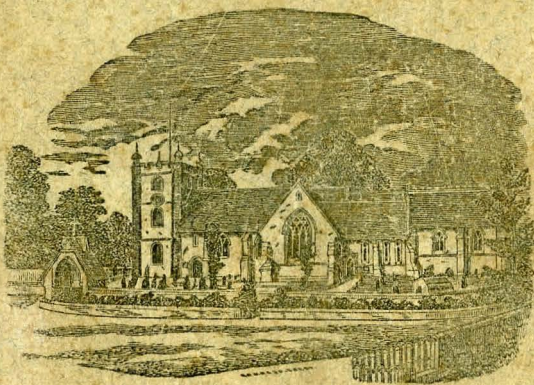


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## Extracts from the Parish Registers.

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### BAPTISMS.

July 30 (born June 2).—Daisy Ethel, daughter of Mary Coker, of Pheasants.

### BURIALS.

August 10 (died August 5).—Edith Julia Henrietta Cripps, of Surbiton, aged 11 months.

August 10 (died August 6).—Sarah Barksfield, of Frieth, aged 67.

August 17 (died August 15).—Eliza Harvey, of Skirmett, aged 52.

August 28 (died August 24).—Annie Sparks, of Wood End, Infant.

### THE SCHOOLS.

The Inspector's Reports of Hambleden and Frieth Schools have been received, and are as follows:—*Hambleden*.—"The general results continue good; but an effort should be made to get rid of the sing-song tone of reading." Grant £93 16s. 4d. The full grant earned by the School was £102 3s., but unfortunately, John Barnes, the Candidate Pupil Teacher, failed to pass his Examination, and so the Grant was reduced to £93 16s. 4d., as the School Staff was insufficient without him to meet the Government requirements. The Managers of the School are therefore desired to obtain a qualified Assistant Teacher, or a transfer Pupil Teacher at once, which they are endeavouring to do.—*Frieth*.—"In many respects "fair" work is being done, but there are serious flaws calling for revision. The second and third divisions of Infants are very poorly taught in reading, and the first standard is very weak in dictation. These classes could not thrive whilst left as now to mere child monitors. The grammar and geography both fail to reach the pass of Article 19 (*e*), though the first class geography was very fairly done. Other weak points the Schedule will readily point out." Grant £74 4s.

In consequence of the nature of this Report, the Managers of the School have engaged an Assistant Mistress, whose duty it will be to teach the smaller children and to take charge of the needlework. John Horne, who has now served his apprenticeship, has left the school, and is seeking a situation as Assistant Master. He has conducted himself very well during the time he has been at Frieth, and we wish him every success. Miss Dallen's services will be no longer required at Frieth, in consequence of the change of Staff; she has also given satisfaction during the time she has been teacher of needlework.

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The School Accounts for the past year are now published. It has been thought well for the purpose of the Magazine to publish a joint-account of both Schools. It may now be readily seen what the two Schools together cost for the year—and from what sources their income is derived. The contributions and *voluntary rate* produced £110 11s. 11d. The rate was very well responded to, and we are sure that most persons in the parish feel that the Schools *must* be supported, and that the Managers are trying their best not to put the parish to any unreasonable expense. It is satisfactory to find that there was a good balance in hand to start with this year.



## SKIRMET SCHOOL.

March 21, 1882.

This little Dame School has been carefully taught. The Catechism and hymns are well known, and reading, writing, and spelling in the First Class are good.

R. BRUCE DICKSON,

*Diocesan Inspector for the Deanery of Wycombe.*

### COMPLETION OF THE CHURCH TOWER.

It has been proposed to complete the Tower of Hambleden Church to the memory of the late Rector. It is believed that many of those who knew and loved him, both rich and poor, would wish to unite in finishing a work which was very near to his heart, and which would give special satisfaction to his dearest relatives left behind. An account has been opened at Simonds' Bank, Henley-on-Thames, named "Hambleden Church Tower Fund." The Trustees will be the Rector and the Churchwardens. Subscriptions will be received by the Rev. William Cowlard, Frieth Parsonage, who will gladly shew plans; receipts will be given.

