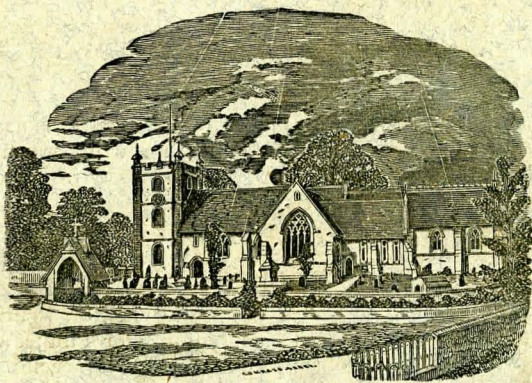


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- Oct. 4 (born July 29).—Fanny, daughter of Robert and Mary Higgs, Little Frieth.
- Oct. 4 (born Aug. 27).—Agnes Mary, daughter of Frederick and Annie Bond, Frieth.
- Oct. 4 (born Aug. 19).—Aubrey, son of William Owen and Clara Jane Sears, Frieth.
- Oct. 25 (born Sept. 14).—George William, son of Joseph & Elizabeth Anne Powell, Flint Hall.

MARRIAGES.

- October 10.—Arthur Hobbs to Annie Gray.
- October 10.—Jesse Smith to Emily Harriett Futter.
- October 12.—George William Treadaway to Edith Boxall.
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THE CHURCH HEATING APPARATUS.

The new Church Heating Apparatus was used for the first time on Sunday, October 25th. There seems to be every promise of its being a success. The Church was beautifully warm, and as soon as the smell of the new brick work and mortar is gone off we anticipate that it will give great satisfaction to the congregation.

A new Stove has also been supplied for the apparatus at Frieth, so that both our Churches will be, we hope, thoroughly warm and comfortable this winter, and no one will be kept away from God's house on account of the cold state of the Church.

SKIRMETT SCHOOL CHAPEL.

Before another winter comes round the Rector would be very thankful to see some more suitable building for Public Worship at Skirmett. The present School Chapel will not accommodate the congregation, and nearly every Sunday evening some people are obliged to go home without a Service, as they cannot find room. The Rector would be very thankful if he could erect an Iron Church to hold about 180 people in the course of next year. If he could obtain just sufficient ground to place it upon, the undertaking would not be a very large one; probably £200 would be sufficient, perhaps less. We feel sure that this proposed Church would be a great boon to the poor people in that neighbourhood, and that it would be much appreciated by them. The present building cannot be enlarged, as its situation and construction render this impossible. Of course it would still be used as an Infants' School, and be very serviceable in that way. At any rate this matter is worth thinking about, and we hope that the time is near at hand when our thoughts may ripen into deeds.

READING ROOM.

A free Reading Room has been opened at Hambleton under hopeful circumstances. We trust that as it has made a good start, it will go on and prosper. It is most desirable that a place for reading and quiet recreation should be found for young men in every parish during the winter months. Where are they to go to spend their evenings, but to the Public House, if some more suitable place is not provided for them? A bright fire, plenty of newspapers, various games, and a well lighted room, ought to be an inducement to many, and if they will but make trial of the advantages offered them, they will find that they can spend a quiet and happy evening without wasting their money upon that which cannot benefit them.

We hope, too, that a Reading Room has been this week opened at Frieth for the young men who live in that part of the parish.

There is a Class held at the Rectory Laundry, three times a week in the evening, for boys under 16 years of age, who cannot belong to the Reading Room. This Class is partly for instruction, and partly for quiet amusement, the time being divided between the two. There is no reason why it should not be a success.

ROCKWELL END.

The Service which was begun last year at Mr. Clark's house, Rockwell End, has just been recommenced. It is held every Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock. The first evening was wet, nevertheless there was a very fair congregation.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

As the time is far past now it will be enough to say that during the past month Harvest Festivals have been held at Frieth and Skirmett. The congregations were excellent, and the services hearty. The thank-offerings, in both cases, went to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

THE SCHOOL ROOMS AND POLITICS.

We believe that it is now thoroughly understood in the parish that our School Rooms are not available for Political Meetings. They are not intended for politics, and if they are opened at all they must be granted to *all comers alike, without favour*. It would be very unfair to open them to one political party, but not to another; and as the present buildings are in connection with the Church of England, the Rector and Churchwardens being the Trustees, it is thought to be the wiser course to keep politics of *all shades* out of them. We don't wish to attach the Church to any political party. It is above *all parties*; and whether Conservatives or Liberals, we are members of that Church, without distinction. In these busy and exciting days, when the air is charged with political utterances from every corner of the land, it is a comfort to feel that, at any rate at present, in God's house *we are one*, and that politics are *left outside*.

MISSIONARY BOXES.

It is requested that all Missionary Boxes may be returned to the Rectory, *without fail*, by the 1st of December.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

On Sunday, November 15th, the Rev. Dr. Coleman, Secretary to the Oxford Diocesan Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, will preach, both in the Parish Church, and at Frieth, and Collections will be made in aid of the Society. On the following evening a Temperance Meeting will be held in the Hambleton School, when the Rev. Dr. Coleman will be the principal speaker.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BIRTH.

October 17.—Mrs. Field, of Woodend Farm, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

October 24.—George Lowe to Ellen Russell.

The sum of £1 was sent last month to the Treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Spiritual Help Society, as the result of our collections in Church on Sunday, 18th October, in reply to the Pastoral Letter.

If ever there was any use in a Parish Magazine it is now, when it affords a real opportunity. At the coming election a determined attack is to be made upon our Constitution in Church and State. As the late lamented Bishop of Ely said but a few weeks ago, "The words Disestablishment and Disendowment are no longer uttered with suppressed voice, and bated breath." It is the plain duty then of all good citizens, of all who love their Queen and country, to stand up in defence of the Church. Mr. Gladstone said in the House of Commons, "The Church of England has not only been a part of the history of this country, but a part so vital, entering so profoundly into the entire life and action of the country, that the severing of the two would leave nothing behind but a bleeding and lacerated mass." If that is true, and we believe it to be so, it seems simple folly, and worse, to allow an ambitious and change-longing party to work deadly harm to the whole country. There are very clear signs that Churchmen are now alive to the threats which so audaciously assail them; but it must be remembered that it is at the elections, and the elections only, that these threats can be made of none effect. If a Parliamentary Candidate wants our vote he will not get it unless he will be true to the National Church.