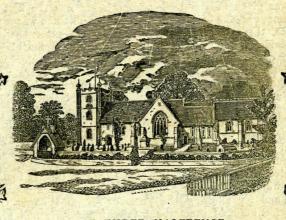
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BAPTISM.

Jan. 25th (privately), born Nov. 29th.—George Fleming, son of George Evelyn and Marie Sidney Mackarness, of Poynetts.

BURIALS.

Jan. 13th (died Jan. 9th).—Frederick Tilbury, Little Frieth, aged 53.
Jan. 20th (died Jan. 18th).—David Higgs, Henley Workhouse,
aged 71.

In the list of "Special Collections" given in the Magazine last month for the year 1884, that for the "Conversion of the Jews," which was made on Good Friday, was accidentally omitted; it amounted to £4 14s. 8d.

MIDNIGHT SERVICE.

There was a very fair attendance at the Midnight Service, which was held in the Parish Church at the close of the old year. The Communicants numbered nearly 40. The Church Ringers rang a peal both before and after the Service.

ENTERTAINMENT.

On the first night of the New Year a very successful Entertainment was given in Hambleden School. It was the first since the enlargement of the building, so that although there was a very large audience, there was room for all who were present without uncomfortable crowding. It is impossible to speak too highly of the success of the Entertainment. Its varied character was much appreciated, and gave great satisfaction to all. There were songs, glees, choruses, and recitations, as well as a violin solo by Miss Mabel Smith, which was much applauded. The part, however, which 'took' the best was that entitled Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works. Mrs. Jarley herself was perfectly splendid, and kept the people in roars of laughter by her various descriptions of the different figures which she had collected at great expense for exhibition. A comparison of the figures themselves would be odious, as all performed their respective parts so well. We give our best thanks to those kind friends who provided this Entertainment for the amusement of our people, and for allowing the proceeds to go towards the School Enlargement Fund; the amount taken for tickets and programmes was £8 12s. 0d.

PITHOUSE CHARITY.

The Pithouse Trustees met at the 'Stag and Huntsman' on Monday, January 12th, and made a distribution of the Charity Money in their hands to the best of their ability. There were some special cases this year which called for special help. Some who received assistance last year did not receive exactly the same amount again this. The Trustees do not wish any persons to look upon these charity gifts as a "right," and therefore to expect them as a matter of course year after year.

THE FRIETH READING ROOM.

The young men attending the above named Institute were liberally entertained by C. A. Cripps, Esq., at Supper in the Schoolroom on Friday evening, Jan. 2nd. We are sure that they highly appreciated his kindness and hospitality. The Rector, who had received a warm invitation to be present, was prevented by a parochial engagement from attending.

LENT.

Before the publication of the March Number of the Parish Magazine, the Season of Lent will have begun. The Special Services are not yet arranged, but of course they will be held much as usual. We can only hope that they will be valued, and that many people will find a real blessing from attending them. There is not one of us who would not be better and happier for a nearer walk with God; and how many there are in the parish to whom God's special calls to serve Him speak ever in vain! Oh when will these careless ones listen to the pleadings of the "Still Small Voice," calling them to repentance and amendment of life? Is life to pass and death to come, and find them still hardened and unconcerned, as if there were no God to serve, no Saviour to love, no Devil to conquer, and no Heaven to win? God grant that they may yet find pardon through the blood of Jesus!

HOME MISSIONS.

The amount collected in the Parish during the past year for the Home Missions of the Church is the largest yet sent up to the Society in London. We hope it may go on increasing. A full account is given below. Will not more people become subscribers?

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MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BURIALS.

December 30th, 1884.—Frank Lyford, aged 12. January 7th, 1885.—Ann Harper, aged 80.

We are all sorry to lose our old friend, Mrs. Harper. Her life of trial has been much before us during the last three or four years. A more kind-hearted and hard-working woman, especially considering her age, it would be difficult to find.

The School Treat, which had to be deferred from last summer, culminated in a Christmas Tree, on Wednesday, New Year's Eve. Through the kindness chiefly of Major and Mrs. Brown, of Woodend House, and the Misses Manuelle, the Entertainment was of a generous character. There were lots of presents, the best of which rightly went to the most deserving children, but no child was forgotten among the 43 present, nor were those forgotten who were absent through illness. Mrs. Hill provided a sumptuous tea, with only one regret, that owing to the smallness of the room it was not possible to ask the mothers and friends of the little ones to be present also. The trouble of getting up a good Christmas Tree, for a large number, is only known by those who have undertaken the trouble. Such good-natured persons have, as they deserve, our warmest gratitude.

We shall soon have Lent upon us. There will be a Service in the Church, with a Sermon, every Friday Evening, at 7 o'clock. It is to be hoped that these Services will be well attended.

