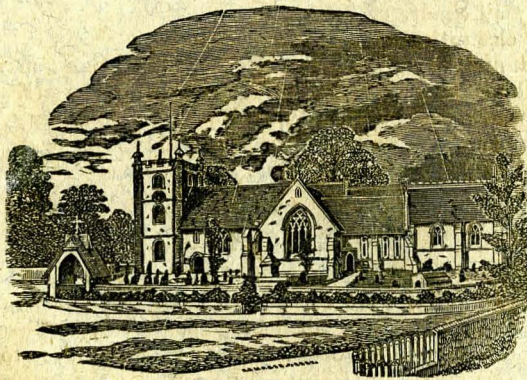


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## Extracts from the Parish Registers.

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### BAPTISMS.

- Nov. 30th, (born Sept. 23rd). Harry Silvester, son of Frank and Louisa Easter, of Greenlands.
- Nov. 30th, (born Oct. 14th). Emily Mary, daughter of George and Annie Heath, of Skirmett.
- Dec. 28th, (born Nov. 10th). Fanny, daughter of Henry William and Ann Collins, of Hambleden.
- Dec. 28th, (born Nov. 19th). Walter Leckenby, son of Thomas and Annie Jane Metcalfe, of Greenlands.
- Dec. 28th, (born Nov. 13th). Mary Bertha, daughter of Thomas and Kate Emma Bowles, of Hambleden.
- Dec. 28th, (born Nov. 27th). Charles Thomas, son of Thomas and Hannah Maria Rogers, of Hambleden.
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The Rector wishes all the readers of the Hambleden Parish Magazine a very happy New Year.

The past year has not altogether been a prosperous one, trade has been bad, and consequently *all* classes have suffered directly, or indirectly, from the depression. The agricultural interests have not improved, for although in many ways the harvest last year was better than usual, the low price of Corn, which has prevailed of late, has taken away all chance of fair profits, and the farmer must look to something else rather than to his Corn if he wishes to get a living. This is sad, and we do most sincerely hope that times may improve, and that the coming year may bring us greater prosperity. It is a long lane which has no turning, and perhaps help may spring up from a quarter where we least expect it. May this be the case ere long! Let us put our trust in God, and take courage!

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### FRIETH CHURCH.

At a large and earnest Meeting held at Frieth on Tuesday evening, Dec. 2nd, resolutions were carried by large majorities in favour of throwing open the seats, abolishing pew rent, and substituting a Monthly Offertory in its place. These resolutions are to come into force on the first Sunday of this New Year.

With respect to free and open seats, it is not for a moment anticipated, nor is it *desired* that the *regular* Church-goers should be turned out of their accustomed seats. Undoubtedly the floor of the Church is intended for the Parishioners generally, and one has as much right to a seat as another. The best way, therefore, to obtain a good seat, or to sit in the old accustomed place, is to come to Church *regularly*, and to come *in time*. We don't wish to see *anyone* (who is a parishioner) turned out of a seat to make way for another.

The Parish Churchwarden at Hambleden has always done his utmost, under the system of pew rent, to find seats for all who have come to the Church, and he could not do more!

We heartily wish success to the New System at Frieth, and we hope that all who attend that Church will support the Offertory, and each one thereby bear his share of the necessary expenses.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

There were seven Services held in the Parish on Christmas Day—considering the two Mid-day Celebrations of the Holy Communion at Hambleden and at Frieth as parts of the Morning Service. The congregation at 11 o'clock at the Parish Church was good. The congregations at Frieth were not as large as usual. That at Skirmett in the afternoon was decidedly good. The Communicants did not number so many as last year. At Hambleden there were 54; at Frieth there were only 28. No doubt at Hambleden some are waiting to come to the Celebration at the Mid-night Service, but this Service was never intended to be a *substitute* for the Christmas Communion.

