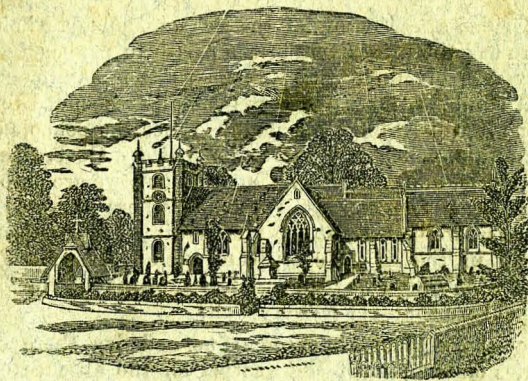


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## Extracts from the Parish Registers.

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### BAPTISMS.

- March 30th (privately), (Born March 21st). Ernest, son of Thomas and Annie Jane Metcalf, Greenlands.
- April 15th (Born Feb. 5th). Emily Angela, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Anne Powell, Flint Hall.
- April 15th (Born March 9th). Rosa Katharine, son of John and Eliza White, Frieth.
- April 22nd (Born Feb. 4th, 1875). Richard, son of Ann Martin (now Smith), Shogmoor Cottage.
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### BURIALS.

- April 20th (died April 16th). Sarah Cook, Pheasant's Hill, aged 59.
- April 28th (died April 26th). Ellen Fulbrook, Wood End, aged 28.
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### THE SCHOOLS.

The School Year is now far advanced, and in about two months' time the Annual Inspections will take place.

It was decided at a Meeting of the School Managers held a little time ago, to ask the rate-payers in the parish to pay again this year a voluntary rate of 3d. in the £ towards the maintenance of the Schools. A similar request was very generally responded to last year, and we hope it will be the same again. Since the Schools cost about £400 per annum, which sum has to be met by Government Grant, Children's Pence, and Voluntary Contributions, we are sure that this is a *very moderate request*. At Wycombe, where there is a School Board, there is, we believe, at the present time a compulsory rate of *One Shilling* in the £. We wish to keep clear of a *Board*, and certainly of a *Shilling rate*; and we feel sure that if the 3d. rate is generally paid we shall get on very well.

Now that the weather has become fine and dry there can be no more excuses on the plea of *bad* weather for the absence of children from school. It is very important that *all* the children should be quite regular from the present time to the day of the Examination.

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### THE CHURCH HYMN BOOK.

It will be necessary very soon to have the *New* Edition of the Hymn Book used in our Church. There are not sufficient books for use in the Choir at the present time, and some of those which are now being used are incomplete. It would be foolish to buy a *new* set of the *Old* Edition as probably *that* will go out of print before long. Some members of the congregation are already in possession of the *New* Edition, and we hope that any who at the present time are in want of fresh hymn books will buy the *New* Edition at once. This book is already in use at Frieth.

### THE MEMORIAL TOWER.

The work at the Church Tower is going on very satisfactorily, and already the lower parts of the Tower are cased in stone. Judging from what we can now see, we think the work is likely to be very effective.

The workmen, under an excellent foreman, are working very quietly and diligently. Subscriptions received since the last issue.—

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Mr. Frohock ... ..	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. Gutridge ... ..	2	6
Mr. and Mrs. W. Gray ... ..	2	6

### THE CONFIRMATION.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese held a Confirmation in the Parish Church on Wednesday, April 25th, St. Mark's Day.

On the evening before, there had been a Special Service in the Church for those who were going to be confirmed, with an address from the Rector, he having addressed the Frieth Candidates the Sunday afternoon previously. The day of the Confirmation was bright but cold. The Service was very quiet and orderly, and the behaviour of the Candidates reverent. The last address by the Bishop was certainly very striking and earnest, and we hope it will be long remembered. The great thing now that the Service is over, is to try to act up to our professions; and we trust that all who made that solemn promise "I do," will pray daily for God's help to keep it, and will, from time to time, seek fresh grace through the Holy Communion, that they may be enabled to keep it. Better not to have come to Confirmation at all than to suffer the blessedness of the Gift then received to fail through after neglect and unconcern. The following statement furnishes full particulars of the numbers confirmed from the several parishes.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Hambleton ... ..	34	36	70
Medmenham ... ..	10	7	17
Fawley ... ..	7	4	11
Henley ... ..	0	1	1
Rotherfield Greys	0	2	2
Hurley ... ..	0	4	4
	51	54	105

### FRIETH CHURCH.

It is decided to have an *Evening* Service on the *first* Sunday in the month at this Church. Many persons seem to like an Evening Service, and a good number go to Lane End because they have no Service in their own Church. We do not promise *always* to carry out this new rule, but we will do so as regularly as we can, *circumstances* permitting; there are so many Services in the Parish on Sunday, that it makes it a little difficult to fit them all in one with another.

## MEDMENHAM CORNER.

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### BIRTH.

April 18th.—Mrs. John Nibbs, of a daughter.

### BAPTISM.

April 22nd.—Owen Cross.

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The Lord Bishop held a Confirmation in Hambleden Church, on St. Mark's Day (April 25th). Seventeen candidates (10 males and 7 females) were presented from this Parish. Sudden illness prevented one other candidate, who had been prepared, from being present.

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A notice has come from Her Majesty's Inspector that the School is about to be examined. We trust that the mere mention of this will cause parents to be careful as to the uninterrupted attendance of their children. Let it not be forgotten that we come under the New Code, which has just come into force, and much more is required now than heretofore. We shall see about this before long.

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The additional Evening Service on Sundays, so far seems to give satisfaction, to judge by the numbers who attend. It must depend upon the way in which it is appreciated, quite in addition to the Morning Service, whether the labour necessarily involved can be sustained.

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Cricket has commenced in a way, but the weather, with strong east winds, has been much against practice.

