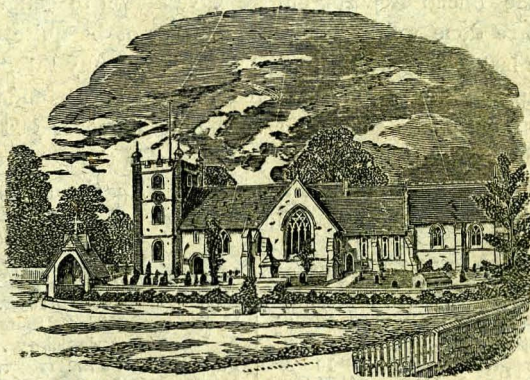


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- June 28 (born May 6).—Julia Elizabeth, daughter of James and Julia Green, of Greenwood Cottages.
- July 5 (born June 2).—Mary, daughter of James and Mary Thatcher, of Coombe Bottom.

MARRIAGES.

- July 5.—Stephen Cook to Rose Humphries.
- July 30.—Alfred Dyke Acland to Beatrice Danvers Smith.

THE SCHOOLS.

The Rev. C. D. Du Port, Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools for this District, accompanied by Mr. Pearce, his Assistant, visited our Schools, according to notice, on July 6th and 7th. We have not yet received the Official Reports, but we have reason to believe that our Schools have done well. The Grants may not be quite up to what they were last year, but then at Hambleton at any rate, there were not so many children to be examined in the upper standards. This of course must make some difference, and moreover last year they were *unusually* good. We shall be content if the Reports turn out satisfactory, and the Grants in accordance with them. We give the School Accounts for the past School year :

Hambleton School Account for the year ending June 30th, 1885.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
July 1, 1884, Balance in hand	1	13	3½	Master's and Mistress' Salary	94	8	4
Government Grant	115	6	2	Assistant Master's Salary ...	30	10	0
Subscriptions, &c.	50	10	5	Pupil Teacher's Salary	22	4	6
School Pence	40	4	8	Monitress' Salary	18	9	6
Received from Board of Guardians for Children's Fees	0	16	2	Books and Apparatus... ..	15	6	4
Received for books sold to children	1	3	2	Fuel, Light and Cleaning ...	10	4	6
Received from other sources	5	7	3	Repairs, &c.	2	11	0
				Insurance	0	6	0
				Other Expenses	4	15	2
	215	1	1½				
Received for Enlargement of School Buildings	170	0	0	Enlargement of School Buildings	170	0	0
					368	15	4
				Balance in hand, July 1, 1885	16	5	9½
Total Receipts	£385	1	1½		£385	1	1½

Frieth School Account for the year ending June 30th, 1885.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
July 1, 1884, Balance in hand	2	12	6	Master's Salary including			
Government Grant	103	19	6	House Rent	88	0	0
Subscriptions, &c.	60	6	6	Assistant Mistress, Salary			
School Pence	25	13	4	and Lodging	39	8	3
Board of Guardians for Children's Fees	0	7	0	Pupil Teacher's Salary	22	2	9
Received for Books sold	0	2	6	Monitor's Salary	21	9	6
Received from Miss Hind's Legacy	16	5	7	Books, Apparatus, &c.	16	0	8½
Received from Fairfax Charity	3	6	0	Fuel, Light, and Cleaning	11	12	6
Received from other sources	2	0	0	Repairs, &c.	9	8	4
				Insurance	0	4	6
				Other Expenses	2	3	0
					210	9	6½
				Balance in hand July 1, 1885	4	3	4½
	£214	12	11		£214	12	11

We may congratulate ourselves upon the financial state of the Schools. The Accounts given shew a balance in hand at both Schools. It matters little which of the two has the bigger, as there is only *one* account at the bank. The Rector distributes the Subscriptions and Voluntary Rate as required between both. Frieth, from peculiar circumstances, is the more expensive School, but there there is rent to pay for master's house, and the money derived from School fees is not nearly so much as at Hambleton—these and other little matters run up the expenditure at Frieth beyond that at Hambleton, but on the whole we have no cause to find fault, and we are sure that there are not many Voluntary Schools in the country which can shew a more satisfactory balance sheet at the end of the School year. We thank all those who have so willingly supported the Schools during the past, and we hope that we may still reckon upon their ready help. Our Voluntary Rate at 3d. in the £ is very well paid, and this contrasts *most favourably* with the high rates generally levied in the cases where School Boards are set up. We hope that the good people of Hambleton parish will always be content to support their Parish Schools in the way they now do; if so, we have nothing to fear.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The Henley Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society held their Annual Festival at Greys Rectory, on the afternoon of July 9th. It was a splendid day, and a great number were present. Mrs. Wetherall, Mrs. Grenfell, and Miss Una Ryder, took about twenty-four girls from

