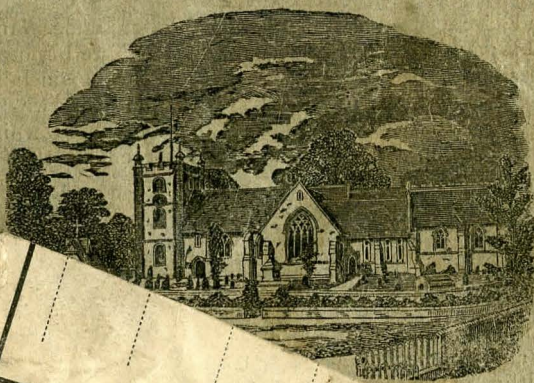


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- Aug. 3.—William James, son of Thomas Henry and Sarah Ann Smith,
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Smith), Maidenhead.
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Sept. 16.—(privately)—Mary Sophia, daughter of George and Edith
Jane Higgs, Hambleden.
Sept. 21.—Charlotte Rebecca, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth
Stallwood, Skirmett.
Sept. 21.—Alfred Thomas, son of Alfred and Elizabeth Martin,
High Wycombe.

MARRIAGE.

- Aug. 23.—John Brooks to Isabella Teague.

BURIALS.

- Aug. 24.—Walter James Munday, Moor's End, aged 14.
„ 28.—Jonathan Humphreys, Colstrop, aged 67.
„ „ George Holloway, Rockwell End, aged 58.

The sad circumstances under which Walter James Munday and George Holloway met their deaths are long ago well known to most of the parishioners of Hambleden. Let us once again take warning that “in the midst of life we are in death,” and that we “know not when the time is.” If we could always live with this warning *ringing in our ears*, we should perhaps make greater efforts than we do to live very near to God.

THE SCHOOLS.

The work of enlarging the School at Hambleden is not yet finished, but it is sufficiently so for the children to return to their studies. The advantages from the alterations will be very great both to Teachers and Scholars, and certainly will make the Schools much more healthy. One hundred and thirty-five pounds is already promised, but more money is still wanted to meet the estimated cost.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thanksgiving Services for the safe ingathering of the Harvest were held in Hambleden Church on Sunday, Sept. 28th. There was a special Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., at which between 30 and 40 persons were present, and there were about 20 more at the usual mid-day Celebration.

At the Morning Service which began at 11 o'clock, the procession formed by the Choir and Clergy and headed by a banner; the labourers, as usual, took their part in it at

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HARVEST FESTIVAL—*continued.*

sheaves of corn, which were stacked in the Chancel. The Service itself was bright and cheerful, and an excellent Sermon was preached by the Rev. N. J. Ridley, which was very attentively listened to by a large congregation. The Offertory was devoted to Foreign Missions; it amounted to about £8, but this sum does not include either Frieth or Skirmett. This amount, however, is at present considerably smaller than usual, but we must remember that many of our friends are absent from the Parish, who are usually here to help us. There was a very large amount in pence and half-pence which proves that 'the poor' did their part willingly. The Service in the Evening was at 6 o'clock, and began with a processional Hymn as in the morning. The Church seemed to be really full from end to end, indeed, there could not have been very many seats to spare. The Service was not fully Choral—but nevertheless was very bright and hearty, and all seemed to join in it as they should. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. C. G. Doyne, formerly Curate of this Parish, and we feel sure that not a few were very pleased to see him and hear him again. It was a good earnest Sermon filled with practical thoughts. There is one thing which strikes the Rector on a day like this, and perhaps it strikes others also,—Why should not the Church be as full *every* Sunday as it was on the Day of Thanksgiving? Why should not the Parishioners generally make a *weekly effort* to be present at the House of God as they do when any *Special Service* is being held? One day in seven is not surely too much to give to Him who gives us all we possess! We have blessings and mercies for which to thank Him *every week*. "His mercies fail not, they are new every morning." Why, then, let us ask again, should any stand aloof from the House of God as a general rule on Sunday, who have the power to come? It is not that our congregations are poor compared with other country places, probably they are the reverse, but still for all that the fact remains, that many do not attend Church week by week who very well might do so, and that many who come on *special* occasions do not make the effort to attend God's House *as a rule* on the Lord's Day. May He put it into the hearts of all of us to love His House more truly and to value more highly the Services which are held in it. We probably possess the handsomest Church in the neighbourhood—let us therefore not merely *possess* it and *think much of its beauty*, but let us *love* it because it is *the House of God*, and let us attend it *regularly* because *there* we may find God's special Presence, and may worship together in one great family "in the beauty of holiness."

GENERAL CLOTHING CLUB.

The last payments for the year must be made on Monday, October 27th. The Tickets will be given away at the Rectory on Monday, November 3rd, at *Eleven o'clock*.

COAL.

Those who wish to pay in for Coal this year must be prepared to pay 8/6 for the half-ton. It may be supplied at 8/- but at present this is uncertain in consequence of so many *strikes* in the Coal trade.

JOHN HAMBLEDEN SMAILL.

Miss Ella Ridley a short time ago received a letter from our 'former African Boy' to announce that he was married. He has married a person considerably older than himself, and has certainly entered the 'marriage state' at an early age, but he seemed very anxious to have some one to 'cook' for him. He is, we believe, going on steadily, and we hope that he will prosper in his married life and find his wife "an excellent cook."

HAMBLEDEN CHURCH.

A collection was made on Sunday, September 14th. for Church Expenses, which amounted to £4 4s. 10³/₄d.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BAPTISM. August 31st.—Elizabeth Smith.

BURIAL. Sept. 2nd.—Cecil Alfred Hill, aged 10 years.

Our little friend, whose death is announced above, was a thorough Medmenham boy, born and bred. His ways and habits gained him many friends, and his painful illness called out their kind sympathy. Many will remember his quiet independence—all his own—and not a few will have reason to recollect the kindness and generosity of his disposition. It is very sad to think that we shall see our precocious little cricketer no more.

We have been obliged to postpone our Harvest Festival later than we intended, but the reason for that will not be difficult for any one to understand and respect, when we simply allude to the serious illness at States, which has caused such deep anxiety in the Parish. As we write we are thankful for the present improvement, which we trust will be sustained. All being well, the Festival will be held on Sunday, October 5th. There will be an Early Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and a later Celebration after Morning Prayers. The collections will be divided between the Berkshire Hospital and the Parochial Fund.

Arrangements have not yet been made for the Winter Sunday Evening Services at Woodend, but probably they will be the same as hitherto, and commence in the middle of October.