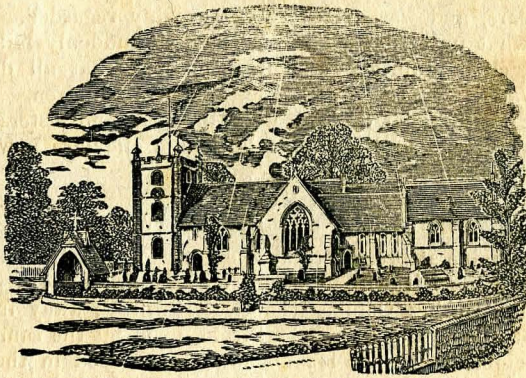


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*At Frieth.*

### BAPTISMS.

July 14.—Daisy Olive, daughter of John and Daisy Ethel Carr, Frieth.

Aug. 18.—Louisa, daughter of Charles and Annie Wakefield, Moor's End.

„ 18.—Phyllis Mary Rose, daughter of James and Elizabeth Hobbs, Moor's End.

### MARRIAGES.

Aug. 3.—Frank John Dawson to Johanna Wilhelmina Flora Prather.  
*At Frieth.*

„ 10.—Henry Deane to Annie Wing.

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### IN MEMORIAM.

There are still a good number of people residing in Hambleden who remember the family of Parncotts, which lived at Mill-end. They were much respected in the place. We have lately received the sad news that John Parncott (who used to be a member of our Choir, and was educated at our Schools) died at the end of July at Croft, near Darlington. He had been in charge of a School there for 13 years, and was evidently very highly regarded. His death was somewhat unexpected, but his strength suddenly failed after a severe attack of quinsey, when it was hoped that all danger was passing away. He leaves a wife and two children. We truly sympathize with them, and with his brothers and sisters, who still take a real interest in Hambleden, although they are now scattered far and wide from their old home.

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### HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

We are unable at present to fix the date for the Harvest Thanksgiving. We hope it will be either on the 3rd or 4th Sunday in September. During October the Rector will be away from home. This is not a bountiful harvest, far from it, but at the same time we must remember that there is an abundance of food in the world at large, although locally our own harvest may be far below the average. We are glad that there is such an improvement in the grass and root crops, so that the cattle will have plenty of autumn keep.

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### CRICKET.

There have been several cricket matches during the past month, in which success has fairly well distributed its honours amongst the various teams. There are now four clubs in the parish, which have their respective centres at Greenlands, Hambleden, Frieth, and Skirmett. The Hambleden Club, which is new this year, and so has everything to buy in the way of bats and balls, &c., *is in great need of funds.*

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### HAMBLEDEN AND FRIETH SCHOOLS.

#### *Urgent Appeal.*

The work at Frieth School is well in hand, and we hope will be finished in a few weeks. We now want the money to pay for it.

There is also some work in hand at Hambleden in connexion with the Master's house. We want to raise £200 at once, £100 has been already promised by two kind and liberal donors. We hope that the rest will soon be forthcoming, as we do not wish to have to borrow the money, and then to have a debt hanging over the Schools which *must* be paid off sooner or later. Please help us to accomplish this worthy object.

We are able to give the Inspector's Reports of the Schools. Although they might be better, our grants are good, and that at Frieth higher than it has been for some years past, notwithstanding the partial failure in the Infants' School. In the bigger school we earned 19/6 per head, which is a high grant. We have also received the Reports of the Drawing Examinations. We are marked "Good" in both schools against "Fair" last year.

#### REPORTS.

*Hambleden.*—"The School is pleasantly conducted, and the children are in good discipline. Arithmetic is inaccurate in the First, Second, and Fifth Standards; but otherwise the Elementary instruction is very satisfactory. English is good in the lower Standards, and fair in the higher, but moderate in the Fourth Standard. Geography has been well taught except in the Second and Third Standards. Recitation, Singing, and Needlework are good."

*Infants' Class.*—"The infants are brightly managed, and have been very well instructed in the Elementary subjects. The Manual occupations are too limited in number, and in the treatment of these and of the Object lessons the children's powers of observation are but slightly called into play. Irregular answering should be checked. The first class desks are very unsteady." Grant £84-10.

*Frieth School.*—"The severity of the past winter has no doubt told against this school. Reading, Handwriting, and Composition are pretty good, but Spelling, though good in the Fourth Standard, is weak in the Third Standard, and very poor in the Second. In Arithmetic there is a preponderance of unsound work, the Second and Third Standard alone acquitting themselves satisfactorily. Recitation is fairly said. English and Geography have on the whole been creditably taught, but Map drawing should improve. Needlework is good."

*Infants' Class.*—"Reading has not been well taught, but otherwise the Elementary instruction is on the whole satisfactory. The Object lessons are well given, and the Kindergarten occupations very fairly conducted in the upper division, but in the lower they are far too limited, and need more educative treatment. Needlework is very good. The discipline is not at all satisfactory." Grant £93-16.

We hope that the weak points will be strengthened during the coming year, and we think there is no doubt of this, as we are making a re-arrangement in the staff of Teachers and in the division of their work, which will doubtless accomplish this.

#### SCHOOL FEAST.

A very successful School Feast took place at Hambleden on the breaking-up day, August 1st.

The Day and Sunday School children all took part in it. The tea was served on the Rectory lawn, and the games were held in the meadow. There were many races and other amusements, and we think the children were well satisfied with their holiday.

## MEDMENHAM.

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It was a kind thought of the Committee of the Marlow Horticultural Society to give the people of Medmenham the opportunity of exhibiting specimens of fruit, flowers, and needlework at their Show in Lady Higginson's grounds on Wednesday, Aug. 21st. Our people responded to the somewhat sudden and altogether unexpected invitation with much alacrity, and we were glad to see with great success. To begin with, the garden of John Russell, of Bockmore End, is thus mentioned in the report of the Judges: "All the gardens exhibited were well cared for . . . Russell's garden was by far the best in any of these classes, and would certainly have gained the first prize if the classes had been amalgamated." As it was he did gain the first prize in his own class. Among others, Harry Carpenter did very well, as also did Edith Austin and Alfred Smallbones. On the whole Medmenham has reason to be much encouraged by its success.

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A very nice Concert was given in the Schoolroom on Monday, August 19th. Of the proceeds, over £2, the chief part went to the Band Fund. The Band's performances were much admired by the crowded audience; and kind friends, old and new, assisted in making the evening the success it was. The room as usual was very prettily decorated by the willing hands of Miss White and the children.

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The School soon will begin again in earnest. We hope that parents will be careful to send their children punctually and regularly.

