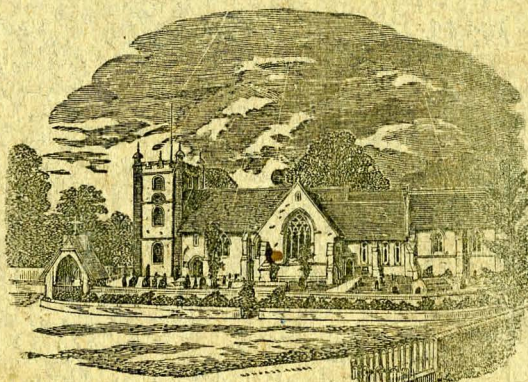


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- Nov. 5. (Born Sept. 21.)—Edith, daughter of David and Julia Heath, Greenlands.
,, (Born Oct 10.)—Fred James, son of Frank and Louisa East, Greenlands.
Nov. 11. (privately, Born Oct. 16.)—Darrell, son of Thomas and Mary Collier, Frieth.

MARRIAGE.

- Nov. 19.—William James Castle to Ann Martha Higgins.

BURIALS.

- Nov. 4. (Died Oct. 28.)—Emily Sarah Brown, of Hanworth, Middlesex, aged 26.
Nov. 25. (Died Nov. 20.)—Edith Heath, of Greenlands, Infant.

THE SCHOOLS.

The attendance of children at both Hambleton and Frieth Schools has been very *unsatisfactory* lately. The irregularity has been, no doubt, partly owing to the wet weather, and partly to a return of the whooping cough. There are, however, many children kept away without any good reason for their absence. When the Inspection takes place next year it will be held under the Regulations of the *New Code*, and according to those Regulations it is *more important than ever* that children should attend as regularly as possible. The Managers of the School do not wish to be hard on any parent, or any child, but they are simply in the hands of the Government and are in duty bound to enforce the laws of the Education Act. They are anxious that the children should be kept regular between the ages of 5 and 10, that they may be able to get free from School as soon as possible and be of use to their parents. Will not the *parents* try to *help themselves* by sending their children regularly *whilst they are young and of little use at home*, so that they may be of *real use* to them by and by?

CENTRAL AFRICAN MISSION.

The amount collected this year for "John Hambleton Smali," is £6 12s. 6d. This boy will no longer need our help as he will have left School before another year, but there will be others in want of it instead, and as we should like to take another boy or girl in the same way, we hope that the subscribers will kindly continue their support, which indeed some have already promised to do.

ENTERTAINMENT AT FRIETH.

On Tuesday Evening, November 21st, an Entertainment took place in Frieth School of a somewhat new character. It was entitled "Uncle Tom," and consisted of a "Service of Song" which was rendered by some of the School Children, who were assisted by the Teachers and one or two others, who kindly took great interest in the proceedings. The story was taken from "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and was read by Mr. West. The Hymns and Sacred Songs which were interspersed were really very prettily sung, and shewed that a great

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deal of trouble had been taken by Mr. West and Miss Smith to train the children to sing softly and sweetly. The Schoolroom was very prettily decorated with Chinese lamps, &c., and there was a fair audience.

COAL CLUB.

A great many persons have paid in for Coal this year, and will doubtless before long receive half-a-ton of Coal in return for their eight shillings. Mr. Scott-Murray most kindly intends to go on with this Charity, but he wishes it to be clearly understood that it is intended for the families of *agricultural labourers only*.

GENERAL CLOTHING CLUB.

The Clothing Club Tickets were given away on the first Monday in November. The Club has now begun again for another year. As the *last Monday in December* will be Christmas Day, the Club payments will be taken on the *first Monday in January* instead. Persons who still wish to enter must do so then, as they cannot be admitted after that date.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLOTHING CLUB.

The Sunday School Clothing Club will start afresh on Sunday, December 3rd.

The number of Children who attend the Sunday School is increasing, and we hope to have more yet. Two Teachers are very much wanted for the *Afternoon* School. It begins at 2.10 p.m. and ends at 3.15 p.m.

THE REV. W. COWLARD.

The Rev. W. Cowlard has now left the Parish, having been helping the Clergy here for a year. We shall all be pleased to see him whenever he can pay us a visit, as during his ministry in this Parish he endeared himself to all classes.

The Rev. F. Nash has begun his work at Frieth, and the inhabitants of Frieth will be very pleased to have the Parsonage again inhabited. He has our prayers and good wishes for the success of his ministry.

THE CHURCHYARD.

The Churchyard at Hambleton is being made thoroughly neat and tidy for the Winter. The Rector is very anxious that it should be kept in good order and treated properly. He hopes all persons will remember this, and so not walk on the edges of the grass, or do anything to make it untidy. Children must remember too that it is not intended to serve as a playground, they may pass *quietly* through it, but they must not *under any circumstances* make use of it for *noisy play*.

EVENING CLASS.

Nine boys attend the Evening Class which is held in Hambleton School three times a week.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS.

During Advent there will be Service at Hambleton, with a Sermon, every Wednesday evening, at 7 p.m.

On Christmas Day there will be two Celebrations of the Holy Communion.

On the last night of the year there will be a Mid-night Service as in years gone by. On the first Sunday *Evening* of the Year there will be full *Choral* Service.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BIRTHS.

12th Nov. Mrs. Barksfield, of a son.

21st Nov. Mrs. Palmer, of a son.

BURIAL.

25th Nov. Benjamin Bradfield, aged 12 years.

On Friday, Nov. 3rd, the Rev. Robert Bruce Dickson, Organizing Secretary of the Archdeaconry for the S. P. G., attended at the School Room, and gave a lecture on the "Work of the Church" in the Islands of the Pacific, over which the late martyred Bishop Pattison presided, and of which Bishop Selwyn now has charge. Mr. Dickson brought some excellent illustrations with him which helped to give a clear idea of the life that is led both by natives and settlers. The collection was not large, 14s. 7d., but then we don't boast of rich church people in Medmenham, and it was not so bad for the attendance. However, there will be an opportunity on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 17th, of making up deficiencies. That Sunday will be devoted to the interests of the Church abroad, and an extra Evening Service at 6 p.m., will be held on purpose. There cannot possibly be a more healthy interest than that for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

It must be patent to all what a loss we have suffered in the removal of our leading Choir boy, Henry Carpenter. He has been such a constant attendant at our choir practices for some years, and has led the boys so successfully, that we cannot help expressing a high sense of his services and at the same time our wishes for his future prosperity. It must be remembered that unlike other choirs the members of ours have no treats in the way of pleasant excursions,—they have never yet had one—they are called away from their own pleasures none the less for that, and expected to work hard at the singing. As the singing, without a practised leader, is just now at a disadvantage, it is to be hoped that parents will kindly urge the punctual and regular attendance of their boys, and then we may soon set matters to rights. A kind visitor, a boating man, seeing as he did one day that our books which have been in use for ten years are almost falling apart, has promised to give the Choir a complete new set of Hymn Books. He intended it to be a Christmas present. The books will be of the New Edition of Ancient and Modern. The Vicar will try and get a grant for some more Hymn Books for the Church.