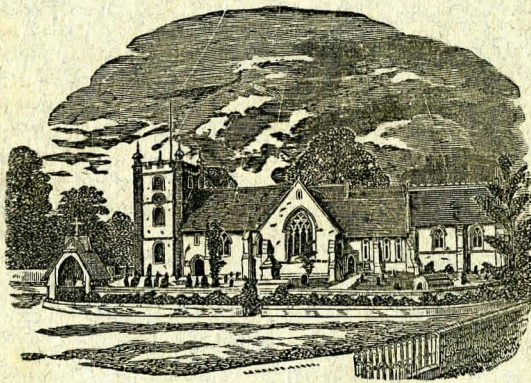


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- Feb. 5th (Privately). (Born Dec. 25th, 1884)—Sophy, daughter of Charles and Hannah Lathan, Little Frieth.
- Feb. 15th (Privately). (Born Jan. 14th)—Agnes Emily, daughter of James John and Agnes Emily Eason, Skirmett.
- Feb. 15th. (Born Jan. 6th)—Edith Emily, daughter of George and Emma Edwards, Frieth.

BURIALS.

- Jan. 30th (Died Jan. 27th)—Walter Leckenby Metcalfe, Greenlands, Infant.
- Feb. 7th (Died Feb. 3rd)—Frederick James Sellers, Pheasant's Hill, aged 17 months.
- Feb. 8th (Died Feb. 4th)—James Leaver, Little Frieth, Infant.
- Feb. 14th (Died Feb. 10th)—George Higgs, Little Frieth, Infant.
- Feb. 14th (Died Feb. 9th)—Sophy Lathan, Little Frieth, Infant.
- Feb. 19th (Died Feb. 16th)—Thomas Barlow, Parmoor, aged 51.

The Burial Register for February records a long list of names of those who are gone from us. It will be seen that the mortality which has been so prevalent in the Parish during the past month has been chiefly amongst infants. Bronchitis has been the cause of most of the deaths that have taken place. There have been during the first two months of the year no less than eight burials in the Parish, and five of these have taken place at Frieth. The average number for the whole year is about 22, so that at present the death rate for this year is more than double its usual average. There are several cases of illness at the present time of a very serious nature, and so it must be said that God's Hand is dealing with us in a very special way just now. Would that we were ever more thankful for His mercies, and more mindful of His warnings!

THE SCHOOLS.

The Rev. R. Bruce Dickson, Deputy Diocesan Inspector for this Deanery, is going to examine Hambleton and Skirmett Schools *in Religious Knowledge* on Friday, February 27th. He has kindly postponed his visit to Frieth for a few weeks in consequence of the illness amongst the children in that part of the Parish, which has, of course, very seriously affected the attendance at School. We sincerely hope that when this wave of sickness shall have passed away parents will send their children to School *with great regularity*, that the ground *lost* may be made good. As so much now is made to depend upon the average number of attendances it is most important that no children should be absent from School without *real* cause.

LENTEN SERVICES.

The Lenten Services have begun well, let us hope that they will continue to be appreciated. On Ash-Wednesday evening there was a good attendance at the Parish Church, and every evening since there has been a very nice congregation. The Lenten Preachers at the Parish Church on Wednesday evenings are as follows:—

Feb. 25.—Rev. J. M. COLLARD, Friar Park.

March 4.—Rev. R. CHILTON, Vicar of High Wycombe, and Rural Dean.

„ 11.—Rev. A. FEARON, Vicar of Great Marlow.

„ 18.—Rev. P. J. WOODCOCK, Curate of Henley-on-Thames.

„ 25.—Rev. H. JOSCELYNE, Rector of Fingest-with-Ibstone.

During Lent a Working Party for Missionary Needlework is held at the Rectory every Monday afternoon, from 2.30 to 4.30. For several years past the ladies in the Parish have been enabled in this way to give substantial help to the Central African Mission.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The Frieth Branch of the above Society bids well for success. There is a Meeting every month held in the Schoolroom, and many people appear to take interest in the cause. We hope that it may grow and increase more and more, and be a real blessing to that part of the Parish. The Rector hopes some day, ere long, to revive the Temperance Movement at Hambleden, but he wants to see the Society firmly established at Frieth first of all. The great thing needed to ensure the success of such a movement is the hearty co-operation of a few zealous but wise friends in the cause. It cannot be kept going without this, and for lack of this it has hitherto failed in this Parish. As the Church of England Temperance Society rests on the double platform of total abstinence and strict moderation, it ought to invite many to stand upon it. Some people think that it is absolutely necessary to become a *total abstainer*, or else to have nothing to do with the Temperance Cause, but this is a great mistake. Temperance does not really mean *total abstinence*, it means rather *self-control*, and after all this is what is most needed. So much money is *wasted* in strong drink, because people will not stop when they have had sufficient. They will drink at odd times, and not be content with restricting it to their meals only. This is most foolish and wasteful. At any rate, as *excess* of drinking is still one of the greatest curses of our country, if not *the greatest*, it is only right that every effort should be made to stem this torrent of evil. It is all very well to laugh at those who join Temperance Societies, but the cause which they have at heart is no laughing matter, it is a matter much too noble and serious to laugh at, it is a matter which has to do with the happiness, *both temporal and eternal*, of thousands of our fellow-countrymen, and it is not likely that this good work will cease until the end is gained. We don't care to see all people *total abstainers* from strong drink of any kind, but we do care *very much* to see them moderate and “temperate in all things.”

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BURIAL.

February 12th.—Ann Street, aged 73.

Another of our old and valued neighbours has been taken from us, one who through infirmities and difficulties held bravely to her post to the last. No one will deny her the great merit of doing her utmost to live independently by her own efforts. At her shop, where she was also Postmistress, we all had reason to know Mrs. Street as an obliging, friendly, and well meaning person.

A notice has been sent by the Rev. R. Bruce Dickson, Inspector of Schools for this Deanery, that he will visit and examine our School on the morning of Friday, March 13th. As this examination is specially concerned with Religious knowledge we very properly estimate it as quite as important as that which is held by her Majesty's Inspector. We might well be blamed if we did not give it the first place in our anxiety. There is one thing that much interferes with the Religious teaching and that is the irregular attendance of children at the Scripture lessons, which are given each day before the Government time begins.

The Sunday afternoon (3 o'clock) Lectures on Church History have been resumed this Lent.

The Attendants at the Night School had an entertainment of Readings, Songs, and Supper, on the evening of Shrove Tuesday.

If any one wishes to have a book of the Psalms as printed for chanting they have only got to notify their wish at the Vicarage and they can have one on payment of a small sum.

