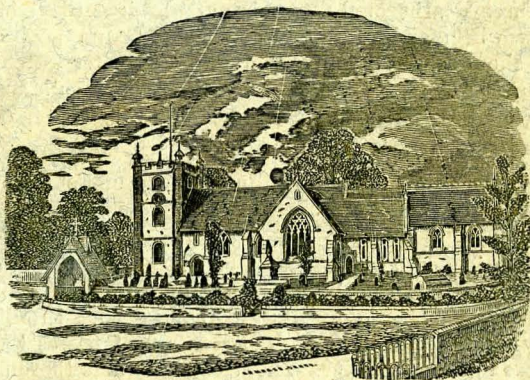


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## Extracts from the Parish Registers.

### BURIALS.

Aug. 16 (died Aug. 12).—Alice Poole, of Frieth, aged 59.  
Aug. 20 (died Aug. 16).—Harry Edwards, of Frieth, Infant.  
Aug. 28 (died Aug. 22).—Ellen Sawyer, of Skirmett, aged 27.

There have been two sudden deaths during the past month. Alice Poole, who had lived at Frieth for many years, and was much respected by our neighbours, was called away almost in a moment. She had been at work as usual during the day, and had not been at home many minutes before the summons came. The cause of her death was heart disease. She was buried in Frieth Churchyard on Sunday, August 16th, and a great number of persons were present at her funeral. Two hymns were sung, one in the Church, and the other at the grave. Great sympathy was shewn for the sorrowing relatives.

The death of Harry Edwards was also almost sudden; he was out of doors the evening before he died, but was taken unwell about 9 p.m., and died between seven and eight o'clock the following morning. In both these cases "inquests" were held.

Ellen Sawyer's death did not come without warning. She had been ill for some months, and was in a deep consumption. It is a blessing to think that her sufferings are over.

These three deaths ought to serve as warnings to all of us. We little know when, and in what way, the last summons will come. Surely we should do well to live in a state of greater watchfulness, so that we may be found *quite* ready when the Master calls us!

### THE SCHOOLS.

We are able to give the Government Inspector's Reports of our Schools, which are as follows:

HAMBLEDEN.—"I congratulate the Managers on their very satisfactory extension and improvement of the premises. The Mistress (I think with good reason) begs for more light for the sewing classes. The general working and results are really good. Intelligence has been fairly awakened; and a high percentage of passes was reached, of fairly good general quality. The needlework was thoroughly good. Mapping wants careful attention."

INFANT CLASSES.—"These Infants' Classes are being carried on with good general success." **Grant, £107 3s. 2d.**

FRIETH.—"This School continues of excellent general merit; although in their sums and paper work the Fifth and Sixth Standards were somewhat below the other Standards. It should be more carefully kept in mind that all alterations in the totals of Registers, made in order to rectify clerical errors, should be done in red ink, and not ever by erasure."

INFANTS' CLASSES.—"This is a thoroughly good Infants' Class. The only real defect is the habit of promiscuous or unmethodical answering in Gallery lessons. This, of course, must lower the actual results somewhat." **Grant, £87 2s. 10d.**

These Reports are on the whole satisfactory. We are not *perfect* yet, and probably never shall be, but certainly an excellent work is going on in our Schools, which we hope will long continue. We suffer loss of Grant this year as compared with last, but the Grants last year were *far above* the average. Both at Hambleton and Frieth there were not so many children presented, and this circumstance alone must somewhat reduce the amount of Grant. However, £194 6s. has been paid to the School Account at Messrs. Simonds' Bank, which will prove a most acceptable help to our School Funds.

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#### SCHOOL FEAST.

