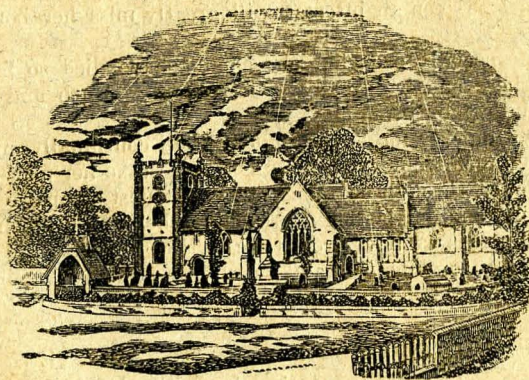


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BAPTISM.

Jan. 27.—Fanny Elizabeth, daughter of Philip and Harriet Harman, Southbrook.

BURIAL.

Jan. 16.—Ella Nicholson Coates, Henley-on-Thames ; aged 23 years.

In Memoriam.



The first month of the New Year has brought us a great sorrow. The death of Mrs. Dugdale, of Yewden Manor, after a short illness, although for some time her health has been failing, is an irreparable loss to her own family, and one that will be very truly felt by this Parish. She had indeed endeared herself to us, not only by her many acts of kindness and benevolence, but by her invariable sympathy and gentleness. She was always ready to comfort the sick and help the poor, and although on account of increasing weakness she could not go amongst them herself, her ear was ever open to their sorrows, and her hand ever stretched out to relieve them.

The sick poor have lost a true friend, and the Parish Church, in which she took so keen an interest, will greatly miss her bounteous gifts.

It seemed especially sad that she should have died so far from home, and where she had really gone to find warmth and health during the winter months.

We shall not quickly forget her, but we shall continually miss her, and it will be difficult indeed to find another to take her place.

We would offer, through our Magazine, our truest sympathy to the bereaved family, and our lasting gratitude to them, on her behalf, for the many kindnesses we have from time to time received. May God comfort them, as He alone can, and in His own good time bind up the hearts that bleed !

RESIGNATION OF MR. AND MRS. FALKNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Falkner resigned the charge of Hambleden School, after more than 30 years of faithful service, on Friday, Feb. 18th.

It was not to be supposed that they would be allowed to leave without receiving some outward recognition of their services. Before the children left at 12 o'clock, the Rector, Mrs. Wetherall and most of their family, Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. A. P. Barnett, and others, assembled in the School to witness the presentation of some very pleasing gifts, which had been got together for their acceptance. They consisted of a very handsome family Bible, and a picture of our Blessed Lord, "The Light of the World"—which had been bought with the ready offerings of the school children ; also a very handsome marble clock, and a purse containing eleven guineas, which had been raised by some of their fellow Parishioners and friends. The Rector made the presentations on behalf of those present, and Mr. Falkner suitably replied. He begged the children to remember what they had been taught, and especially to value their Bible, to behave reverently when in Church, and to honour their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Falkner have requested the Rector to thank, through the pages of this Magazine, all those who subscribed to their presents, and to say how truly they have been touched by the unexpected kindness they have received.

We all wish them much happiness in their new home, and sincerely hope that their days of retirement will be a lengthened period of quietness and peace.

Mr. and Miss Wilson have entered upon their duties both at School and in Church, and are trying their very utmost to give satisfaction, and we hope and believe that they will succeed.

CONCERT.

A Concert was given in Hambleton School Room, on Monday, Jan. 21st, which proved a very great success. We beg to thank all those who kindly helped to make it so. The proceeds are for the Choir Holiday in the summer, and as £5 14s. 9d. was taken for admission, there will be something like £5 for the Holiday Fund, as the expenses were not very large.

OUR AFRICAN BOY.

Mrs. Barnett has received the following Report for 1894—

Name, Tribe, and Age	Ngole.
Class and School...	IV. Magila.
Holy Scripture	{ Good on Ten Commandments, Creed and Lord's Prayer. Catechism, O.T. and N.T. well learnt.
Reading	Fairly distinct. Spelling very feeble.
Writing	Not over good.
Arithmetic	Fairly correct. Tables well learnt on the whole.
English	Alphabet good. Geography good.
General Character and Progress	Very good. Works well in School.

(Signed) C. W. ROBERTS.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS AT THE PARISH CHURCH, 1894.

	£	s.	d.
Feb. 4.—Church Expenses	6	8	9½
Mar. 25.—Church Expenses	8	5	5½
May 13.—Oxford Diocesan Spiritual Help Society	6	16	1
June 17.—Church Expenses	10	0	0¾
July 22.—Foreign Missions (S.P.G.)	9	11	2½
Aug. 26.—East London (Home Missions)	10	9	2¼
Sep. 16.—Church Expenses	11	15	5½
„ 30. } Reading Hospital	6	16	5
„ 30. } Agricultural Benevolent	5	16	5
Dec. 2.—Church Expenses	9	1	1
Dec. 25.—Coal and Blankets	8	9	8
	<u>£93</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>

FRIETH SCHOOL.

After next August the "New Code" will require that Object Lessons and Varied Occupations should be taught in the Standards, and not in the Infant Department only, and this will render a School Museum a necessity.

H.M. Inspector recommended Mr. West to establish a Museum at Frieth School before the examination next July, if the Managers were willing. Mr. West, in accordance with that recommendation, is making every effort to do so, and has already made a very fair start. Subscriptions or other help towards this object (however small) will be gratefully received and acknowledged by him. It is arranged to give a really first-class Entertainment in Frieth Schoolroom, on Monday and Tuesday Evening, February 25th and 26th, in aid of this object. We hope it will be well patronized and that Tickets will be bought for the sake of the cause.

Sergeant Crook, late Police Constable at Hambleden, wishes to return his best thanks to all those who so kindly subscribed towards a testimonial for him. The sum of £7 was raised, for which he is very grateful.

MEDMENHAM.

BAPTISMS.

January 6.—Edith Ethel Bradfield.
,, 13.—John Alfred Jacobs (Privately).
,, 27.—Ellen Eacott.

BURIAL.

January 17.—John Alfred Jacobs, aged 11 weeks.

The usual Service was held in Church on Wednesday Evening, January 16th, for the Choir, Ringers, etc. The Vicar took the opportunity, according to his custom, of addressing those present on their Church work and the privilege of taking part in it; the responsibility of example, and the necessity of offering one's best efforts. The rest of the evening was spent at the Vicarage, where a supper of old-fashioned Christmas fare was provided.

At the coming Confirmation on the 9th, at Great Marlow, our numbers will fall somewhat short of those we hoped to see presented. This is owing to changes and removals of candidates from the Parish. At this time we are sure the Candidates will have the prayerful thoughts of all of us.

There is a proposal on foot (which has not yet formed itself into a scheme) for instituting a Fife and Drum Band in this village. Several of the young men are anxious to give their services. Before asking for support for such a proposal, it is necessary to look at the matter from several points of view, namely, cost, available talent, and Rules of Order.

The grievous shadow which has fallen upon our neighbours at Hambleden reaches to Medmenham, which on many occasions has received quiet tokens of beneficence from Yewden Manor.