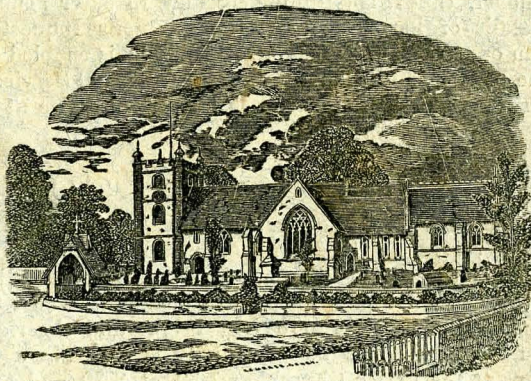


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## Extracts from the Parish Registers.

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### BAPTISM.

April 12th (born March 11th).—Percival Towers, son of Edwin and Sarah West, of Frieth.

### MARRIAGE.

April 4.—Henry John Hardy to Mary Ann Dawson.

### BURIALS.

April 9th (died April 5th).—Walter Edwin Charlton, of Yewden (in the wood), Infant.

April 11th (died April 6th).—Mary Higgins (*alias* Smith), of Pheasants', aged 1 year and 9 months.

April 21st.—Charlotte Ann Richardson Fluter, of Fingest, aged 16.

April 23rd.—Mary Norcote, of Perrin Spring, aged 57.

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The number of burials has again been unusually large. During the past four months of the present year no less than *fourteen* burials have taken place in our Churchyards. This is nearly twice the average number for that period, as there are generally about twenty-two in the course of a year. The circumstances of poor Charlotte Fluter's death were exceedingly distressing. They are now so well known to the parishioners that it is quite unnecessary to enter again into the painful details of her death. At the Coroner's Inquest the Jury returned an open verdict, "Found drowned." This enabled the Rector to take the body into Church and to have the usual Service, if it had been otherwise there would have been a Special Service at the grave only.

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### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES.

On the whole the Holy Week and Easter Services were very well attended this year. On Good Friday morning there was a very good congregation at the Parish Church. At that Service a Collection was made for the Church Penitentiary, which amounted to £5 3s. 4½d. On Easter Day the Services were very bright and cheerful, and the number of Communicants was unusually large. There were *three* Celebrations at the Parish Church, at 7.30, at 8.30, and at Mid-day, the numbers were 52, 22, and 68, making a total of 142. There were also 60 Communicants at Frieth. It will be seen from this statement that many of the Parishioners were glad to hold special communion with their God and Risen Saviour on the greatest of all Church Festivals. It is to be hoped that every year the numbers may increase, and that many of those who come to the Holy Communion at Easter may come more often, and be enabled to live in accordance with their high professions and blessed privileges.

The decorations at the Parish Church were lovely, the choice flowers within the Altar Rail being particularly noticeable. The Pulpit and Font also looked very nice, the latter being almost covered with violets.

The congregation at the Morning Service at 11 was very large indeed,—the Church was almost full from end to end. All this is certainly encouraging, at the same time it does not do to be led

away by what after all is only *outward*. We may hope, however, that these outward evidences of Church life in the parish are not altogether misleading, but that many hearts are turned towards God, and that the earnest work which has been going on in the parish for so many years is bearing good fruit, "some thirty-fold, some sixty, and some an hundred."

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#### HAMBLEDEN CHURCH CHOIR.

It has been noticed lately that the Choir at the Parish Church has been improving. Undoubtedly this is true. Mr. Dean, the Organist at Henley Church, has been instructing our Choir for the past two months, and has spared no pains to improve it. He has already been rewarded, and although there is plenty of room for greater improvement, we must be thankful for what has already taken place. There is a special practice every Thursday evening, which Mr. Dean attends. It is quite impossible in a country place like this that the Choir should maintain an even state of efficiency. It is affected by circumstances, and sometimes it happens that several of its best members leave the parish almost at the same time, or that two or three of the leading boys lose their voices nearly together, and can sing treble no longer. In a town there are generally plenty of probationers at hand to supply the vacant places, in a village this is not the case, and in consequence of this failure we have been suffering for the last twelve months. We hope, however, that the worst is over, and that a better time is coming for Hambleden Choir. We do not expect to vie with large towns and big cities, and so too much must not be expected. The great thing is for the members to attend the practices regularly, and to do their best to profit by them,—they cannot do more.

