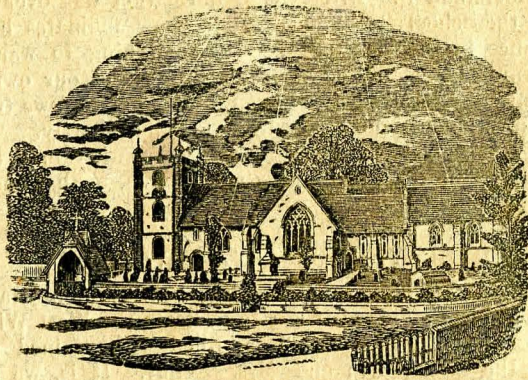


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BAPTISM.

Feb. 24.—Hugh Grahame, son of Stanley Daws and Rosie Dewey,
Frieth Parsonage.

BURIALS.

Feb. 8.—Brian Edward Deane, Huttons, aged 8 months.
,, 8.—William Austin, Skirmett, aged 86 years.
,, 23.—Florence Mary Belcher, aged 8 years.

CONFIRMATION.

The Confirmation was held in Hambleden Church according to notice on Saturday, Feb. 9th. The weather was bitterly cold, but it was fine.

A large number of Candidates were Confirmed, sixty-six from our own parish, and fifty-seven from other parishes, namely, Lane End, Turville, Fingest, and Ibstone. The Bishop of Oxford gave an exceedingly good address, being perfectly plain and simple, so that all could understand it. After the Confirmation was over tea was provided in the School Room, as many of the Candidates had come a long distance in the cold and needed something to warm them before returning home. A considerable number of our own Candidates have already received their first Communion, and we trust that those who have not yet done so will be coming shortly. May God give them grace to walk in the right way! or rather may they use the grace, which we trust has been *already* given, to that end!

DEDICATION OF A NEW WINDOW.

The Bishop of Reading spent Sunday, Feb. 17th, in Hambleden parish. The object of his visit was to dedicate the West Window of the Parish Church, which had been filled with stained glass in memory of the late Canon and Mrs. Ridley. It is, we think, a beautiful window, and Messrs. Clayton & Bell, of Regent Street, London, to whom the work was entrusted, have executed it very satisfactorily.

The two main lights represent events mentioned in S. John xxi. The first recalls our Blessed Lord's act in giving St. Peter the solemn charge to feed His lambs; the second, the second miraculous draught of fishes, in which St. Peter is seen "dragging the net to land full of great fishes," and our Lord standing on the shore hard by. Above these two lights are cherubs holding scrolls, on which are written texts belonging to the subjects below, and in the small light at the top of the window is a representation of the lamb. Beneath the window, but printed on the glass, is the following inscription:

"To the glory of God and in loving memory of William Henry and Sophia Albertina Ridley. This window is dedicated by their children."

As twelve years ago the Tower was raised and embellished by parishioners and others as a mark of loving respect to the late Rector, it is particularly appropriate that this window should be placed by his family in the tower, as it makes the memorial in every way complete.

The Bishop of Reading most kindly took a large share in the Services on Feb. 17th (the 13th Anniversary of Canon Ridley's death). He Celebrated the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, at which there were 40 Communicants; he gave an address before the Dedication Service; preached at Frieth in the afternoon; and again at Hambleton in the evening. At the close of the Service he said a few kind and encouraging words to the Choir in the Vestry. Of course there were good congregations, but the Evening Service was the best attended of all, which is often the case at this time of the year. Some of us, at any rate, will long look back to this day with great gratitude and pleasure.

MISS WILSON.

Miss Wilson, our Infants' Mistress at Hambleton, and Organist at the Parish Church, is prepared to give lessons in music (piano, organ, and singing) at moderate terms. Will any who wish for these apply to her personally at the School? It is as well to add that children *attending the School* will be taught at a lower rate if any of their parents wish them to have private instruction.

ENTERTAINMENT AT FRIETH.

A very pleasing and successful entertainment was given at Frieth in the Schoolroom on Feb. 25th and 26th. It was of a very varied nature, and was almost all carried out by the School Children, under the management of Mr. West and his Assistant Teachers. The entertainment consisted of various kinds of drills, old English games, may-pole dancing, &c., and everyone who was present considered it, we believe, quite excellent. The order of the children, and the perfect time kept by them in their drill exercises, were very striking; and even the infants performed their parts as if they had been before the public many times already.

As such exercises as these now form a part of the regular School work, no one can say that the time was wasted in bringing this entertainment to such a point of perfection. We heartily congratulate Mr. West upon the result, and we think that the musical drill which has been learnt by the children will be much appreciated by H.M. Inspector when he visits the School next summer.

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MEDMENHAM.

BURIAL. Jan. 31.—Elizabeth Ward, aged 12 years.

The winter, which is not yet over, will have a distinguished place in the annals of our country; first with floods that were almost unparalleled, and later with frosts severe and continuous. The cold has been excessive, reaching several degrees below zero. No doubt we shall have exact statements given to us, but we believe that there has been no winter since 1838-39 with the temperature so low.

By the great kindness of Mrs. Scott Murray another entertainment was permitted on the 8th Feb. at St. Charles Schoolroom, Danesfield. The object this time was assistance towards the payment of arrears in parish matters. The concert, for such it really was, was throughout most spirited and well sustained. It was a great delight to see Mr. H. Cottrell so constantly coming forward, and to hear his songs and recitations. But the efforts of the other performers, each and all, were eminently successful. The result, after paying expenses, was £2 to the object stated above.

The Lord Bishop of Oxford held a Confirmation at the Parish Church, Great Marlow, on Feb. 9th. There were eleven Candidates from Medmenham—7 boys and 4 girls. We were certainly sorry for one thing—that the long existing connection with Hambleton in the holy Rite of Confirmation should have been severed. We know, however, that the disposition rests neither with them nor with us.

A good many of our people shewed their long attached sympathy by attending the Services at Hambleton on February 17th, when the memorial window, erected to the memory of the late Canon and Mrs. Ridley, was unveiled. We do not forget that it was among his many kindnesses that Mr. Ridley allowed us to have a corner in his Parish Magazine.

The lads have reason to be encouraged so far by the support rendered to them in their scheme of getting up a Fife and Drum Band. We hope as we think, that they will be able to carry out the idea, and form themselves into a creditable band.