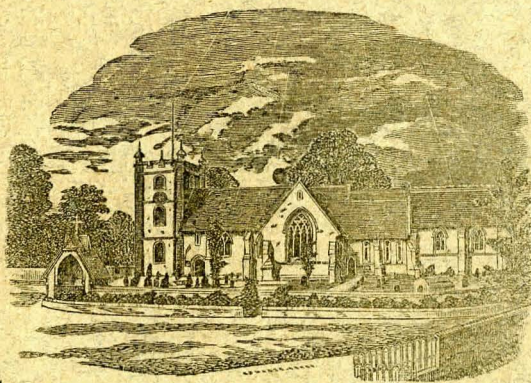


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BAPTISMS

- March 12th.—Ernest Coker, Rockwellend, Hambleden.
,, 19th (born Jan. 16).—Ada Plumridge, The Hyde, Hambleden.
,, 19th (born Oct. 29th, 1881), James Alfred Gray, Pheasant's Hill, Hambleden.
,, 19th (born Jan. 24th).—Jane Webbe, Burrow, Hambleden.

BURIALS.

- March 3rd.—Maria Margaret Stanley, Bacres, Hambleden, aged 84.
,, 4th.—William Feesey, Hambleden, aged 80.
,, 15th.—Louisa Cross, Little Frieth, Hambleden, aged 78.

The parish has lost another good friend by the death of the Hon. Maria Stanley. She was followed to the grave by many of her neighbours, amongst whom she will be greatly missed for her generosity and kindness.

The Rev. D. and Mrs. Horlock start from Liverpool the 29th of April. We feel sure that the prayers and good-will of many in this parish will follow them to their new sphere of work in British Columbia.

In Memoriam.

We feel sure our readers will be interested in these few words (copied from *The Guardian* of March 22nd) on the life of our late Rector:—

“ * * * Those who knew him could not but love him and be influenced by him; but those who had not that privilege may well wish for a few notes of his life, that they may be stimulated and encouraged to labour for God and live for heaven.

“ * * * He was truly a pattern parish priest, zealously, prayerfully, and systematically doing his great Master's work. He visited the whole parish, taking care that all the people knew him and saw him from time to time; he kept a careful list of all the houses and knew the number of children in each. During winter (as is now happily the case in many parishes), every evening except Saturday was occupied with night schools, choir practice, cottage lectures, and services. He was most particular in keeping appointments with rich and poor alike, *at whatever cost to himself*.

“ He made a great point of weekly mid day celebration in the parish church, and of daily prayer, and it was a regular thing for as many as one in seven of the population to communicate at Easter. Every service of the church was a reality: a stranger who was present at his daughter's wedding, some ten years ago, was so much struck by the manner in which the marriage service was conducted that he wrote afterwards to express his surprise and pleasure at it. The like reverence and quietness could not but be noticed by every one of that vast assembly which crowded the church and church-yard when his body was laid to rest among his own people at Hambleden on February 23rd, 1882. It was not merely sorrow for the loss of a true friend that hushed to silence (except in the joyful prayer and praise of the Burial Service) that multitude—no, they felt the influences that more than forty years of faithful work had brought to bear upon them, and then they understood better than they had ever done before the reality of Christ's religion which Canon Ridley by his life and by his teaching had impressed upon his flock and others.

“Every morning of his life he rose at six o’clock, until the hand of sickness and ill health was laid upon him, and he spent the time before breakfast in prayer and in the reading and study of the Bible. He had a remarkable knowledge of Holy Scripture, and could repeat accurately many of the Epistles from beginning to end, besides large portions of the Prophets and Gospels. During his last long and trying illness, when his deafness increased so much that he was deprived of the comfort and refreshment of human voices, and when he could no longer read, he still found consolation in the services of the Church, and, according to the long habit of his life, repeated daily (by heart) the whole of the Morning and Evening Prayer. He believed very strongly in the duty and practice of intercessory prayer, and besides praying for his own household, he mentioned daily by full name each of his godchildren, even after they were grown up, and once a week he similarly prayed for each household in the parish, which he divided, so as to have one portion for each day of the week. A lady on a visit at the rectory was told by one of the servants that the part of his study where he usually knelt was worn threadbare from perpetual use, and the maid was so greatly impressed by the fact that she could not help exclaiming, ‘Ah! he *was* a man of prayer.’

