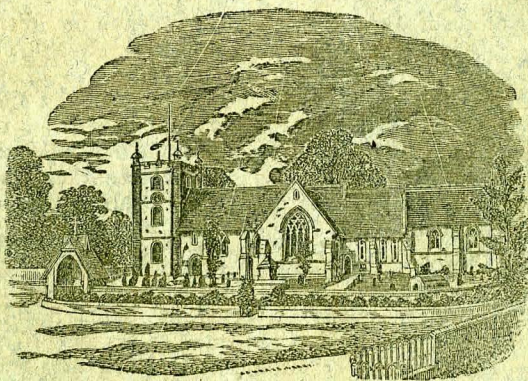


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISM.

June 13th.—George Henry, son of Henry and Jane Ware, Skirmett.

MARRIAGE.

June 24th.—John Bushnell to Marianne Feesey.

BURIALS.

June 5th.—Thomas Brown, Little Frieth, aged 69.

„ 6th.—Ruth Barnes, Skirmett, aged 36.

The death of Thomas Brown of Little Frieth was *awfully* sudden. He dropped down dead in the field whilst he was employed in his daily work. It is very comforting to know that he was a man who was really trying to serve God. We trust that he was ready for this unexpected call.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The Henley Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society held its Annual Festival in the parish of Hambleton on Tuesday, June 26th. Mr. and Mrs. Schwabe had most kindly invited the Members and Associates to spend the afternoon in their pleasant and picturesque grounds at Yewden. The morning was very showery, which fact caused some anxiety to not a few who intended to go to the Festival, but fortunately at about 3 o'clock the clouds broke up and dispersed, the afternoon being lovely. The girls amused themselves in the grounds until they were summoned to the "Yew Hedge" to hear who had received premiums for good service during the past year, and who had won the prizes for Needlework. After a few words from the Rector, Miss Almack—the Branch Secretary—reading the "premium list," and prizes for needlework, done by girls living at home, were afterwards presented by Lady Stapleton. On the conclusion of this ceremony the Friendly Girls adjourned to a tent near at hand, where was provided a very sumptuous Tea by Mr. Webb of Henley.

There was not much time to spare after tea was over before the hour arrived for the company to leave the grounds for Hambleton Church, where was to be held a Festival Service at 6.15 p.m. The Service was certainly very bright and hearty, and the large congregation appeared greatly to enjoy it. There was a Processional and a Recessional Hymn, both of which were nicely sung, and 9 Clergy were present in their surplices. A beautiful and impressive Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Durst, Rector of Alverstoke, Hants, upon the words "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ," the first part of the text being the Society's motto. The Offertory for the Sick Fund of the Diocesan Branch of the Society amounted to £4 6s. 4d. After the Service was over all dispersed to their several homes and parishes, happy, we feel sure, at having spent such a bright afternoon, and grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Schwabe for their kind welcome to Yewden.

We trust this Festival will help to encourage both Members and Associates to persevere more and more to promote the well-being and

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GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY—*continued.*

further success of this most useful Society. We should perhaps add that members were present from the following parishes—Henley, Hambleton with Frieth, Fawley, Nettlebed, Highmore, Rotherfield Greys, Trinity Greys, Ibstone, Peppard, and Shiplake.

There were 121 girls present, and the following received prizes for needlework—Jane Janes (Hambleton), Maria Johnson and Jane Wooster (of Fawley). Miss Almack deserves great praise for the energetic manner in which she labours for the welfare of this branch of the Society. The arrangements for the Festival under her supervision were very well made and carried out.

H. C. M. RIDLEY, Esq.

The following notice is inserted in the Magazine at the request of the Rev. D. Horlock, we are sure it will prove good and interesting news to many of the readers of the Hambleton Parish Magazine.

It will be a source of much pleasure to many of your readers to hear that Mr. H. Ridley is engaged to be married. The bride-elect is Miss Barbara Crease, daughter of the Hon. H. Crease, Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia; she is a niece, on the mother's side, of the Right Hon. Sir N. Lindley, Lord Chief Justice of England. The match promises to be a most happy one in every respect.

