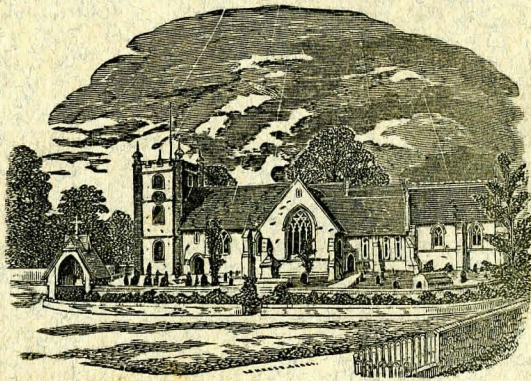


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- March 1. (Born Jan. 5).—Fanny, daughter of William and Jane Plumridge, of Hide.
- March 1. (Born Jan. 8).—Lucy Emily, daughter of Henry William and Lucy Vickers, of Mill-end.
- March 1. (Born Jan. 19).—George William, son of James and Emma Higgins, of Pheasants.
- March 20. (Born Feb. 6).—Olive, daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann Collier, of Frieth.
- March 22. (Born Feb. 11).—Annie, daughter of James Joshua and Hannah Jolley, of the Built.
- March 22. (Born Jan. 29).—Henry Thomas, son of Edward and Laura Keeley, of Lagpath.
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BURIALS.

- March 6. (Died March 2).—Edith Emily Edwards, of Frieth, Infant.
- March 12. (Died March 9).—Martha Lathan, of Skirmett, aged 66.
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On Sunday, March 1, Collections were made in the Parish Church for Home Missions, especially for the East London Church Fund. They amounted to £8 9s. 11½d.

The Lenten Services have been very well attended so far, and we hope that in Holy Week many people will make an effort to be present at some of the Special Services, which will be held at various hours of the day, as far as possible to suit all classes in the Parish. There has been an unusual number present on Wednesday Evening at the Parish Church, and those kind friends who have come to preach to us have given us some very excellent and practical Sermons. We sincerely trust that the Good Friday and Easter Day Services will be well attended. It is common now-a-days to spend Good Friday as a *worldly* holiday without *one thought of Him* who died for us upon the Cross on that day. Can this be right? And is it likely that those who spend it in such a manner find any blessing from their Saviour's Cross resting upon them? Is it not sad that to so many every year the cry should be uttered in vain, "Is it nothing to you all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto My sorrow."

THE SCHOOLS.

Since the publication of the last Magazine the Schools have all been examined in *Religious Knowledge*. We give the Reports.

Hambleton. "The Infants answered extremely well, they are bright, and in capital order. *Commended*—Robert Feesey and Ellen Palmer.

"Standard I. are full of life and eager to answer, but their knowledge is meagre. *Commended*—Frank Betts and Nellie Edwin.

"Standards II. and III. form a very large class and did fairly well. *Commended*—Henry J. Bagman and Mildred Feesey.

"In the Upper Division only a very few were ready with answers. The children should have more practice in writing out, they thus learn to give in a few words *many* facts rather than details about *one*, and this is too the only way to ensure accuracy. The List of Lessons may be followed (wholly or in part) with advantage in preference to one or more books of the Bible being taken: a better knowledge of the Prayer Book may be fairly looked for. *Commended*—Ellen J. Sears (Prize), Janet Glassbrook (has had a Prize), Alice Taylor, Fanny Millington.

"The singing is good. Private Prayers throughout the School are especially worthy of praise, and the tone and discipline are excellent."

Frieth.—"It is a real pleasure to examine this School, and if more attention be paid to marking the stops in the Infant Class, to explanation of the Catechism generally, and to teaching on the Prayer Book in the highest division, it would be all but perfect: the good tone, intelligence and order, render it a most excellent one.

"*Commended*—Stand: VI., Frederick J. Brazel (has had a Prize) Stand: V., Hannah Wicks (Prize). Stand: III., Martin Ware and Mai West. Stand: II., Dora Ware. Infants: Harry Collier."

