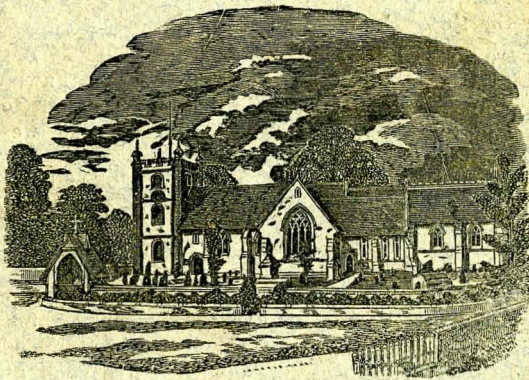


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- May 2 (Born March 2). John, son of Daniel and Sarah Ansell, Moor's End.
- May 9 (Born March 27). Emma, daughter of James and Rebecca Leaver, Frieth.
- May 16 (Born April 3). Mabel, daughter of Edward and Barbara Webb, Goddards.
- May 23 (Born April 6). William Reginald, son of Francis Reginald and Mary Ann Freeman, Pheasants Hill.

CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop of the Diocese held a Confirmation in the Parish Church on Friday afternoon, May 7th. The weather was beautifully fine, which enabled the Candidates and their friends who came from a distance to manage their journey in comfort. The Service itself was very solemn and impressive. The Choir met the Bishop and Clergy at the Lych Gate, and walked in procession to the Church; on entering, the well-known hymn "Through the night of doubt and sorrow" was sung as a Processional. Three hymns were sung during the Service, and at the close, "Now thank we all our God" was chosen for the Recessional.

There were about 100 candidates confirmed, and 74 of these were presented from our own parish. Medmenham, Fawley, Henley, Remenham, and Harpsden, contributed more or less to the total number. The Bishop's addresses were earnest, and we hope that many who heard them will profit by them.

On the following Sunday, 48 of the newly confirmed received their first Communion either at Hambleton or Frieth, and we hope that others are coming shortly.

The great thing now is for all those who were confirmed *to try their very utmost to live up to their solemn promise and high profession.* It is the DAILY LIFE of the Christian that shows what manner of person he *really* is. God grant that those Confirmed in Hambleton Church last month may, by His grace, be enabled to live such upright holy lives that all who see their actions and hear their words may take knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

By the kindness of Mr. Smith, the Girls' Friendly Festival for the Henley Branch will be held at Greenlands on June 23rd. We must hope for fine weather, which will make all the difference to the success of the holiday. There will be service in the Parish Church at 6.15 p.m., and the Rev. Canon Garry, of St. Mary's, Reading, has kindly promised to come and preach on the occasion. There is no doubt that this Society is doing a very good work by helping our girls to be steady, thrifty, and respectable, and we wish it all success. Like

every other Society formed for a good purpose, it may not be perfect, but its aims are most commendable, and in a great measure successful. Some people are prejudiced against it, but notwithstanding this, it goes on flourishing and increasing year by year, and we trust that it will continue to do so. A move is being made at the present time by the Associates and Members of the Henley Branch to raise amongst themselves a subscription, so as to enable them to invite one or more sickly members from London to enjoy a fortnight's change of air in the country, and if possible to be present at the Festival.

SKIRMETT NEW CHURCH.

A spot has been chosen for the site of the proposed New Church. It is on the land belonging to Mr. Cripps, which is used as garden ground, just beyond Mr. Dodwell's house and premises. Mr. Lawrence, of Skirmett, who is the tenant of this particular plot of ground, has most kindly and considerably waived all claim to notice, so that the required site is actually placed in our hands at once for building purposes. We quite hope that the Church will be built and ready for use before December. We should like much to get it finished and opened by November 1st (All Saints' Day). The approach to it will be from the main road, which was greatly desired by the Skirmett people.

Since our last issue the following donations have been made or promised.

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. C. Barnett & Sons	5	0	0
R. T. Raikes, Esq., and Mrs. Raikes ...	5	5	0
Mr. George Riggs	5	0	0

If during the next six months we can raise £15 a month by private subscribers, we shall be getting on very well. The larger the gift the more it helps the fund, but the smaller gifts are *equally acceptable*. If *all* who are interested in the work will only give *according to their means* we shall be satisfied and truly thankful. We *expect* to get £70 from Church Building Societies.

CONCERT.

We hope that a Concert may be given in Hambleton Schoolroom on the Tuesday in Whitsun Week, if we are able to make the necessary arrangements. The proceeds will be devoted to the Building Fund of Skirmett Church.

THE SCHOOLS.

The time of the inspections is drawing very near. Any day after the end of June they may be held. The Rev. C. D. Du Port, who has been Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools for this District for some years past, has been transferred to another sphere of labour. We are sorry to think that he will not visit us again in his official capacity. We hope that our Schools may flourish as well under a

new Inspector as they did under the old one, but we cannot tell at present how this may be. At any rate we must be ready and prepared for his visit. Parents must do their *very utmost* to keep their children regular during the month of June, as it is of very great importance to turn the last month of the School Year to the best account possible. In the Frieth District, where, on account of illness and bad weather, the attendance was so very poor during the winter months, it is *absolutely necessary* that the *greatest regularity* should be observed, if not, the result will be disastrous to the School.

THE PARISH CHURCH.

On Whitsun Day, Collections will be made in the Parish Church towards defraying the debt in the Churchwardens' Accounts for the past year. We hope the Congregation will respond to the call, and place their Church out of debt. Before the time, a full statement will be made of the present condition of the funds.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BAPTISMS.

May 8.—Ellen Mault (privately).

May 16.—Florence May Field.

The notice has just been received from H.M. Inspector that he will visit our School on Monday, the 21st of June. It should be observed that this is a notice in which every child at the School and every parent of such child is directly interested. A good examination means an earlier exemption from the restraints of school attendance. No one wishes to hurry over the short school life of a child—indeed it would be better if it were longer—but family necessities are paramount; support is absolutely necessary, and this is often hindered when children who ought to be at work are compelled to remain at School. Some may be able to afford their children an unusual amount of education, but others are not so favourably placed; with these latter it is of importance that their children should satisfy the Government's requirements as quickly and early as possible. Let us therefore make good use of these next three weeks, in which much good work may be done. Failures to pass mean failures to work.

CONFIRMATION. Twelve Candidates—eight males and four females—were presented to the Bishop on May 7th, at Hambleden Church. This makes fourteen in all from this parish in this year.

We have been accustomed to wet weather during the last 10 years, but we shall not soon forget the extreme wetness of a fortnight in the latter part of May.