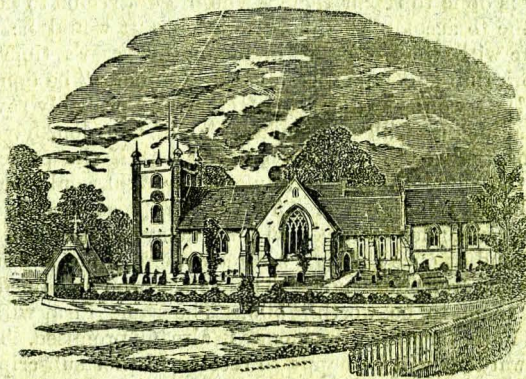


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- May 13.—Lucy Honor, daughter of William George and Esther Futter, Rotten Row.
" " Annie Phœbe, daughter of Charles and Esther Gray, Pheasants' Hill.
" " Sarah, daughter of Henry and Ruth Barnes, Skirmett.
" " Arthur George, son of Mary Anne White, Henley-on-Thames.
" " Fanny, daughter of Mary Lathan, Coombe Bottom.
" 20.—Edgar Francis, son of James and Betsey Barksfield, Frieth.
" 27.—Helen Lucy, daughter of Henry William and Lucy Vickers, Mill End.

BURIALS.

- May 26.—(died May 21.) Mary Gutridge, Hambleden, aged 67.

HAMBLEDEN CHURCH BELLS.

It has been known for some time that the wheels and fittings of the Bells in the Tower of the Parish Church are in a very unsafe and unsatisfactory condition. It is most difficult to ring the Bells properly, and will be impossible to use them for *ringing* before long, unless something is done to repair them. The present seems to be the most suitable time to accomplish this restoration. It would be a sad pity to interfere with the Tower again in another year's time when the present work that is going on is finished. Cannot *all* be done together in one job? It would be more satisfactory and probably save expense in the end. Messrs. Gillett, Bland, & Co., of Croydon, have made an estimate for the work. It will cost £80, but if the present roof is raised at the same time, certainly another £20 would be required. Towards the £80 the sum of £56 15s. has been already promised. Cannot the remainder be raised without delay, so that the work may be put in hand at once? It is a *necessary* work, if not it would not be brought to the front just now. The person who examined the Bells considered them to be worth £500. The same Firm will supply a new Clock Face, for which the money is already promised. The Rector or Churchwardens will be happy to receive further subscriptions.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The Henley Branch of the above Society will hold its Annual Festival on June 26th, at Yewden, by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Schwabe. The afternoon's enjoyment will be brought to a close by a Service in the Parish Church, at which the Rev. W. DURST, Rector of Alverstoake, Hants, will preach. We hope as many *Mistresses* as possible will be present at the Service.

The following letter has been sent to the Editor with a request that he will insert it in the Parish Magazine. It will prove interesting to those who have the welfare of "our girls" and "young women" at heart.

MY FRIENDS,—I am going to ask your Editor kindly to spare me a little room in your Magazine to tell you about our G.F.S. Lodge and Servants' Home in Gloucester, as I think few of you know that there is such a place, and it may be very useful to you in one way or another. First of all, do you know what G.F.S.

stands for? It means Girls' Friendly Society, or a society of girls (of good character only) who are ready to be friendly with and befriend each other as occasion requires. Girls of all classes can belong to it, and are called members; ladies are called associates, as they are associated, or banded together to assist the members and each other. The Queen, the highest lady in the land, belongs to this Society, and so do some of the Princesses, and yet it is open to the poorest girl, her only needful qualification being that she has a good character. Well, the Lodge, which is in Nettleton Road, out of Barton Street, Gloucester, is a house which we have taken and furnished in order that members, and servants out of place, may have a respectable home to go to, at a cheap rate, instead of spending much of their hard-earned money on expensive lodgings, which are too often expensive in more ways than one! Last year a young servant was going from one end of England to a new place at the other end. Her associate looked in the guide book, which is given to each member, and saw that there was a Lodge at Gloucester, so she wrote to ask the Matron to meet the girl at the station, take her to the Lodge for the night, and see her off by her train the next day. This she did, and the member was indeed grateful for a rest on her journey.

Perhaps some who read this may be thinking of coming into Gloucester to serve in some of the shops. If you do so you will probably want a lodging; well, we have rooms at the Lodge set apart expressly for you, either a room to yourself or a larger room to share with a friend. The sitting rooms, gas, &c., are free to the lodgers, and only a moderate charge is made for the bedrooms and food. If any of my readers wish to go to service I should like them to know of our Registry Office, also at the Lodge. It is quite free to all G.F.S. members, other servants who are not members of the Society may enter their names on payment of a small fee, but no one must apply who cannot have a good character from a clergyman or mistress. I am very anxious to make our Lodge widely known; will all who read this letter show it to some one else? and then my end will soon be gained. The Lodge is supported by contributions; any readers who feel disposed may help on the work by sending either a donation or an annual subscription to the care of

Your sincere friend,

HEMPSTED COURT, GLOUCESTER.