*Lines composed on the day of Canon W. H. Ridley's Funeral,  
25th February, 1882.*

**H**ARK! hear you not the double peal  
Of gladsome and of mournful bells?  
Their mingled tones our thoughts reveal;  
Of joy and grief their music tells.  
Of joy, that he our pastor, friend,  
At length in blessed slumber lies:  
"Life's fitful fever" has its end;  
His spirit soars beyond the skies.  
Of grief, that we have lost on earth  
That true warm grasp and genial smile,  
His ever fresh and happy mirth  
That could the darkest hours beguile.  
All these are gone, yet still remain  
His noble work, his holy life,  
Who bore his shield without a stain,  
Nor swerved, nor faltered in the strife.  
Long years his eager spirit strove  
To raise the Church as in her prime,  
Nor ever ceased, with cords of love,  
To draw men's souls from sin and crime.  
Long months of weakness and distress,  
Meekly he bore his cross of pain,  
'Till life was loss and weariness,  
To die his everlasting gain.  
Though round him fond hearts bowed with sadness  
Must now their tenderest cares reign,  
Breaks through their cloud one ray of gladness,  
His endless bliss and peace divine.



We laid him down where spread no gloom,  
 But spring's bright robes of green and white,  
 And loving wreaths had lent their bloom  
 To deck our sorrow with delight.

So while those dear old chimes are ringing  
 Their echoes of past hopes and fears,  
 Our hearts with one accord are singing,  
 "He reaps in joy who sowed in tears." T. D. R.

## MEDMENHAM CORNER.

### BAPTISM.

April 16th.—George Ernest Nibbs.

A Vestry Meeting was held at the Vicarage on Monday, the 17th of April, for the transaction of business connected with the Church.

The Churchwardens' Accounts were produced, examined, and approved. Balance due to late Churchwardens, £7 6s. 7d. Mr. Thomas Dorrell was appointed Vicar's Churchwarden, and Mr. Philip Hobbs, Churchwarden for the Parish. It was agreed to ask for a subscription when required by the Churchwardens.

The Rate on the great Tithe owners allowed in the year 1873, not having been collected, to be still allowed. Balance due to late Churchwardens, £7 3s. 0d. Churchwardens were requested to levy a rate as allowed above.

DAY OF INTERCESSION.—The 16th of May will be observed as a day of Intercession for the advancement of Missions. There will be an Evening Service at 7 o'clock. The 18th of May is Ascension Day, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 in the morning. Morning Prayers at 11, and Evening Service with Sermon at 7 o'clock.

### PAROCHIAL FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIVED.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDED.	£	s.	d.
Miss Scott Murray (the late)	7	5	0	Deficiency from 1880 (see			
Mr. P. Hobbs	2	0	0	Magazine for April, 1881)	2	12	9
Sir Wm. Clayton, Bart.	3	3	0	Church Expenses	7	15	10
Col. Owen Williams, M.P.	5	0	0	School Mistress	42	18	8
Exeter, Pembroke, and Jesus				House Rent	4	10	0
Colleges	6	6	0	Cleaning	2	10	0
Robert Crossman, Esq.	3	3	0	Expenses	9	1	1
T. S. Townsend, Esq.	3	3	0	Firing and Clothing Clubs	4	16	9
C. R. Scott Murray, Esq. (for				Books, Postage, etc.	0	5	0
Parish)	6	6	0	Alms to Poor	8	9	1
Mr. J. Ralston	0	15	0				
Mr. Richard & Miss Blackwell	1	11	0				
By Offertory and Collections							
in Church	22	4	4				
Government Grant to School	11	11	0				
Alms Box in Church	0	9	6				
School Pence	2	0	9				
Rev. W. and Mrs. Hill	5	0	0				
Deficiency	3	6	7				
	£82	19	2				
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