### HAMBLEDEN CHOIR BOYS.

The Hambleden Choir Boys, attended by Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Hammond, came to tea at the Rectory on December 29th. They were invited for 5.30. After Tea various games were engaged in, such as 'Post,' 'Musical Chairs,' 'Magic Music,' 'Turn the Trencher.' Soon after 9 o'clock the party broke up, having, we think, enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.—FOR THE YEAR 1884.—*Subscriptions.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Anon. . . . .	0	4	0		Brought forward...	8	7 10½
Barnett, Mrs. . . . .	0	6	0	<i>Boxes—continued.</i>	Chambers, Miss . . . . .	0	2 1
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Deane, Mrs. . . . . .	0	6	0	Feeseey, Georgie (Jan. 17th			
Feeseey, Widow M. . . . .	0	0	8	to April 4th) . . . . .	0	3 10½	
Gunnell, Mrs. G. . . . .	0	2	0	Gerard, Mrs. (the late) . . . . .	0	3 7¾	
Glassbrook, Mrs. . . . . .	0	1	0	Hobbs, Mrs. H. J. . . . .	0	3 7	
Hobbs, Mrs. R. . . . .	0	2	0	Hobbs, Widow H. . . . .	0	1 1¾	
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Horne, Mrs. . . . . .	0	2	0	J. G. . . . .	0	2 5¼	
Holloway, Mrs. . . . . .	0	0	6	Jones, Rhoda . . . . .	0	2 0¼	
Piercy, Mrs. . . . . .	0	6	0	Lailey, Mr. E. H. . . . .	0	11 2½	
Plumridge, Mrs. G. . . . .	0	2	0	Rectory . . . . .	0	11 10¾	
Rixon, Mrs. . . . . .	0	2	0	Rectory Nurse. . . . .	0	10 1½	
Ryder, Miss. . . . .	1	0	0	Swinburne, Mrs. . . . . .	0	6 2½	
Schwabe, G. C., Esq. . . . .	1	0	0	Taylor, Miss . . . . .	0	8 5½	
Sherwood, Mrs. . . . . .	0	2	0	Toovey, The Misses . . . . .	0	13 3¾	
Sykes, Miss . . . . .	0	2	0	Waste Paper . . . . .	0	4 9	
Trusted, Rev. C. F. . . . .	1	1	0				
Vickers, Mrs. . . . . .	0	1	0	<i>Offertories—</i>			
Westcott, Mr. . . . .	0	1	3	Hambleden (Ascension Day)	0	12 0	
West, Mr. E. . . . .	0	10	0	Hambleden (Harvest Thanks-			
Wetherall, Rev. C. M. . . . .	1	1	0	giving . . . . .	7	18 6¾	
	7 0 5			Frieth Harvest Thanksgiving	3	18 0	
<i>Boxes—</i>				Skirmett ,, ,,	0	14 9½	
Antrim, Earl of, Servants	0	15	9¼	<i>Meeting—</i>			
Barnett, Mrs. . . . . .	0	6	4½	Hambleden . . . . .	2	14 0	
„ Servants . . . . .	0	4	0¾				
Bushnell, Widow E. . . . .	0	1	3				
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Carried forward . . . . .	8	7	10½				

**Special.**—In addition to the above, about £9 has been collected for Selwyn Ukolo, our African Boy, and several Pounds have been collected at Frieth for the New Westminster Mission in connection with Mr. Horlock.

## HAMBLEDEN CHURCH.

We publish an account of the Special Collections which have been made in Hambleden Church during the past year.

		£	s.	d.
March 16th ... ..	Home Missions ... ..	8	2	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
May 22nd, Ascension Day (Holy Com. <i>only</i> )	Foreign and Home Missions (divided)	1	3	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
June 1st ... ..	Church Expenses ... ..	6	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
August 10th ... ..	Church Penitentiary ... ..	6	5	8
September 14th ... ..	Church Expenses ... ..	4	4	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
September 28th ... ..	Foreign Missions ... ..	7	17	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
November 2nd ... ..	Dioc. Church Building Soc. ... ..	7	2	6
December 25th ... ..	Reading Hospital ... ..	6	16	10

## MEDMENHAM CORNER.

### DEATH.

December 25th.—Frank Lyford, aged 12.

### MARRIAGES.

December 27th.—Thomas Townsend Giddings to Emma Austin.

,, 27th.—John Austin to Sarah Ann Austin.

The past year has seen a considerable share of changes within the narrow confines of our Parish. We have lost and we have gained—we have lost some who were helpful and much attached to the place; we have gained others who have shown great interest in filling the vacated places. It is dismal to part with old friends; it is gratifying when new ones arrive. But beyond the changing of houses and so forth, there have been changes which have deeply afflicted some families amongst us—we need not say which; and there have been changes from anxiety to joy, which have given as much brightness as thankful hearts can make. Look back as we may we have all of us reason for much serious thought, and to enter upon the New Year in the confidence of Him Who alone brings us to it.

The scheme for a Room at Woodend in which Services may be held is heartily sanctioned and approved by the Lord Bishop. We must, therefore, do our best to obtain the means for erecting it. We shall be grateful to any friends of Medmenham who will kindly help us in the work. Till we know approximately what help is forthcoming, we cannot decide of what material the room is to be made. It is truly thought by those who know Woodend and its needs that a room, such as is contemplated, will be a great advantage to the people.

In our next number we hope to be able to say that the Christmas festivities for the School and for the Choir have been duly honoured.