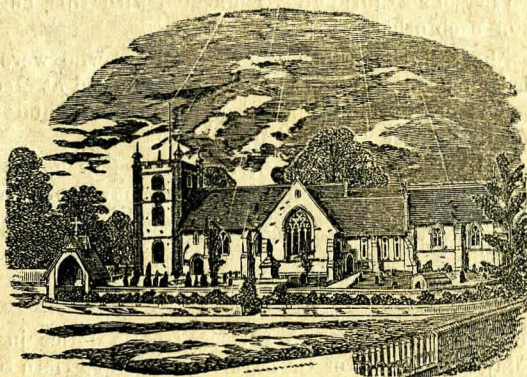


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BAPTISM.

May 30.—Norman, son of William John and Rosa Pitcher. Colstrop.

MARRIAGE.

June 3.—William Shepherd to Minnie Heath.

BURIAL.

June 8.—Harry Fluter. Aged 51.

Since the issue of our last Magazine two very sad deaths have taken place from drowning in the River Thames. The circumstances are now so well known that it is unnecessary to recall them. Fredk. Shervall lived in the Parish, although he was buried at Medmenham, and Harry Fluter, although he did not actually reside in the Parish, had only left it a few years ago, and was still working at Greenlands.

It is seldom the case that two such sad events happen in such quick succession, connected with those with whom we have to do; in fact, never do we remember two deaths from drowning to have befallen two persons so intimately connected with this Parish within a few days of each other.

William Shervall, the father of one of those who were drowned, has also died during the past month, and was buried at Medmenham. He was a type of the old-fashioned labouring man, and was much respected for his honest work and upright character.

Matilda Holland, who formerly lived in this Parish, has died, and was buried at Fingest. She and her husband have both passed away in what we may almost call mid-life, and leave a large, though scattered, family behind them.

THE SCHOOLS.

We have been rather taken by surprise from a notice just received from Her Majesty's Inspector that Hambleden and Frieth Schools are to be inspected on July 2nd and 3rd. This is considerably earlier than usual, and as the School year does not end until June 30th it gives very little time to get all the papers and accounts ready; but it must be done.

We hope that parents will not be in a hurry to take their children away from School before the holidays begin, as if they do this it so sadly lowers the average of attendances, and as the holidays will begin in time for harvest and will last four or five weeks, surely they will be long enough for all intents and purposes.

Mr. Vernon, Architect, of High Wycombe, has prepared plans for the enlargement of the Infants' School at Frieth. They have yet to be approved by the Education Department, and we shall not know the cost of the work before next week. We hope that there will be no difficulty in finding the money, as it is a work that *must* be done. If we have to *borrow* the money the debt will only be a drag upon us, and in a Parish of this kind it ought not to be necessary.

Several of the School Managers happen to be away just now, but Mr. Cripps, Mr. Scott-Murray, Mr. Mason, and the Rector have carefully examined the plans, and, although they are sorry that the work is necessary, there is no doubt that Frieth School will be much improved by the additions.

HOLIDAY.

The members of Frieth Choir, and the Teachers at the Sunday School, had a capital holiday on Monday, June 24th. They left Frieth at 7 o'clock and were driven to Marlow Station, which they left at 8.8 for London.

Arriving at Paddington about 9.30, they travelled to Portland Road by the Underground Railway and walked from thence to the Zoological Gardens, a few preferring to go instead to Lord's Cricket Ground to see a match between Middlesex and Surrey. About an hour and a half was spent in the Gardens and then a return was made to Portland Road where a very good dinner had been provided at a Restaurant close by; after dinner, tickets were taken to Addison Road, and we very soon found ourselves at "Olympia," where the afternoon was spent very pleasantly. We were fortunate in being allowed (through the kind intervention of one of the members of the choir) three shilling tickets at one shilling each, which gave us splendid places for the grand performance in the afternoon, and it is needless to say was much appreciated by all. At five o'clock we went to tea—and a capital tea it was—provided for us at 9d. per head. About seven o'clock we returned to Paddington and got back to Marlow about 9.30, and so home. We are sure that all enjoyed their outing extremely, and as, of course, the weather was fine, there was nothing to spoil it. The arrangements were ably carried out by Mr. Dewey who was most active in looking after all details. Some of the money required for the trip had been raised by Entertainments, and some had been given by friends. We are sure that for the gifts received the choir and school teachers return their very best thanks.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The Henley-on-Thames branch of the above society are going to keep their festival at Greenlands this year on July 18th, through the kindness of Mr. and Lady Esther Smith. Mrs. Pinder, the Branch Secretary, is, we regret to say, too unwell to undertake the arrangements of the gathering as usual and so they will be carried out by Mrs. Wetherall who has been asked to take her place.

The order of the day will be as follows:—

- 2.0 p.m.—Associates and members to assemble in the Park near the Tent.
- 4.0 p.m.—Tea will be served in the Tent.
- 5.0 p.m.—Distribution of Premium Cards and Needlework Prizes. Branch Report read.
- 6.15 p.m.—Short and special Service in Hambleden Church, with an address by the Rev. J. Mander, Vicar of Stokenchurch.

Immediately after Service the associates and members will return to their respective homes in their various conveyances.

HAMBLEDEN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The children of the Sunday School received their annual Prizes on Trinity Sunday, which consisted principally of very nicely bound Bibles and Prayer Books. The attendance through the year has been on the whole very good.

During July and August the *Afternoon* Sunday School will be discontinued, and during August the School will be entirely closed.

MEDMENHAM.

BAPTISMS. June 1.—Mark Hudson Kearley.
,, 9.—Albert Oxlade.

BURIALS. June 4.—Edmund Shurvell, aged 76.
,, 7.—Frederick Shurvell, aged 42.

Edmund Shurvell, though lately of Hambleton, was by birth and earlier residence a thorough Medmenham man. He was much respected by his employers and neighbours. The death of his son Frederick, when going round to make arrangements for the funeral of his father was very sad and tragic.

Our School has, within the last few weeks, been through the two Examinations under Government Inspection; the first in Drawing, the second in general work. No Report has yet come of either ordeal, so we cannot venture to express an opinion as to what the results may be.

A most successful Concert (we quite agree with the *South Bucks Standard*) was given in the Schoolroom on the evening of June 5th. Miss Browne, of Rose Hill House, most kindly secured the success of the Entertainment by bringing over her amateur choir. The Rev. G. E. Aickin, of Wargrave, was another new and most welcome acquisition. Mr. Desanges and Mr. Fitz-Roy Bagot, from the Vicarage, gave recitations and realistic descriptions respectively. These were features of absorbing interest. Mr. R. Vernon was as deservedly popular as ever; while Miss Mary and Master James Hobbs delighted the audience. Miss Spackman and Miss F. Hobbs sang with feeling and sweetness; and Mr. Spowart gave one of the best of readings from Tennyson.

At last the long drought shows signs of ceasing. We shall all be glad, especially those of us who cultivate gardens and farms, to have refreshing showers.