev. H. C. Ridley died, and was consecrated in the summer of that year. Unhappily the *building* was extremely bad. First, dry-rot destroyed the wood-work which had all to be renewed within 3 or 4 years. The walls were continually wet through. In 1856 a considerable sum was raised by various means to repair and embellish the Church. But this again was so badly laid out that there is little to be seen of the outlay. The beams of the roof are in such a ruinous condition that it is only waste of money to spend anything on repairing them. The only thing to be done is to pull down the existing building, and build a new Church. An Ecclesiastical District was formed in 1832 out of the 4 Parishes of Great Marlow, West Wycombe, Fingest, and Hambleden, so that Lane End is an offshoot of these four Parishes; and now in its great difficulty of finding the means of building a new Church, is obliged to look to these Parishes for parental assistance. An influential Committee has been formed, consisting of the following persons, viz:

Thos. Somers Cocks, Esq., Great
Marlow, *Chairman*.
Rev. J. K. Best, *Secretary*.
A. Forgett, Esq.,
Mr. Walter Hobbs,

T. O. Wethered, Esq., M.P.
Rev. Canon Ridley, *Treasurer*.
Rev. the Hon. R. Parsons.
Rev. J. A. Cree.
Mr. T. King.

They have engaged the services of the able Architect, Mr. John Scott, son of Sir Gilbert Scott, who is preparing plans and estimates. Lane End is itself so poor a place that it will need the utmost possible assistance from all its friends. But while preparations are making, the inhabitants of Lane End are exerting themselves to do what they can to supply their own want.

We most earnestly plead with all our readers in their behalf. If the parishes who contribute the population which attend the Church do not bestow their charity liberally towards the work, it is impossible that Lane End can do it unaided. No unnecessary expense will be incurred, but the Committee are determined that that which is now done shall be done well. The Architect thought that £3000 would be required.

Subscriptions will be thankfully received by any member of the Committee, or can be paid into the Bank of Messrs. Cocks & Co., Charing Cross, London; Messrs. Stephens, Blandy, & Co., Marlow; Messrs. Simonds & Co., Reading, Henley, and Wycombe.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BIRTH.

Feb. 6th. Mrs. Elsdon of a daughter (stillborn).

CRICKET MEETING.

On the Evening of February 8th, a meeting was held in the Schoolroom for the formation of a Cricket Club. Before the business commenced the Vicar was requested to take the chair. There was a general feeling that in order to make the Club a boon to the village it should be conducted with strict attention to rules carefully considered. Among several Rules agreed to, it was resolved that a Committee of Management shall have entire control over the Club. In the selection of the committee the meeting were influenced by a desire that it should be composed of members quite representative of those who are likely to join the Club—a glance at the following names of those forming the Committee, will shew that it is not at all one sided—Charles Scott Murray, Esq., President, B. Scott Murray, Esq., Colonel Oakes, Rev. W. Hill, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Dorrell, Mr. Cornwall, (Secretary), Joseph Bird, Jos. Lowe. The rules will be shewn at the next General Meeting. May 1st, is fixed for the payment of entrance fees and also as the date from which the weekly subscription will commence.

The Night School was closed on February 6th, having been at work for 40 nights during the winter. There have been 15 names entered and 12 have attended very fairly. A Supper at the Vicarage on the Evening of Shrove Tuesday was the reward of the latter.

The Lenten Services are being better attended this year; and it is sincerely hoped that the congregations will be well sustained to the close of the Holy Season.

On Easter Day there will be two celebrations of the Holy Communion.

Some of the Subscriptions for 1876, have not yet come to hand.