Hambleden Parish. The afternoon was spent very pleasantly in the Rectory Grounds, where games of all kinds were provided for them. There was tea in a tent, to which they were admitted by ticket. Afterwards short addresses were given by Mrs. Pinder (the new Branch Secretary), the Rev. N. Pinder, and the Rev. A. Sturges. Prizes for needlework were given, and Premiums for good service. There was not much needlework shewn, but we are glad to say that a Hambleden girl, Mary Jane Gray, gained the 1st prize.

At 6 o'clock, before coming away, Service was held in the Church. A good and appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. A. Fanshawe upon the motto of the Society, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

As soon as the Service was ended the several parties dispersed to their homes. Our own members reached Hambleden village about 8.30, where those who had come from Frieth found a cart waiting to take them home.

MARRIAGE OF MISS BEATRICE SMITH, OF GREENLANDS.

The Marriage of Miss Beatrice Smith to Mr. Alfred Acland, youngest son of Sir Henry Acland, was celebrated in the Parish Church, on Thursday, July 30th. Long before the hour fixed for the ceremony the village was astir, and people came flocking in from all sides of the parish, and from beyond the parish. There were unmistakable signs that something unusual was going to take place. Soon after 5 a.m. the Church Bells rang out a merry peal. Several of the people in the village displayed decorations in the way of flags and evergreens. There was a covered way from the Lych Gate to the Church for the wedding party to pass under, which was not required to keep off the rain, but was equally useful to protect them from the heat of the sun. There was a very large number of persons present, not only of personal friends of the bride and bridegroom, but also of the poorer classes, who shewed great interest in the event. About 11.30 the Bride, leaning upon her father's arm, entered the Church, when the Choir immediately began singing the marriage hymn "The voice that breathed o'er Eden." The hymn sounded

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very beautiful and solemn as the Bride proceeded to the Chancel step, where she was joined by the Bridegroom. The opening part of the Service was read by the Rector, the actual ceremony being performed by the Rev. P. L. Acland, uncle of the Bridegroom. The Psalm was chanted as the wedded couple passed onward to the Altar Rail. The remainder of the Service was performed by the Rector, and at the close a Special Address was read in the place of the ordinary one, by the Rev. North Pinder, Rector of Grays. Before the Blessing, which was given at the end, the beautiful hymn "Now thank we all our God" was sung by the Choir and congregation, the effect of which was very grand. Amongst the Bridesmaids there were two of the children of Capt. and Mrs. Codrington, which attracted much notice—they walked on either side of their aunt, Miss Helen Smith.

We are sure that we are expressing the wish of both poor and rich in this Parish, when we say that we sincerely trust the newly-married pair may live together in mutual happiness for many years to come, and that God's best and richest blessings will be their's.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BAPTISMS.

June 28th.—Fredrick Manley.

July 5th.—Mary Munday.

„ „ William Lay.

July 12th.—Annie Elizabeth Austin.

BURIAL.

July 16th.—Harriet Matilda Lowe.

Thus one has gone to her rest who, through a long decline, was an example of patience and quiet Christian fortitude.

The promised Report of Her Majesty's Inspector we now give in his own words. "On the whole, this is a good little school of its class. The Infants' management, discipline, and instruction were fair on the whole." The Government Grant earned is £17 2s. 0d. ; so that we have reason to be pleased with the present condition of the school, and we are satisfied that a good year's work has been done. For this we have to thank Mrs. Wood.

There has been an examination for the Medmenham Scholarship on the Foundation of Sir William Borlase's School, but we do not know on whom the selection may fall.

One good result, here at any rate, of the past fine weather, has been in the Village boys bathing and learning to swim. We are informed that in several instances their efforts have been very successful. Hitherto it has seemed a cause of reproach and surprise to us that so few lads of this riverside place could swim.

We have been properly beaten by Hambleden in our Return Match. The game was for the most part a good one.

