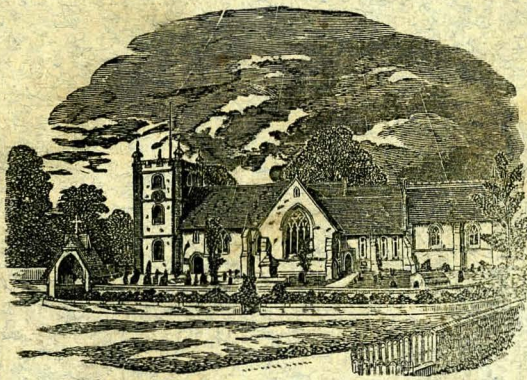


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISM.

June 6 (born March 11). Rose Eliza, daughter of Alfred and Eliza Hobbs, Chisbidge Cross.

MARRIAGES.

May 30.—John Aris to Hannah Cooper.

June 13.—William Henry Austin to Emily Barnes.

BURIAL.

June 10 (Died June 4). George Kibbles, infant, Greenwood Cottages.

Many of the readers of the Hambleton Magazine will be interested in hearing that Mr. H. Ridley was married to Miss Wake on June 1st. Immediately after the wedding, they started for New York *en route* for England; they arrived at Liverpool on June 20th, and will, in a few days, be staying at Hambleton.

SKIRMETT NEW CHURCH.

Since our last Magazine was printed, the following sums have been promised or received for the New Church, and we hope that the work will have begun before we publish another.

	£	s.	d.
Miss Ridley	10	0	0
Miss E. F. Ridley	10	0	0
Miss Wetherall	2	0	0
Rev. R. Chilton	1	1	0
Concert (subject to expenses)	7	4	0
Monthly Collection at Skirmett	1	12	5
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	£31	17	5

THE SCHOOLS.

We have not yet received official notice of the exact date of the Inspections, but they will take place very shortly. The attendance at Frieth is not at all satisfactory; when the weather was bad, and many of the children were ill, of course every allowance was made, but now the case is different, and it is very wrong that some parents should take such little pains to keep their children regular. If there are some children kept at School another year who might have passed out this summer, the blame will not rest upon the teachers, but upon *the parents*. It is quite impossible in these days to fulfil the Government requirements without *regular attendance*, for if the children do not come to School *regularly* there is little hope that they will satisfy Her Majesty's Inspector when he pays his annual visit.

CONCERT.

A very successful Concert was held in Hambleton Schoolroom, on Tuesday, June 15th. Ladies and Gentlemen willingly gave their services, and the result was some very good music, both vocal and instrumental.

The following ladies took part : Miss Smith, Miss M. Smith, Mrs. A. Dyke Acland, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Herbert Dugdale, Miss A. Bradford, Miss M. Ridley, Mrs. Maud, and Mrs. Wetherall. Several gentlemen also assisted, Rev. A. B. Mc Doughall, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Cooper, and the Rev. F. L. Nash.

All were pleased to welcome Miss M. Smith and her Violin, more especially as she was unable to take part in the Concert last January.

Several songs were *encored*, and the kindness of friends coming to assist, who lived outside the parish, was much appreciated. The sum of £7 4s. was taken for tickets, so that when the expenses are paid, a very substantial amount will remain to help the Skirmett Church Building Fund.

THE SCHOOLROOM AND POLITICS.

Last Autumn, at the time of the General Election, our Parochial Schools were closed against Politics. We have now decided to allow them to be used for Political Meetings *under certain conditions*.

Both parties will be allowed to use them on *equal terms*. Application must be made to the Rector: Of course, if this privilege is abused, and the Schools suffer in consequence, they will be closed again against all comers.

We had rather have no political meetings in the Schoolrooms, but in a country place it is very difficult to find suitable buildings for such purposes, and the consequence is that for some time past, in our own parish for example, all political committee meetings have been held at the Public Houses, and this necessity we should wish to avoid.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The Henley-on-Thames Branch of the above Society held its Annual Festival on Wednesday, June 23rd.

By the kind permission of Mr. W. H. Smith, the members assembled at 2.30 p.m. in the lovely grounds of Greenlands, where about 140 to 160 Members, and 30 Associates, partook of a sumptuous tea provided as usual by Mr. Webb, of Henley. The weather was fortunately bright and pleasant, with a fresh breeze, which prevented the sun from being too scorching. The Henley and Trinity Greys Members, together with their Associates, were brought by river in a Steam Launch, chartered for the occasion, a mode of conveyance which doubtless gave pleasure to many. All the members were in turn taken over the grounds, and were allowed to walk about the beautiful lawns. The needlework and knitting which had been done by some of the members living at home, were exhibited, together with the prizes for the same, on a table on the terrace, and were examined with great interest by all. Soon after 4 p.m., all adjourned to a place on the other side of the main road for tea, to which ample justice was done, and on returning to the lawn, after a few words of welcome from the Rector, Lady Stapleton very kindly gave away the prizes. Mrs. Pinder, the Branch Secretary, then proceeded to distribute the Premium Cards for good service during the past year, at the same time saying that more than twice as many girls had received bonuses on their savings since the last festival, as had received them

in the previous year, namely, 8 in 1885, and 17 in 1886. She also thanked the members in the name of their visitors—three over-worked or ailing sisters from London branches—for the ready way in which they had subscribed to the fund which had been started for the purpose of giving these girls a fortnight's change in the country. It is hoped much benefit may be gained by them from their sojourn in Hambleden, for this end £2 17s. 1d. has been subscribed. By this time it was necessary to start for Church, where a Special Service was to be held at 6.15 p.m. Canon Garry, Rector of St. Mary's, Reading, preached a plain and forcible sermon upon I. St. John iv., 7. He spoke of the bond of true friendship which ought to exist between the members themselves and between them and their Associates, saying how careful young women should be in choosing their friends, and what an influence for good women in general, and the Members and Associates of the Girls' Friendly Society in particular, should have on the homes of the country now and in the future. The Service was bright and hearty, and a collection was made during the singing of hymn 271, amounting to £3 1s. 4d. for the Homes of Rest Fund of the Society. It was brought to a close by the singing of the hymn "Now thank we all our God" as the Choir and Clergy passed down the Church. In less than a quarter of an hour all had dispersed, and the village was as quiet as if nothing had happened.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

The Church Improvement Fund has received since the last issue the sum of £1 0s. 6d. from a kind but anonymous donor.

Our School was examined on June 21st by S. G. Tremenheere, Esq., H.M. Inspector of Schools. The result of the examination as far as the passes are concerned was thirty-four out of a possible forty-five. There is not much to find fault with in this. The Report will not arrive just yet, but we shall doubtless receive it before the next issue.

The new room at Woodend was opened for service on June 6th, with a congregation of 70. We cannot help thinking that it will prove a boon and comfort to many persons in the more distant part of the parish. The services will be such as can be given after Medmenham Church has been cared for.

We can now look upon the Rev. S. R. Wilkinson as one of ourselves, as he was ordained Priest by the Bishop of Oxford on Trinity Sunday, and he has received his Lordship's licence to work in this parish. We have welcomed him before this, but now there will be an increased interest in his ministrations.

CRICKET. One match of local interest has been, in which we came off second best, Bisham beating us very easily on the Park Ground. We are glad to contend again with our old antagonists at Hambleden, and look forward to a couple of pleasant matches.