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#### CHOIR CONCERT AT FRIETH.

A very successful Concert, under the direction of the Rev. F. L. Nash, was held in Frieth Schoolroom on the Tuesday in Easter Week. There was a good attendance, and everybody seemed to be pleased with the performances. Mr. E. Nash sang several songs which gave great satisfaction. The younger members of the Choir also did their parts well, and were efficiently backed up by the voices of their Seniors. We hope that this may not be the last Concert of the sort, though we suppose it will be useless to attempt another until after the summer.

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#### FRIETH CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The last of the present of a series of Adult Monthly Meetings in the above named cause was held in Frieth Schoolroom on Monday evening, April 13th. The attendance was very fair indeed considering that the days have lengthened very considerably, and people are much occupied in their gardens.

Mr. Thomas West gave a very graphic description of the battle of Waterloo which was much appreciated. He also furnished some very telling statistics respecting the amount of money spent upon strong drink, and the amount of strong drink consumed. The numbers, 60,000, who fell at Waterloo—dying for their country's sake—fall

before strong drink in this country every year. No wonder that so many people—earnest men of different creeds—are anxious to stem this torrent of evil. Some temperance hymns were sung, and the Rector gave a short address before the close of the meeting. During the summer the meetings in connection with the *Band of Hope* will be thrown open to *all* who wish to attend.

## MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BURIALS. April 2.—Charlotte Wilkins, aged 74.  
 „ „ 22.—John Austin, aged 19.

The death of Mrs. Wilkins removes from us a gentle peaceful neighbour, and one who was often in our thoughts by reason of her great and continued sufferings. The death of John Austin is one of those events which appal a community—a gust of wind and the loaded punt is capsized, and the poor lad sinks like a stone. The body was recovered after four hours by the exertions of Robert Young and Frederick Robinson.

The usual Vestry Meetings were held—the first on March 25th, at which Mr. John Franklin and Major Browne were nominated Overseers of the Poor; Robert Young, John Palmer, and James Maskell named as eligible to serve the office of Constable, and Mr. James Hobbs appointed Surveyor of the Highways.

At the second meeting the Churchwardens' Accounts were approved; Mr. Philip Hobbs and Mr. Thomas Vorrell appointed Churchwardens, and a Rate on the great tithe owners allowed.

### PAROCHIAL FUND ACCOUNT FOR 1884.

RECEIVED.	£ s. d.	EXPENSES.	£ s. d.
By Offertory and Collections in Church, including Alms'		Deficiency from 1883 (see Magazine, April, 1884) ...	7 17 5
Box, 4/11 ... ..	25 16 7	Church Expenses ... ..	8 18 10
Mr. P. Hobbs ... ..	2 0 0	School Mistress ... ..	40 11 3
Mr. James Ralston ... ..	1 0 0	„ House Rent ... ..	4 9 0
Thomas Townsend, Esq. ...	1 1 0	„ Cleaning ... ..	2 8 0
General Williams, M.P. ...	5 0 0	„ Repairs and Expenses	4 9 11
Exeter, Pembroke, and Jesus'		Firing and Clothing Clubs...	4 18 8
Colleges ... ..	6 6 0	Alms to Poor ... ..	5 13 10
James H. Crossman, Esq. ...	3 3 0	Organ Tuning ... ..	1 7 0
J. S. Crossman, Esq. ... ..	2 2 0	Books, postage, &c. ... ..	0 5 0
C. A. Scott-Murray, Esq. for Parish ... ..	6 6 0		
Rev. W. and Mrs. Hill ... ..	5 0 0		
Government Grant to School	12 3 7		
School Pence ... ..	2 17 0		
Deficiency ... ..	8 3 9		
	£80 18 11		£80 18 11

The above Account would be more satisfactory than last year's if only the deficiency were a little less. On the whole we have done fairly well, but it will be observed that the Offertory, which is entirely an uncertain and changeful aid, is our chiefest support. We want more subscriptions.

The sums collected in Church for other purposes shall be given in the next Magazine.