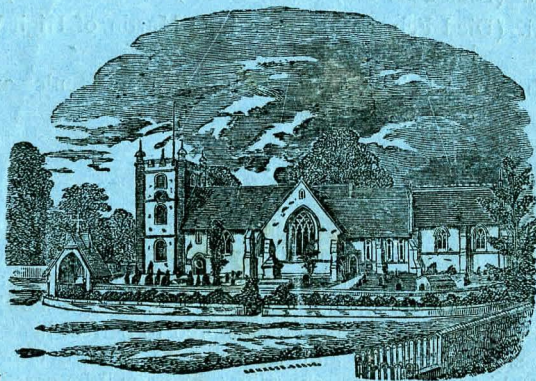


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- February 3. (Born Dec. 22nd, 1877) Georgina, daughter of Edward and Barbara Ann Webb, of Stoke Park, Slough.
Same day. (Born Aug. 24th, 1876) James Henry, son of Henry Archibald and Martha Dadley, of Stoke Park, Slough.
Same day. (Born Dec. 4th, 1877), Rhoda Annie, daughter of Henry Archibald and Martha Dadley of Moor Common.
February 25. (Born Jan. 10th) Arthur Bertram, son of William and Harriett Harris, of Hambleden.
Same day. (Born Dec. 9th, 1877) Ellen, daughter of Zachariah and Alice Coker, of Pheasants Hill.

MARRIAGES.

- Feb. 11. George Mines and Louisa Mary House.

BURIALS.

- Feb. 8th. (Died Feb. 4th) Elizabeth Wakefield, aged 19.
Feb. 11th. (Died Feb. 8th) Alfred Butler, of Hambleden, infant.
Feb. 23rd. (Died Feb. 20th) Annie Jane Martin, of High Wycombe, Infant.
Feb. 25th. (Died Feb. 16th) Mary Sarah Penn, of Henley-on-Thames, aged 69.
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THE RECTOR.

The illness of the Rector, which has for a time laid him aside from active work, has called forth many expressions of kindness and general feelings of sympathy throughout the Parish. We are glad to be able to report that he is going on well, though slowly, and we trust that ere very long he may be restored to perfect health. We do however sincerely hope, and we are sure we are expressing the feelings of his parishioners generally, that he will be careful when he begins his work again, for their sake as well as for his own, not to overtax his strength beyond power of endurance. In the mean time let us pray that God will, when He thinks good, give him strength to resume the important duties of his sacred office.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

HAMBLEDEN.

An Entertainment was given in the School Room by some of the Ringers, assisted by a few friends, on Monday and Tuesday evenings, Feb. 11th and 12th. It was divided, both evenings, into two parts—

the first consisting of Songs and Readings, the second of the amusing Farce of "Box and Cox." All present were greatly disappointed at the Rector's enforced absence, who was prevented by illness from taking his place in the chair. The Rev. C. M. Wetherall, therefore, acted as Chairman the first evening, and Arthur Deane, Esq., of Colestrop, very kindly consented to do so the second evening.

With respect to the performances, it is invidious to make distinctions when all who took part in them did their very best to satisfy the audience, and we trust that, judging from the applause given at the close of each Reading or Song, their endeavours were rewarded.

The Farce went off very satisfactorily, and H. C. M. Ridley, Esq., W. Dyer and H. Lane, fulfilled their respective parts with much animation and character, and perhaps with even greater success on the second evening. The audience on Monday took special interest in Box's attempt to cook a rasher of bacon—which he *slightly* overdid!

There was a very fair audience the first evening, but on the second when the seats were cheaper, it was considerably larger.

We are glad to be able to announce that, after various little deductions for expenses, there remain substantial profits towards a new set of Handbells.

FRIETH.

An Entertainment was held in the School Room, on Monday, February 18th, very similar in its character to that given at Christmas. The programme consisted entirely of Readings and Songs, and though a long one, did not seem too long for the greater part of the company present. The Readings were remarkably good, and many of the Songs met with great applause. The Rector's place, as on the preceding Monday at Hambleden, had to be filled by the Curate. The audience must have numbered considerably over 200, as over £5 was taken for the sale of tickets. We are glad to be able to report that the behaviour of the young men in the back room, which caused so much annoyance at the last Entertainment, was on this occasion most satisfactory.

LENT.

The season of Lent will soon begin, and call upon us to search more closely our own hearts before God, and try our own ways.

It is quite impossible this year—owing to the Rector's illness, and to the fact that there is no Curate resident at Hambleden—to hold the special services customary at this season. *With the exception of ~~the~~ Wednesday Evening* (at 7 o'clock) there will be no week-day Services for the present in the Parish Church. At Frieth there will be Service with a Sermon, on Thursday Evenings at 7. Notice will be given in our next number of arrangement of Services for the conclusion of Lent. If we cannot have so many religious privileges as usual, let us value what we have more highly.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BAPTISMS.

February 24th. Walter Henry Munday.

" " Rosa Anne Owen, of Hambleden.

BURIAL.

February 14th. William Townsend, Esq., of Woodend House, aged 79.

Though Mr. Townsend did not reside amongst us, yet he took an interest in our doings, and was ever willing to respond to any appeal that was made to him as a Landowner in this Parish. He was, as his family had been before, a regular supporter of our School and other good objects. His successor may be sure that a kindly welcome will be accorded to him.

The SERVICES AT WOODEND close with the first Sunday in March. All through the Winter the attendance has been excessive for the small room where Mr. Austin is so good as to receive us. It will scarcely be credited that sometimes more than 40 have been counted in the congregation. If in the Winter the Church seems to go to the people, in the Summer those people should come to the Church.

LENT falls late this year, and therefore we may say that since Christmas we have had plenty of time for enjoyment; now, the gravity which becomes a solemn season, will be in its turn of equal service to us. The Vicar proposes to have an Evening Service each Wednesday at 7 o'clock, with an address; and, instead of the usual second week-day Service, to have an extra Evening Service on Sundays.

The Sunday Evening Services will be at 6 o'clock. On March 10th, the sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. A. Cree, Vicar of Great Marlow; and that of March 17th by the Rev. F. T. Wethered, Vicar of Hurley.

The NIGHT SCHOOL came to an end for the season on Feb. 20th, after having been open 42 nights. We had 19 names down, 14 of whom were pretty regular in attendance.