Mr. Ridley's health has of late marvellously improved, and it is confidently expected will shortly be entirely restored. He is an active member of the Church of England Temperance Society, is Lay Reader to the Rev. D. Horlock in the parishes of Yale and Hope, and Manager of the Yale Institute, as well as a most useful member of the Yale Choir. He has an extensive Chicken Farm in Yale, by no means an unprofitable speculation, as fowls in winter time fetch a price of from 6s. to 8s. a piece, and eggs 6s. per dozen; even in summer, fowls are rarely less than 4s. each, and eggs 4s. per dozen.

THE SCHOOLS.

We are anxiously awaiting the Examinations and Inspections which are to be held on July 5th and 6th. As our Schools will be examined for the first time under the New Code, we naturally feel very uncertain as to what the results may be. Of course we hope for good success, but so much is required now by the Government that both teachers and pupils are obliged to work their hardest if they wish to succeed. We feel sure that our teachers have been doing their very best, and we hope the children will pass satisfactorily, but there are certain to be some disappointments.

SAINTS' DAY SERVICES.

The Rector proposes having, during the summer months at any rate, a short bright Service in the Parish Church on the *Evenings* of Saints' Days. So few people can attend a *Morning* Service on a week-day, and the few who can, do not seem to care to come, that it seems desirable to give a further opportunity of Public Worship at a more convenient hour. We hope this *New* Service will be appreciated. Many *can* attend it if they *will*, and where there's a *will* there's a *way*. Of course the Morning Service will be as usual, the Evening Service being in addition, but not instead of it.

THE TOWER AND BELLS.

The work at the Church Tower is progressing well. At the present time the old roof is being raised, the question remained an open one for some time whether or no it should be moved, but the

Architect was very decided in his opinion that it was most desirable to raise it. We wish we could say that the Church Bell Fund was also progressing well, but no further subscriptions have been promised since our last issue of the Magazine. The reason why we are so anxious to restore the Bell fittings *at once* is that we do *not* wish to be obliged to have work *re-commenced* again at the Tower almost immediately after the present work is finished. And before long the Bells *must* be attended to or remain *silent*.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

MARRIAGE.

June 19th.—James Okey Gurney, of the Parish of Langley Marish, to Matilda Dorrell, of this Parish (by Licence).

BURIAL.

June 18th.—Sophia Wyatt, aged 69.

Our School was visited on June 7th, by the Rev. C. D. Du Port, H.M.I., accompanied by Mr. Pearce. We have not yet received the Report, but enough was said by the Inspector to assure us that the children went through the ordeal very fairly. We have yet to learn his exact opinion, and also what grant has been earned. With regard to the Examination, it is only right for the parents to know that it was altogether of a more searching kind than we have been accustomed to. When we say that one Examiner remained in the School-room for three hours straight off, and the other Examiner was present also for an hour of that time, it is evident that the Government is not satisfied with a superficial inspection, but insists on knowing thoroughly the educational condition of every child. It is, then, absolutely necessary that the attendance of children should be regular and punctual. Moreover, it is worth while calling attention to the fact that lately a memorial, signed by a large number of Managers of Schools in this district, has been sent to the Magistrates, asking them to aid in enforcing the more regular attendance of scholars. If parents find more Government pressure put upon them, it will not be for want of warning; that is quite certain.

The weather for Cricket has been favourable. There has been constant practice, and we are very glad to see so many village boys turn out of an evening. The matches have been two in number, and those easily won, as surely they ought, against 15 of Marlow School. Another year, however, we expect to see the boys give a good deal of trouble to a much stronger team than ours—their improvement is rapid.

The cutting of the grass in the Churchyard is a matter of difficulty and expense. We ought to devise some scheme by which it may be done regularly and well. An appeal will be made to the families who have friends sleeping there.