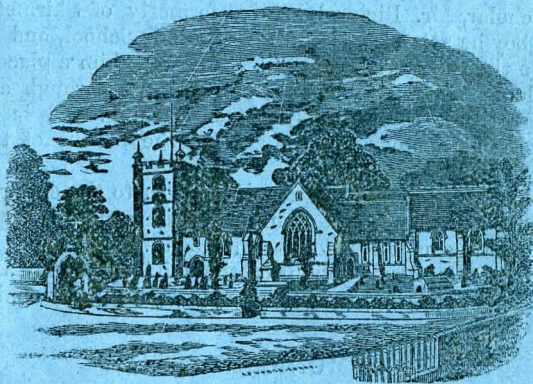


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## Extracts from the Parish Registers.

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### BAPTISMS.

- Dec. 28th, (born Nov. 10th).—William, Son of Daniel and Matilda Davies, of Moors End.
- Jan. 4th, (born Dec. 7th).—Ada Helen, daughter of Charles and Anne Webbe, of Baeres.
- Jan. 25th, (born Jan. 2nd).—Lilian, daughter of James Joshua and Hannah Jolley, of Bottom House.

### BURIALS.

- Dec. 31st, 1879, (died Dec. 25th).—Ann Higgins, aged 72 years.
- Jan. 25th, (died Jan. 18th), John Henry Lane, aged 24 years.
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### HAMBLEDEN SCHOOL FESTIVITIES.

On Tuesday, Jan. 6, the Feast of the Epiphany, all the children attending Hambleden Day School and Sunday School, had a grand Entertainment in the Schoolrooms. At 3.30 they sat down, 168 in number, to tea, bread and butter, cake, and jam. This ended, a book of some kind was presented to every boy and girl on the Sunday School books. They were purchased by a gift from an old Sunday Scholar, Mr. Richard White, formerly of Skirmett. When he was a boy he attended Hambleden Sunday School, and from this school, the then Rector, Rev. H. C. Ridley, got him a place of service in a gentleman's family. He had all his life through a desire to show his gratitude to his old place of learning, and last summer sent the present Rector a gift of £5 for the benefit of the Sunday Scholars.

After this, Mr. Schwabe's prizes were given to the children who by most regular attendance and cleanliness had merited them. When these interesting matters were concluded, Punch and Judy was performed, to the intense delight of the children. They all thanked Mr. Punch for his performance, but some said, "Do it again."

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### COMMUNICANTS' TEA.

This was given in Hambleden Schoolrooms on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 14. All Communicants of all classes attending Hambleden Church were invited. Some of all classes came, numbering just 70. Various ladies kindly undertook the care of the several tables. When tea was ended, a hymn was sung, a short prayer offered, and then the assembled company listened for half-an-hour to a very earnest, interesting, and profitable address delivered by the Rev. Canon Randall, Rector of Sandhurst, and formerly Rector of Newbury. Every one seemed highly gratified with the whole Entertainment.

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The funeral of John Henry Lane, on Sunday, Jan. 25, was very solemn and affecting. His illness had been painfully short, and he was universally respected and beloved. From his early boyhood he



had been a member of the Church Choir, and for several years had been an active leading member of the body of Ringers. The Choir therefore attended the funeral, and the Ringers chimed it into Church, and afterwards rang muffled peals. The chanting of the Psalms, and singing of Hymns, (in Church, No. 117, and at the grave, No. 197) with the long procession of surplices and black scarves, produced a very solemn and picturesque effect. There were many besides his own near and dear relatives, whose streaming eyes testified their regard for their departed friend; and all the vast assemblage behaved themselves with true reverent decorum. He rests from his labours. May we labour like him, and at length rest with him.

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#### LENT.

It is proposed to commence the Daily Morning Service when Lent arrives. On Ash-Wednesday the service will be at 10.30 a.m., but usually at 10.5 a.m. During Lent there will be daily Evening Service also, at 7 p.m. On Wednesday Evenings, after Ash-Wednesday, there will be a Sermon preached by some friends beyond the Parish.

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#### CONFIRMATION.

The Confirmation will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 11 a.m. The friends, especially the God-parents, of the candidates, are invited to be present, and by their prayers draw down God's blessing in abundance on those who are confirmed.

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#### SUNDAY CLOTHING SOCIETY.

INCOME.		£	s.	d.
Children's Payments	... ..	25	16	9
Ridley, Rev. W. H.	... ..	1	1	0
Ryder, Admiral, and Miss	... ..	2	2	0
Schwabe, G. C. Esq.	... ..	2	0	0
Smith, Rt. Hon. W. H., M.P.	... ..	3	3	0
Stanley, Hon., M. M.	... ..	0	10	0
Scott-Murray, C. R. Esq.	... ..	3	3	0
Interest of money in the Savings' Bank	... ..	0	7	5
Balance from 1878	... ..	7	2	11
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		£45	6	1

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Tickets for Clothing	... ..	37	19	7
Balance in hand	... ..	7	6	6
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		£45	6	1

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#### MONTHLY CLUB.

148 Depositors paid in £133 6s. 2d. in 1878-9, and received in Tickets for Clothing, £173 10s. 0d.



## MEDMENHAM CORNER.

### BAPTISMS.

Dec. 28, 1879.—William Young.

Jan. 25, 1880.—Grace Butler.

### CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

The first new seat is in its place, and if any one is surprised at its looking rather small, it may satisfy him to learn that the first three seats will be adapted to the size of children—hitherto the children seem to have been left out of reckoning—but the remaining seats will be for grown up people; these latter seats it is proposed to make a little more comfortable than the present strait-backed structures; without altering the outward appearance at all, the backs may be inclined. The fund advances by degrees.

	£	s.	d.
Sum already announced ... ..	4	12	3
Miss Scott Murray ... ..	2	0	0
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	£6	12	3

The Builder has just sent in his estimate. He undertakes that the new seats and flooring shall not exceed £66. We may conclude therefore that the whole work of choir rests and new seats will be under £74. Let us get on with raising the money as quickly as possible.

### LENT SERVICES.

These services will be as last year; that is, at 7 o'clock on the Evening of Ash-Wednesday, and at the same hour on Friday Evenings, and an extra service at 6 o'clock on every Sunday during the season. The Vicar will get what help he can from without, but is not sanguine of much, because in all parishes the clergy have calls of their own at one and the same time. After all, if we are minded as we ought to be, to make Lent a really blessed time to us, it will not so much matter who are our preachers. "God takes a text and preacheth patience."

### CONFIRMATION.

It is something to be thankful for that Lent should follow instantly upon this holy and scriptural rite. Baptismal vows ratified and confirmed! The Holy Spirit prayed for and conferred! Why, such obligations and such gifts require a solemn time in which to calmly settle and rest upon the confirmed. Lent will do for this right well.

It is to be hoped that our people will remember the candidates in their prayers, and not hinder them by worldliness—nor let it be forgotten that it is ordered by the Church "Every one shall have a God-father, or a God-mother, as a witness of their Confirmation."

Tuesday, February 10th is the day, at 11 a.m.