AMY H. SUMNER.

THE SCHOOLS.

The Government Inspector has appointed Wednesday and Thursday July 4th and 5th, for the inspection of our Schools. We hope all will go well, but are much afraid that some of the *irregular* children will find that they are not ready for the Examination, which to some will mean *another year at School*.

THE NEW ALTAR FRONTAL.

A new Altar Frontal has been presented to the Church. It is very handsome, but requires close inspection if we would appreciate its beauty. The work has been done by the Misses Ridley.

CRICKET MATCH.

The first match of the season between Hambleden Vale Cricket Club and Medmenham was played on the Monday in Whitsun-week. Hambleden won easily.

HAMBLEDEN VALE C. C.

C. J. Barnett, not out	- - - - -	49
E. Wright, b Portman	- - - - -	0
H. Faulkner, b Rev. W. Hill	- - - - -	14
H. Wisbey, b Sturgiss	- - - - -	20
G. Bullock, c Hill, b Portman	- - - - -	15
H. Bennett, st Nugent, b Portman	- - - - -	2
E. Deanfield, st Nugent, b Portman	- - - - -	8
R. Chervall, c and b Rev. W. Hill	- - - - -	6
W. Lomax, c Holton, b Hill	- - - - -	4
J. Chambers, run out	- - - - -	0
W. Collings, c Nugent, b Portman	- - - - -	0
Byes, etc.	- - - - -	8

1ST INNINGS.		MEDMENHAM.		2ND INNINGS.	
Rev. W. Hill, 1 b w Barnett	- - - - -	20	b Bennett	- - - - -	9
G. F. Crossman, run out	- - - - -	0	b Wisbey	- - - - -	0
E. F. Nugent, c Wisbey, b Barnett	- - - - -	4	run out	- - - - -	6
E. P. Smith, b Bennett	- - - - -	1	b Bennett	- - - - -	0
F. T. Ryle, b Barnett	- - - - -	3	b Wisbey	- - - - -	1
C. B. Portman, c Barnett, b Bennett	- - - - -	5	b Wisbey	- - - - -	2
J. Hobbs, b Barnett	- - - - -	3	b Bennett	- - - - -	0
C. E. Sturgiss, b Bennett	- - - - -	0	b Barnett	- - - - -	2
G. R. Otton, not out	- - - - -	0	b Bennett	- - - - -	0
W. R. Stobart, 1 b w Bennett	- - - - -	0	absent	- - - - -	0
A. Hobbs, b Bennett	- - - - -	0	not out	- - - - -	0
Byes	- - - - -	1	Wides	- - - - -	1
		37			21

The Hambleden Vale Cricket Club is in want of more Honorary Members. Either the Rector or Mr. C. Barnett will be glad to receive subscriptions.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BAPTISMS. May 13th.—Arthur Henry Young.
 May 13th.—Alfred Thomas Johnson.
 May 14th.—Mary Dorrell.

DEATH. May 26th.—Henry Lovegrove, at Hammersmith.

The death of Henry Lovegrove is, indeed, tragic and dreadful to think of. We are all very sorry for his widow and friends.

We await the visit to our School of H.M. Inspector, on the 7th prox. It is a great cause for anxiety what the effect of the Code (1882) may be. Of this we may be quite sure, that it will be a warning how much more is required of our children now than was the case a year or two back. It is to be hoped that the Examination will prove satisfactory. It has been necessary to go to the expense of thoroughly cleaning the Schoolroom with the aid of whitewash, &c. As this had not been done within the last eleven years, it must be evident that the time had come when it ought to be done.

On Tuesday, May 22nd, the Rural Dean (Rev. R. Chilton, Vicar of High Wycombe), paid an official visit to the Church. He inspected the sacred fabric, particularly noticing the new seats, the churchyard, with its fences, the register box, the Communion plate, &c. He enquired also about the services, congregations, and various other matters of importance and interest. This he did in order to make report to the Bishop. It is just as well for everybody in the Parish to know that periodically such an inspection is made by one in authority, and the Vicar and Churchwardens attend at the request of the Rural Dean.

It is pleasing to note an improvement in the Weekly Offertory. Last year, the first three Sundays produced £2 2s. 1d.; this year, the corresponding Sundays have produced £3 3s. 1d. It cannot be too strongly stated how urgent is the need of liberal support from this source, for the many good works done by the Parochial Fund.

It will be scarcely necessary to record in full the account of the Cricket Match played by our Club against Hambleden, on Whit-Monday; that will doubtless be done in another place. At any rate we congratulate Hambleden on their very easy victory, while we hope for better fortune in the return.