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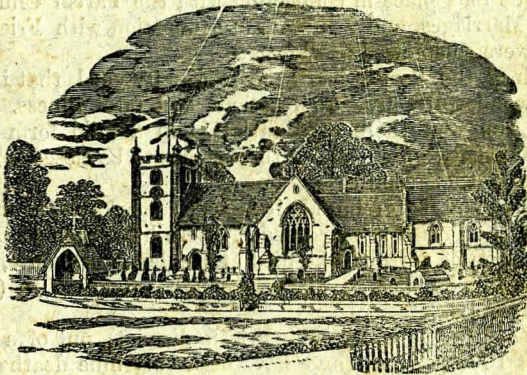
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BAPTISMS.

Dec. 23.—Katharine Ethel, daughter of George and Alice Jane Bunting. Pheasant's Hill.

MARRIAGE.

Dec. 8.—Edward Cook to Sarah Eliza Gater.

BURIAL.

Dec. 8.—Harry William Deane. Aged 6 months.

NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS.

MY DEAR FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS,

I wish you all a very Happy New Year. The old year which is just gone from us brought us many blessings, both spiritual and temporal, and I trust we are all thankful for them.

The Parish Registers reveal the following facts. There were 34 Baptisms, 10 Marriages, and 19 Burials; 21 Baptisms, 7 Marriages, and 12 Burials took place in connection with the Parish Church; 10 Baptisms, 3 Marriages, and 7 Burials in connection with Frieth; and 3 Baptisms were solemnized at Skirmett.

The health of the Parish has been unusually good, that is to say, it has been wonderfully free from serious and fatal illness. In the first half of the year there was scarlatina in a mild form both at Frieth and Skirmett, which caused the Schools to be closed for a time, but there was not one fatal case.

If we look at the list of burials it is very remarkable, so far as the lower part of the Parish is concerned. There have been 12 *only*, and of these two were of persons who died at Henley Workhouse, and one of a young man who died at Marlow though belonging to (but not living in) this Parish.

That is to say (if we except the Frieth district), out of a population of about 1000 persons, there have been only nine deaths! This speaks well for the health of the Hambleden Valley, and we ought to be very thankful!

And if we further examine the sum total of those who have passed away we see that many of them were far advanced in life and really died of natural decay; two were over 80 years of age, three were over 70, and four more were almost on the verge of 70! and so we could not expect them to live much longer!

There was, which we must not forget, one sad case of drowning in the summer, when a lad of very promising abilities met his untimely end whilst bathing at Mill End.

I will now pass on to speak of other matters. With respect to the Churches, I might say that the congregations attending them are much the same as usual—they might be better, but they might be very much worse, and so we have cause to be thankful. We are generally apt to forget that the largest congregations are not always the best. Easter, the Harvest Festival, and Christmas were well observed, if we except the congregation at Skirmett on Christmas Day, which

was very small, but this was partly accounted for as the Service had to be held at an unusual hour. The Communicants also remain much as usual. On Christmas Day, at the Parish Church, the number was greater than it has ever been before on that day. We note that the tendency continues to Communicate *early* if possible, and that the numbers at mid-day fall off in proportion. This is very satisfactory, as there is no doubt that it is far better to come early if it can be managed, but in some cases it cannot. I wish to thank all who have helped in any Church work during the past year; whatever has been the nature of that work, whether Sunday School teaching, Choir work, Bell ringing, or anything else that has been done for God and His Glory.

The Day Schools have been getting on well, and the Inspector's Reports were very satisfactory.

We are afraid that it will be necessary to enlarge the Infants' Room at Frieth in the summer, to meet the Government requirements, and we hope that there will be no difficulty in carrying out this improvement when funds are asked for to accomplish it.

The Reading Rooms at Hambleton and Frieth have been doing a useful work in the Parish, and we hope that there will be one at Skirmett also ere long. It is practically ready if some one can be found on the spot to superintend it and keep good order.

I am very much disappointed at not having yet met with a suitable Curate for Skirmett, but I hope that this difficulty will be happily surmounted with a little more patience and perseverance.

There have been Technical Classes held in the Schoolroom at Frieth, which have been much appreciated by the people there.

As the Parish Council is only just formed it will be well to wait a year before commenting upon it, as its work is in the future. We hope that it will do good and work on in harmony.

But now I must end. I might have said that the Parish Clothing Clubs and Coal Club are still very popular, and that the Missionary Societies (Home and Foreign) supported in this parish, have received a fair amount in contributions.

Wishing you every blessing which God may think well to bestow,

Believe me, as always,

Your faithful Friend and Pastor,

CHAS. M. WETHERALL.

The Rectory,

Dec. 31st, 1894.

THE SCHOOLS.

Mr. and Miss Wilson have accepted the posts of Master and Infants' Mistress at Hambleton School. They hope to enter upon their work on January 20th. They come to us with very high recommendations, and we hope that they may be happy here and prosper.

So far as the Church work goes, Miss Wilson will play the organ, and Mr. Wilson will train the Choir. There is also to be an Assistant Mistress, and this office has been filled by Miss Bern, late of Stockbridge School. We shall not require an Assistant Master. Miss Hale, the new Assistant Mistress at Frieth, has already entered upon her duties there.

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

The Services on Christmas Day were very bright and hearty, both at Hambleden and at Frieth. We are sorry that we could not do anything better for Skirmett than give the people there a Service at 9.30 a.m., but as there are at the present time only two Clergy to do all the work, this could not be helped.

All the Churches were nicely decorated for the occasion. There were altogether 141 Communicants, which is a good number for Christmas as compared with other years.

There were collections at the Parish Church for "Blankets and Coal," which realized between £8 and £9.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Christmastide has brought with it various entertainments for the amusement of the parishioners, big and small.]

