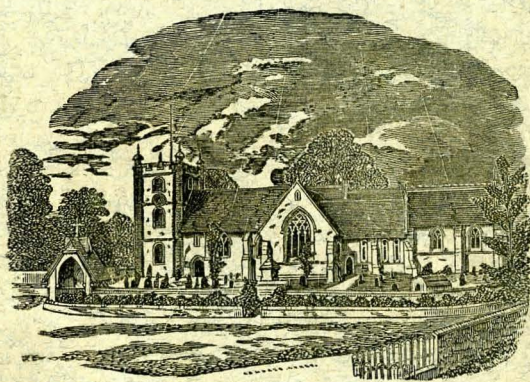


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## Extracts from the Parish Registers.

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### BAPTISM.

Nov. 1 (Born Sept. 26).—Rosa Beatrice, daughter of William Harrison and Blanche Cripps, of Marylebone.

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### BURIAL.

Nov. 5 (Died Oct. 31).—Harriet Amelia Ryder (Emily), aged 77.

The death of our dear and respected friend, Miss Ryder, took many of us by surprise. Her last illness was short, and, indeed, it was considered likely that she might recover from it until very shortly before her death. We were all aware that she had been for some time growing feeble, but, nevertheless, hoped that her life might have been spared to us a little longer. Her long connection with the Parish had lasted for nearly half a century, and it is difficult to fancy Hambleton and Hambleton Church, without her. Her quiet peaceable life was spent amongst us in "doing good" both by deed and example. By her death we have all lost a good friend and neighbour, and many of our poorer people will miss her kind help and sympathy exceedingly. But we know that our loss is her gain, and that now she is at rest for ever in the presence of her Lord and Master Whose service on earth she loved so truly.

But what helps to intensify our own loss is that Hambleton Cottage will no longer be tenanted by the kind friends who have been connected with it for so many years. The honoured name of "Ryder" is a household word in this Parish, and although it will never be forgotten, it will not henceforth be so conspicuously before us, connected with every good work, as it has been. The breaking up, in a measure, of old associations, naturally brings sadness, but we hope, nevertheless, that we shall from time to time see something of our old friends in the future, though it cannot be as frequently as it has been in the past.

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### TEMPERANCE SERMONS AND MEETING.

The Rev. Leighton Coleman, D.D., Diocesan Secretary of the Church of England Temperance Society, visited this Parish in the middle of last month. He preached three earnest Sermons on Sunday, November 15th, to good congregations both at Hambleton and Frieth, and the result of his appeals for pecuniary assistance in behalf of the Society was highly satisfactory, the offertories amounting altogether to a sum of £10.

On the following evening he held a Meeting in Hambleton School Room, which was certainly well attended. He delivered a very power-

ful address in which he advocated the cause of temperance upon the lines which the Church of England has laid down.

A Band of Hope has been formed, which at present consists of about 40 members, and a few adults have also enrolled themselves as members of the Society.

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#### SKIRMETT SCHOOL CHAPEL.

The Rector has received the following letter from Sir Alfred Ryder.

DEAR MR WETHERALL,—I understand that it is your wish to enlarge the School Chapel at Skirmett, as the present accommodation provided is not sufficient for the congregation who desire to make use of it.

If you carry out this idea of having a building of *substantial* structure, and the work is commenced before July 1st, 1886, I shall be happy to guarantee a subscription from our family of £50, in memory of Miss Emily Ryder, who had been a resident for 47 years, and took great interest in the welfare of Skirmett.

Yours truly, A. P. RYDER.

The Rector only hopes that he may be able to avail himself of this kind offer, but there are great difficulties in the way of enlarging the present building, and that is why he started the idea of erecting an iron Church.

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#### FRIETH SCHOOL.

Frieth School has been closed for a fortnight under medical order, on account of the prevalence of measles. We are glad to say that the epidemic has now worn itself out in that part of the Parish, and that the School has been re-opened. We sincerely hope that nothing may now interfere with the regular attendance of the children, so that they may be able to make up for lost time. We are glad to be able to report that the health of the children attending Hambleden School has been excellent, and that at present no sign of measles has appeared amongst them.

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#### HAMBLEDEN MAGAZINE.

It is requested that those who have not paid for the Magazine for the past year will do so this month. If the subscribers wish it to be continued we hope they will kindly attend to this request.

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#### THE ELECTIONS.

We are now in the midst of the Parliamentary Elections, and before this Magazine is published the greater part of them will be decided. Very many in Hambleden Parish will be pleased to see that

the Right Hon. W. H. Smith has been returned by an overwhelming majority for the Strand.

Whatever our politics may be, most of us will be pleased when the Elections are completed and the country settles down to its normal condition.

Party spirit has been running high, and many extravagant words have fallen from the lips of partizans of both sides.

We hope that ere long political strife will be forgotten, and that we shall all go about our respective duties, helping each other on as best we can through life, knit together in the bonds of brotherly love.

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## MEDMENHAM CORNER.

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Whatever else evenes from the crisis of excitement which this country has been and is still passing through, there cannot be any doubt as to the amount of thought and exercise of judgment which has been called forth regarding the position of the Church of England. Never before has every person in the land, we may say, been compelled to look at both sides of the question. All that can be said for and all that can be said against the Church has been dinned into people's ears and thrust upon their attention by articles, pamphlets, speeches, leaflets, till no one can any longer plead ignorance, or find excuse for being ignorant. All have been able to sift the chaff from the wheat, and distinguish between the foolish things said of the Church and the undoubted right which she has to the affection and goodwill of every loyal person.

It is very much to be deprecated that the most sacred of all Institutions, which the Church is, should be dragged into the whirlpool of political strife and made to be a cause whereby some men get and some men are deprived of their patriotic aims; but, perhaps, it was needful that by a sharp lesson people should be taught in future to leave the Church alone and let her do her work quietly, without on the one hand asking her aid in matters which do not directly concern her, or on the other hand distracting her through the efforts she is forced to make in self-defence.

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The Day of Intercession for the Missions of the Church will this year probably be affected for the worse by the interference of the Elections, but we must not forget what is due from us at this time, and that without thought and prayer there cannot be success in any good cause.