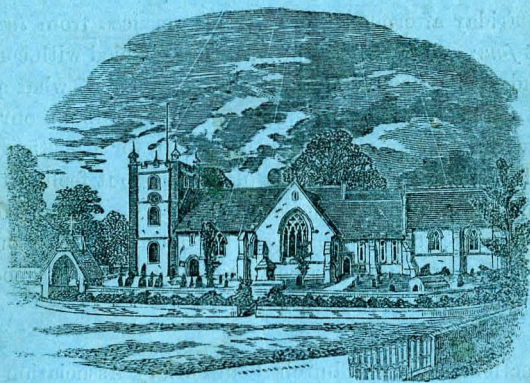


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

March 9 (Born Dec. 5, 1878)—Agnes Louisa, daughter of Frederick Thomas and Sarah Hearn, of Hambleden.

March 16 (Born Dec. 17, 1878)—Clara, daughter of Joseph and Hannah Parslow, of Frieth.

BURIAL.

March 29. (died March 23rd)—William Butler, of Pheasants Hill, aged 73 years.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES.

The Services on Wednesday and Thursday Evenings have been well attended, especially considering the very severe cold which we have encountered. There have been services also at Skirmett on Tuesday Evenings, which several persons have been glad to attend. In Holy Week there will be a sermon at Hambleden every evening excepting Saturday, and at Frieth there will be service with a sermon on two of the preceding evenings as well as on Good Friday.

On Good Friday afternoon there will be services from *two o'clock till half-past four*. Part of the time will be occupied with considering in prayer and meditation, after short addresses, *ten* of what are sometimes called "The Stations," being scenes or events in our Blessed Saviour's last Sufferings. Persons can come in for a portion of these services, and go out again when they please, without feeling that they are disturbing and interrupting other worshippers. It seems desirable, and almost natural, to occupy some of the actual hours of our Lord's bitter sufferings, in meditating upon them, and on the good things which we obtain through them.

The Collections for the Church Penitentiary Association at Hambleden, on the 2nd March, and at Frieth, on the 9th March, amounted to £4 13s. 6d.

The Collections at Hambleden on March 16th, for the Conversion of the Jews, amounted to £2 5s. 11d. This is a good opportunity for making the "Parochial Mission to the Jews" better known to our readers.

There are many thousands of Jews living in England; some have enormous wealth, others are occupied in various money-making concerns, chiefly in London and our large towns. They for the most part congregate together in special localities. The object of this Mission is to work amongst them towards their Conversion in their several parishes, making use of the Parochial system of the Church

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of England, by means of Curates regularly licensed by the Bishop for work in the respective parishes. One such Curate is already at work in St. Olave's, Bethnal Green. Two young men are under special training, one at Chichester, the other at Lincoln, in preparation for entering on this particular work. It is a work of extreme difficulty, and requiring peculiar gifts and powers. But the object is one which must have an especial interest for every real Christian.

The Collections for Home Missions on the 30th March, will be too late for announcement in this number of the Magazine.

The new lamps in both Churches give great satisfaction to those who attend the services. They add very greatly to the comfort of the worshippers, giving a much better light than the lamps and candles which were formerly in use. The thanks of all persons are rendered to those who, by their large contributions have mainly contributed to their purchase.

HAMBLEDEN CHURCH TOWER.

A Meeting of the Committee was held at the Rectory on Tuesday, March 18th, at which it was determined to establish two Funds, one for embellishing, the other for raising the tower. Each of these works is to be proceeded with when sufficient money is in hand for the purpose. The First Lord of the Admiralty desires that his contribution shall be expended on the embellishment. This work, therefore, will be proceeded with as soon as the plans, &c., are furnished. The Architect, Mr. Woodyer, is at this time engaged in preparing them. Admiral Ryder divides his gift between the two objects. The Rector reserves his for the heightening of the tower, whether by raising the present walls, or by affixing a spire, as shall be hereafter determined. It is understood that any balance left over from either of those funds shall be applied to the other.

The work of improving the Cottagers' Dwellings in Hambleden has commenced by the beginning of three pairs of new cottages at Coombe Bottom. We wish Mr. Schwabe the best success in his good work.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BIRTH.

March 11—Mrs. A. E. Neighbour of a daughter (Frances Eliza), baptized privately, March 14th.

DEATHS.

March 9—Mrs. William Davis, at Leighton Buzzard.

„ 25—Mr. George J. Dyson, at Hurleyford Farm, aged 62.

It will be seen by the two last announcements what profound grief has fallen upon many of our friends. Each family in turn, and at such times, values and is much supported by the kindly sympathy of neighbours.

On Lady-day the usual Vestry Meeting for the business of the Parish was held. Mr. John Fawell and Mr. H. J. Todd were nominated Overseers of the Poor. The Surveyor's accounts were produced, examined, and approved. Mr. Philip Hobbs was appointed Surveyor of the Highways, and the following were named as eligible to serve the office of Constable:—Mr. Thomas Dorrell, Henry Lovegrove, and Joseph Shurvell.

PAROCHIAL FUND for 1878.

RECEIVED.			EXPENSES.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Miss Scott-Murray	7	0 0	Deficiency from 1877... ..	15	7 3½
Mr. Wm. and Miss Hobbs ...	5	0 0	Church Expenses	8	5 3
Sir Wm. Clayton, Bart. for 1877	1	10 0	School Mistress	45	18 5
" " " " 1878	3	3 0	School Mistress's house rent		
Mr. and Mrs. Franklin	1	0 0	paid to Sir W. Clayton ...	4	2 11
Mrs. Lee	1	0 0	Paid for Cottage, 1877	1	10 0
Col. Oakes (July 7th)	5	0 0	School Rates	0	1 1½
Mr. Richard & Miss Blackwell	1	11 0	" Cleaning	2	8 6
Rev. J. A. Cree	1	1 0	" Expenses	6	3 3
Exeter, Pembroke, and Jesus			Alms to Poor	7	4 9
Colleges	6	6 0	Firing and Clothing Clubs... ..	8	0 4
Robt. Crossman, Esq.	3	0 0	Women's Club	0	16 10
T. O. Wethered, Esq., M.P. ...	4	0 0			
Rev. Canon and Mrs. Ridley	2	0 0			
T. S. Townsend, Esq.	5	0 0			
Mr. Jas. Ralston	0	15 0			
C. R. Scott-Murray, Esq. (for					
Parish)	6	6 0			
Mrs. Dyson	1	0 0			
Mr. Philip Hobbs	2	0 0			
Rev. W. and Mrs. Hill	5	0 0			
Grant from Government (4					
months)	6	2 8			
School Pence	3	16 0			
Offertory	6	7 8			
Collected in Church, 21st April	1	12 5			
" " " " 9th June	1	1 3			
" " " " 17th July	0	10 9			
" " " " 15th Sept.	4	7 3			
Mr. Robt. Dixon	0	10 0			
	86	0 0			
Deficiency	13	18 7½			
	£99	18 7½		£99	18 7½

On Easter Day there will be two Celebrations of the Holy Communion, the first at 8 a.m., the second after Morning Prayer.