Skirmett.—"The children can repeat a great deal for their tender age, but all Repetition is hurried, so that they have a difficulty in taking breath, are somewhat inaccurate, and do not keep together.

"The Slates should be ruled on one side, and the children should write on the lines.

"Much pains has been bestowed on these happy little ones, and it bears good fruit. Even the babies do well, and the older children know an exceptionally large part of the Catechism.

"*Commended*—Bertram Lawrence."

It will be seen from the above Reports of the Rev. R. BRUCE DICKSON, that though he considers our Schools on the whole quite satisfactory, yet there is room for improvement in many details. Let us hope that next year he may find the weak points made strong. The Rector gives "Prizes" to all those whose names appear in the *Commended List*, except to Ellen Sears and Hannah Wicks, who have received Prizes from the Diocesan Inspector himself.

HAMBLEDEN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Rector would be glad to hear of more Teachers for this School. There are *very few* who give a helping hand, and it is hard upon the week-day Teachers not to be a little more relieved on Sunday. We have a good number of children attending, but we want more Teachers who will *interest* themselves in this good work.

HOME MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

On Monday and Tuesday Evenings, March 16th and 17th, the Rev. S. YORK, Rector of Fifield, near Chipping Norton, attended Meetings at Hambleden and Frieth in behalf of the above named object. He had with him a capital Magic Lantern which shewed some very excellent views of the state and condition of the poor in East London amongst whom much is being done, though for whom much

more is needed, to bring them to the knowledge of Christ. His Lecture was deeply interesting, and we feel sure that many went away anxious to help these poor outcasts to live better and happier lives. The behaviour at the back of the room at Hambleden was not what it ought to have been, and several times the meeting was interrupted by a few lads and young people who would talk and play. It is a pity that those who behave in this way—and we do not think they are *many*,—have not a little more respect for themselves, and others, than to come to a meeting of this kind for the sake of making a noise and causing trouble. The behaviour at Frieth was very good. The collections at the doors amounted to £1 15s. 2½d.

VESTRY MEETING.

The Lady Day Vestry Meeting was held this year on March 24th. There was not a large attendance. Mr Thomas Deane and Mr. William Keene were nominated first on the list as Overseers for the coming year. The Surveyors were re-appointed. The Surveyor's Accounts for the past year were examined and passed. There was a balance in hand in favour of the Parish; this is most creditable to those who have the charge of our roads, as they are kept in excellent order at a low rate.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BURIALS.—March 2nd. Rose Mary Street, aged 69.

„ „ 4th. Joseph Gregory, aged 87.

More changes to make us thoughtful, and truly seldom more than now.

On Sunday evening the Vicar preached a Sermon in the course of which he endeavoured to bring out the leading points of example that were evident in Joseph Gregory, a worthy man, indeed, and in his sphere most useful, and much to be respected—we never heard a word to the contrary.

The Rev. R. Bruce Dickson, Diocesan School Inspector, paid us a visit on March 13th, and examined the School. The following is his report, which we think highly satisfactory, and most creditable to Mrs. Wood who teaches the children. “This little School is in a very promising condition. The Writing out was on the whole very good, while the writing itself was most excellent. Private Prayers and Catechism were extremely good. There was a good deal of intelligence displayed, and the children were bright and happy. *Commended*—Margaret L. Wood (Prize), Edith M. Wood, Ada J. Tilbury (has had a Prize).”

We have had a very gratifying act of assistance done us by the Deanery Association, in the shape of a donation of £10 towards the completion of the re-seating work in our Church. We hope this will give a lift to the whole scheme. The Archdeacon has promised one seat, and that will leave us the task of raising about £23 more to complete the desired object. It certainly ought to be managed.

There will be an early and late celebration of the Holy Communion on Easter Day, so as to suit the time of every one. Any help that can be afforded in the way of Flowers will be very much appreciated.