“He had an intense love for children, and they for him; he was very fond of teaching them, and of all school work, and for some years he was one of the diocesan school inspectors, and was a very successful and valuable one. He had a wonderful power with the young, and in preparation for confirmation produced a lasting impression, while in many delicate and difficult questions which affect the young he did indeed deal with them with unwonted tenderness and firmness.

“His influence, however, was not only with them, for, as has been well said, ‘many a man who came with heavy heart and gloomy forebodings to consult him, went away cheered and refreshed, having caught from him something of the manly trustful faith which was so marked a characteristic of his life.’ None need shrink from going to him for advice in any matter, as they were sure to be treated with the greatest kindness, even though there might be reason to convince them that they had grievously erred. He was a rare example of a man who was thoroughly genuine, and yet at the same time thoroughly genial, even when administering a well-deserved rebuke, so that a person might go away ashamed, but feel withal a fresh love for the subject of our memoir.

“He wrote many small books and tracts, and among the several manuals on the Holy Communion now in use, there is no one so valuable as his for assisting a well-intentioned Christian to become a communicant. In what he wrote and in what he said he had a most wonderfully telling way of putting any point. He was very simple and attractive in his style and language, and those who, for instance, have heard him at the diocesan conference, or his address at the Sunday School Centenary, could not but feel that they were listening to a very powerful and convincing speaker. The fact was, he was as clear-headed and clever as he was earnest and honest.

“He was appointed Rural Dean in 1859, and Hon. Canon of Christ Church in 1871. In his parish, deanery, and diocese his death has left a tremendous gap, and for a long time his loss will be felt more and more, for he was ready at all times to give to any good work the assistance of his wise counsel and of his purse. * * *

We can best conclude with a few sentences written by him last year for Easter Eve.

“The sufferings are ended: ‘It is finished! They reached their climax, and, as it were, collapsed. No pain can reach Him now.

No device of man or devil can penetrate into His sanctuary. * * *
 Oh! the peace of those tranquil hours after the awful scenes of
 yesterday. Blessed prospect for us! There will be an end to our
 pains and griefs however sharp or wearing they be, or however long
 they continue. Our strength may seem hardly able to bear up to
 the end. But the end will come, and then rest in the Lord! * * *
 Meanwhile, 'the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth
 more and more unto the perfect day.' 'His rest shall be glorious.'

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK.

HAMBLEDEN.

Holy Communion On Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m.
 Matins at 10.30 } On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
 Evensong & Sermon at 7.0 } Thursday and Friday.
 Also on Good Friday, the Three Hours' Service at 2.
 Easter Eve, Evensong at 6.

FRIETH.

Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. }
 Matins at 10.0 a.m. } On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
 Evensong & Address at 7.30 p.m. } and Thursday.
 Matins at 11.0 }
 Three Hours' Service, commencing at 1.30 } Good Friday.
 Evensong at 7.0 }
 Matins at 10.0 } Easter Eve.
 Evensong & Address at 7.30 }

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BAPTISMS. March 2nd.—James Rufus Lee.
 " " " Rose Lee.
 " " " Laura Lee.
 " March 9th.—Charles William Southby.

DEATH. March 28th.—Thomas Owen Audrey.

A Vestry Meeting was held at the Vicarage on Monday the 27th
 March, for the transaction of Parochial business. Mr. James Ralston
 and Mr. Thomas Dorrell were nominated Overseers of the Poor.
 The Surveyor's accounts were produced, examined, and approved.
 Mr Philip Hobbs was appointed Surveyor of the High Ways, and the
 following were named as eligible to serve the office of Constable—
 Mr. Thomas Dorrell, William Rampton, Charles Walkling.

The Vicar has been fortunate enough in obtaining the kind help of
 five clergymen in the neighbourhood, to preach in our Church during
 this Lent. The Sunday Evening Services have been well attended.

After the notice given of the Confirmation, which will be held by
 the Lord Bishop on the 9th of May, a good many Candidates have
 sent in their names. The classes are now formed.

Every one likes to see the Church bright and joyous on Easter Day.
 This is most easily brought about when kind people send flowers, &c.
 for the purpose. They will be gratefully received early on the morn-
 ing of Easter Eve.

Let us call attention to the two celebrations of the Holy Commu-
 nion on Easter Day. The first at 8 a.m., and the second after
 Morning Prayer.