The children belonging to Hambleton Sunday and Day Schools spent a most enjoyable afternoon in the Rectory Meadow, on Monday, August 3rd. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Greenlands, had invited the children to tea, and also the wives of their workpeople, in honour of Miss Beatrice Smith's wedding, which had taken place the Thursday before. An excellent tea was provided, and the children most thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There was any amount of scrambling for sweets and gingerbreads, which were very highly appreciated. Before breaking up for home some enthusiastic cheering took place, in which Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Acland, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and the Misses Smith, were specially remembered. The meadow was all alive that day, as there was also a Cricket Match going on between an Eleven of Lord Antrim's and one of Mr. C. Barnett's. It was a well contested game, but the former eventually won.

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#### CHOIR BOYS' HOLIDAY.

On Tuesday, August 4th, the Hambleton Choir Boys went for their annual holiday. They were accompanied by the Rector, the Rev. W. Cowlard, and Mr. Faulkner. A steam Launch was hired from Henley for Windsor. The boys left Hambleton Locks about 8.30, and had a most pleasant trip to Windsor and back. There was a little rain on the way home, but as it was so much needed no one seemed to mind it, and it made little or no difference to anyone's pleasure. They had a capital dinner at Windsor, and afterwards walked up the Castle Hill, visited St. George's Chapel, and were shewn round the State Apartments. After that they went up the Round Tower, but unfortunately the weather in the afternoon was hazy, so that it was impossible to get a good view. They left Windsor about 3.45, and arrived at Hambleton Locks about 7.30—before it got dark. The boys would not have minded being home later, but those in charge of them thought it safer to get through the Locks, some of which are under repair, before darkness set in. The Senior Members of the Choir hope to go to the Inventions' Exhibition about the middle of September.

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#### FRIETH.

Through the kindness of C. A. Cripps, Esq., there is to be a grand day for the Frieth people on September 12th. There is to be a Vegetable and Flower Show, and open tea for all who live in that part of the Parish. There will also be games and amusements for the young

people. We sincerely hope that the weather will be fine, and that everyone concerned will spend a very enjoyable holiday. This grand event is to be in connection with the christening of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cripps' little son, which takes place the following day.

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### THE HARVEST.

In consequence of the continuance of fine weather, Harvest operations are going on apace, and in a short time all the corn will be gathered in. Of course rain is much needed for roots and grass, and also for drinking purposes, as some of our people on the hills, and especially at Rockwell End, are quite without water, and have to send a long way to procure any. No doubt there will be plenty of rain later on, and although we should be thankful for some immediate showers, it is a great consolation to know that the Harvest is being gathered in good order, and without great expense to the Farmers.

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Hambleden *Sunday* School will be re-opened on Sunday, Sept. 6th, and the *Day* Schools throughout the Parish, on Monday, Sept. 7th. There will have been five weeks' holidays, so that parents ought to be well satisfied, and send their children back *at once, without wasting time.*

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### MEDMENHAM CORNER.

If at the corresponding time last year we were able to say that we had had a long and splendid spell of fine weather, we can certainly say as much now. In these parts there has been scarcely any interruption for more than two months. Indeed, we should have been better pleased if we had been visited with some of the helping showers that we have heard of in other places, for verily we have been pretty well parched. It is to be feared that the produce of winter stores, in roots especially, will be very scant. However, there is no expression, except that of deep thankfulness, for the improvement which has taken place in season and yield. Let us look back two or three years and think.

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After examination, James Austin, of Bockmore Enu, has been elected to the Medmenham Scholarship on the foundation of Sir William Borlase's School. We wish him well in the opportunity offered to him.

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### SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

This was held on Thursday, 27th August. As usual, a commencement was made at the Church, with a short Service and Address from the Vicar. Then tea was served at the Vicarage, and games enjoyed in the fields close by. There were a fair number of parents present, but on account of the dullness of the afternoon many were kept away. The greatest thanks are due to the Misses Manuelle, who, with their usual generosity, brought with them abundance of presents for the children, and to the Misses Hobbs, and Mrs. James Hobbs, for their supplies of comforts and untiring exertions by which they amused the children. - The opportunity was taken before leave-taking of acknowledging the great success of Mrs. Wood in her care of the School.