A social evening at Frieth Schoolroom; a concert there also; an entertainment for School children given by Mr. Collier.

The "Institute Ball" at Hambleden; an "Institute Supper" given by Mr. Barnett at Hambleden; and last, but not least, a great treat given by Mrs. Beever at Skirmett. The latter was new, and so we specially speak of it, as we understand it gave very great pleasure.

There was first of all a good tea given in the old Chapel Schoolroom to those attending Mrs. Muirhead's and Mrs. Beever's Mothers' Meeting; and after they had been regaled, the Skirmett children had their turn, and sat down to a beautiful tea. After this was over there was a splendid Christmas tree provided in the Chapel which was simply a blaze of light, and all the lower branches were laden with presents. All the Mothers received flannel petticoats, and some old men, who were also invited, two pairs of warm stockings each. The children then were presented with various toys and gifts which gave them much happiness. This day will be long remembered by the Skirmett people, and we are sure that they are very grateful to Mrs. Beever for her kindness, and to Mrs. Muirhead also, who takes so much interest in them and gives up so much of her time for their benefit. Although Skirmett is nearly at the northern extremity of the parish it is not neglected or forgotten, and we hope it never will be!

MAGAZINES.

The various Magazines which have hitherto been distributed through Mr. and Mrs. Falkner at the School, will now be undertaken by Miss Wetherall.

The Rev. S. D. Dewey wishes to acknowledge, with many thanks, an anonymous gift that has been presented to Frieth Church in the shape of a nicely made polished box to keep the Communion Linen in. It was a need much felt.

FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1894.

<i>Subscriptions.</i>	£	s.	d.
Anon.	0	4	0
Barnett, Mrs.	0	6	0
Dugdale, Mrs.	1	0	0
Glassbrook, Mrs.	0	4	0
Gunnell, Mrs.	0	2	0
Horne, Miss	0	2	0
Myhill, Mrs.	0	2	0
Piercy, Mrs.	0	6	0
Rixon, Miss	0	2	0
West, Mr. E.	0	10	0
Westcott, Mrs.	0	2	0
Wetherall, Rev. C. M.	1	1	0
Small Sums under 2/... ..	0	3	10
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	£4	4	10

<i>Offerteries.</i>	£	s.	d.
July 22.—Hambleton	9	11	2½
Frieth	1	18	2
Nov. 30.—Frieth	0	6	6
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	£11	15	10½

<i>Boxes.</i>	£	s.	d.
Barksfield, W.	0	3	8½
Collier, Miss	0	5	8½
Courtney, Mr. A.	0	6	1½
Falkner, Mrs.	0	2	1
Keeley, George	0	2	6½
Rectory, The	0	6	10
,, Servants	0	2	1
Thatcher, Miss	0	3	2
Toovey, The Misses	0	15	10½
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Carried forward	£2	8	2

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	2	8	2
Wetherall, The Misses S. & M.	0	9	7
Wetherall, Master C. and Miss E.	0	2	9½
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	£3	0	6¾

<i>Meetings.</i>	£	s.	d.
Oct. 23.—Hambleton	1	3	4
,, 24.—Skirmett	0	10	7½
,, 25.—Frieth	0	19	0¾
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	£2	13	0¼

<i>Universities Mission to Central Africa.</i>	£	s.	d.
Boy in School	7	0	0

<i>Hospital Drug Fund.</i>	£	s.	d.
Dugdale, Miss	0	6	0
Smith, Hon. W. F. D.... ..	1	0	0
Wetherall, Mrs. C. M.	0	6	0
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	£1	12	0

<i>New Westminster Mission.</i>	£	s.	d.
Offertery—Nov. 30. Frieth	0	12	1
Box—Wetherall, R. and S.	0	14	7
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	£1	6	8

SUMMARY.

	£	s.	d.
General Fund, S.P.G.	21	14	3½
Central Africa	2	12	0
New Westminster	1	6	8
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	£24	12	11½

HAMBLEDEN PENNY BANK.

It is requested that Depositors in this Bank will bring their books to the Rectory on some Wednesday at 12 o'clock, during the month of January, that they may be made up to date, and the interest added.

MEDMENHAM.

BURIAL. Dec. 8.—Elizabeth Neville, aged 65 years.

The 4th December passed off in this Parish in a quiet and business-like way. Mr. James Brown, the Overseer, opened the Parish Meeting by stating that the first business was to elect a Chairman; accordingly, at the proposal of Mr. George Piff, and seconding of Mr. Fred. Johnson, the Rev. Walter Hill, Vicar, was without amendment voted to the Chair. The following were then with due formality elected as the five members to form the Parish Council:—Joseph Barksfield, Joseph Bird, James Brown, James Hobbs, Richard Vernon, After this the Chairman closed the Meeting.

The first Meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday, the 17th December. The business transacted was as follows:—The Councillors present signed the declaration on acceptance of office; the Rev. Walter Hill was elected Chairman; Mr. James Hobbs was appointed Vice-Chairman. It was agreed to postpone the appointment of a Clerk till the next Meeting. Mr. Richard Vernon was appointed Treasurer.

The Rev. Walter Hill has been elected a Councillor for the District Council of Hambleden.

On Thursday evening, the 20th December, through the kindness of Mrs. Scott Murray, an entertainment was permitted at St. Charles' Schoolroom, Danesfield. We have no doubt that those who had the good fortune to be present were highly gratified. Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Dick, Mrs. Hamerton, Miss Shone and Mr. Fitzhardinge Kingscote were unstinting in their talented efforts to make the entertainment the eminent success which it really was.

The proceeds were for the Village Cricket Club, and the gross receipts amounted to £1 17s. 5d.

