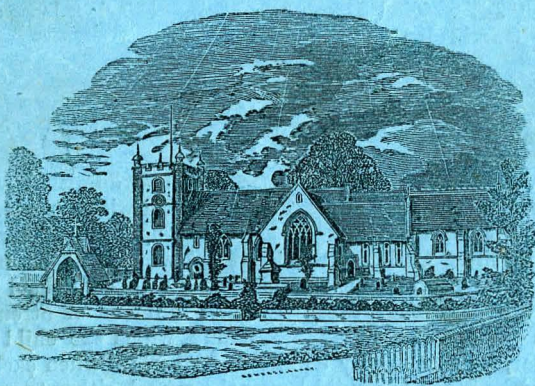


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- November 28th, (born September 20). George Richard, son of James and Mary Ann Lathan, of Skirmett.
- December 9th, (born October 22). John Keeley, son of Reuben and Sophia Rockall, of Fingest.
- December 18th, (born January 8). Frederick, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Chambers, of Millend.
- December 23rd, (born November 2nd). Alice Evelyn, daughter of John and Lydia Goodyer, of Greenlands.
- Same day, (born November 28th). Alfred, son of Anne Butler, of Hambleden.
- Same day, (born October 2nd). Charles James, son of Marianne Gutridge, of Hambleden.

BURIALS.

- November 28th, (died November 24). Hannah Barlow, of Perrin's Spring, aged 83 years.
- December 17th (died December 13). George Richard Lathan, of Skirmett, infant.
- December 28th, (died December 21st). Charles James Higgs, of Hambleden, infant.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

We wish to give to all Parents the following very important notice: —

After January 1st, 1878, no child can be admitted for the first time to either Hambleden or Frieth School without a certificate of the child's *birth* from the Registrar. The date of birth will be entered in the "Child's School Book," which will be provided at the school by the Principal Teacher. In this "School Book" the Teacher will also enter, every year, the number of attendances the child has made, and the standard, if any, which the child has passed in the year, so that it may be known for certain when each child can go to work. When the child leaves the school, either to go to another school, or to go to work, the book will be given up to the child. The Certificate of Birth of any child who has been born in Hambleden Parish can be had of Mr. Harding, the Relieving Officer, for a small fee.

This is the Rule throughout the country, and applies to every regular school. It is so ordered by the Government.

Before the schools broke up for the Christmas Holidays, the Prizes for regular attendance and cleanliness were given away. Thirty-seven children, at Hambleden, and forty-one at Frieth, received each a garment or garments of more or less value, according to the number of marks which they had obtained. Allowance was made for the

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greater distance which so many children have to come. It is satisfactory to know that at Hambleden, two children had not missed once, and at Frieth four. There has been a very decided improvement in the attendance of the children, and even one more marked in their cleanly appearance and habits. The thanks of Managers, Parents, Children and Teachers, are due to the kind friends who so generously provide the funds for these Prizes.

We regret that we shall not be able to give a report of the Frieth Entertainment in this number. The arrival of Christmas compels us to go to press earlier in the month. We shall hope to report of its success in our next issue.

FRIETH CHAPEL.

A novelty was witnessed here on Sunday, December 16th, when Banns of Marriage were called for the first time. A still greater novelty will, we hope, be witnessed on January 2nd, 1878, when, for the first time, the marriage ceremony is performed in the Chapel, on the happy occasion of the marriage of Miss Rosa Cripps with Mr. Raikes. The more that all her neighbours are prepared to feel her loss, the more anxious are they, one and all, to wish her every possible happiness, temporal and eternal.

Henceforth those persons who live in that part of Hambleden Parish which is adjacent to Frieth, can have their Banns asked there, and can be married there; or, if they prefer it, they can still be asked and married in the Parish Church.

CHURCH MISSIONS, 1877.

£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Barnett, Mrs. (sub.).....	0	6	0	Brown, Mary and Hannah.	0	1 5
Biggs, Mrs.	0	4	0	Bushnell, George ...	0	2 6½
Piercey, Mrs.	0	6	0	Chandler, Ellen.....	0	2 7½
Ridley, Rev. W. H. & Mrs.	2	2	0	Cook, Sarah	0	1 6
Ryder, Miss.....	1	0	0	Cross, Jane.....	0	1 9½
Schwabe, G. C. Esq.	1	0	0	Dyer, William.....	0	2 8½
Soundy, Mrs.	0	6	0	Falkner, Mrs.....	0	2 6
Stone, Mrs.....	0	6	0	Gerrard, Mrs	0	4 1½
Toovey, Mrs.	0	6	0	Harris, Mrs.	0	4 0½
Wetherall, Rev. C.M. & Mrs.	0	10	0	Hobbs, Mrs. H. J.....	0	8 10
Small, subs. at Hambleden..	0	10	7	Hobbs, Wid. H.....	0	1 2
Ditto, at Frieth.....	0	6	6	Lailey, Master.....	0	10 2½
Ditto, at Skirmitt.....	0	7	5	Peach, Mrs.	0	1 3
Ditto, at Millend.....	0	8	6	Rectory	0	15 7½
Ditto, at Burrow.....	0	1	3	Toovey, the Misses.....	0	13 0½
Meeting at Hambleden.....	1	3	10	Wetherall, Mrs.....	0	17 3½
Ditto, Frieth	0	13	9	West, Mrs. E.....	0	0 11½
Harvest Thanksgiving Col'n	18	10	8	Sunday School Girls, First		
Ditto, at Frieth.....	2	18	1	Class.....	0	3 3½
Wastepaper.....	0	17	4	Sunday School Girls Second		
BOXES.				Class.....	0	1 7
A. J. G.....	0	1	3½			
Barlow, Catherine ...	0	10	4½			
Barnett, Mrs.	1	2	7½			
					£38	14 8

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BURIAL.

Dec. 8th.—James Frude, aged 95.

Thus we have lost the last of our people who have reached nearly five-score years. Those long lives were very brief after all.

Nov. 30th.—The Day of Intercession and Prayers for the Mission work of the Church was not observed quite so well this year in the early part of the day as in former years. This was partly owing to the necessity of keeping rigidly to school hours which prevented a service at 11 o'clock, but there was an early celebration, and at 7 p.m. there was a fair attendance at church. A collection was made for the Missionary Candidates Association, which with help from Woodend amounted to 13s. 2d.

It is not much that in a little Parish like this we can do for outside objects, but the great thing is to bear a part, however small, of the burden of work which the Church generally has to do. We collect on principle.

On Sunday, Dec. 9th, the experiment of a 6 p.m. service was repeated. The congregation was really a large one. It was very good of the Rev. J. A. Cree to brave the cold dark night and come and preach to us. We collected for the S. P. G. £1 16s. 0d.

Christmas Day. We thought the decorations very slight, but such as they were, in good taste. An explanation is needed after requiring the congregation to sing a hymn written on paper: the truth is the Printer, who had had the order many days before, mislaid his instructions, and when he found out his error, could not do the work of printing the leaflets owing to press of business. He sent an apology.

The Missionary boxes should be sent to the Vicarage by Wednesday, the 9th of January. The Parochial Fund accounts will be made up as soon as possible. In one respect, viz: the School, our expenses have considerably increased. This cannot be avoided anyhow.

