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### BAPTISMS.

- Aug. 31.—Doreen Evelyn, daughter of Julius George and Mary Hester Ohlenschlager. Twickenham.
- Sept. 1.—Harry, son of Arthur and Louisa Cook. Huttons.
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- „ 13.—Stephen Henry, son of Stephen Henry Broughan and Mary Charlotte Pettifore. Pheasants' Hill.
- „ 15.—Edith Mary, daughter of William and Annie Atkins. Mill End.
- „ 24.—Norah, daughter of Augustus Parker and Ellen Barnett. The Howe.

#### *At Frieth.*

Henry Thomas, son of Thomas and Susanna Brown. Spurgrove.

### BURIALS.

- Sept. 5.—Annie Louisa Courtney. Hambleden. Aged 25.
- „ 13.—Stephen Henry Pettifore. Pheasants' Hill. Aged 6 months.

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We all sympathize with Mrs. Courtney and her family most sincerely in the loss they have sustained. It is a trial indeed to be called upon to part with two dear daughters within eight months of each other, but "God's ways are not our ways!" There is this happy thought still left to comfort those who mourn, that they are "not lost but only gone before!"

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### THE RECTOR.

The news that the Rector had accepted another Living, and would shortly be leaving Hambleden, naturally took the Parish by surprise.

He hopes and prays that this step may be all for the best, but it will be a tremendous trial to him and Mrs. Wetherall to leave such a dear home and to separate themselves from so many true friends and neighbours.

Already most kind letters have been received from many in the Parish, and from outside the Parish, expressing the sincere regrets of the writers at the coming change! This is, indeed, however undeserved it may be, a true consolation. As the Rector will have a more fitting opportunity bye-and-bye of wishing his parishioners farewell, he will not dwell longer on this subject at present, enough to say now that it is not from any lack of love either for Hambleden, or its people, that he is going to leave them. It is simply because that under the circumstances he thinks he *ought* to go! He is going from one dear home to another (where his father was Rector and where he himself was born), and there is some satisfaction in this. There will always be room in his heart for both!

## THE SCHOOLS.

The work at Frieth School is drawing near to completion, and a wonderful improvement it will be. More money is *sadly wanted* to meet the liability involved by the undertaking. £115 has already been subscribed but we want £200 altogether—and so where is the £85 still wanted coming from? The Rector hopes that through the kindness of friends and parishioners he will be able to clear up this matter before he leaves the Parish.

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## HARVEST FESTIVALS.

The Harvest Festival in the Parish Church was held on Sunday, September 15th. The weather was glorious; and we think that the Services were bright and beautiful. The Church looked quite its best, and the congregations both morning and evening were very large. There were no special preachers this year, the Rector preached in the morning, and the Rev. S. D. Dewey in the evening. The collections, which were for the Royal Benevolent Institution and the Reading Hospital, realized between £9 and £10—but some of our wealthier parishioners were absent from home.

The Festival at Skirmett was observed on the following Sunday. The evening congregation was a very good one although not quite so large as last year and the year before. The Rector preached, the sermon in the morning having been preached by the Rev. L. Lewis. The collection was over £1—and the Church as usual was very prettily decorated.

The Harvest Festival at Frieth is fixed for Thursday next, September 26th, and will be continued on the following Sunday, and so it will probably have taken place before this Magazine has been circulated.

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## THE CLUBS.

The last payments for the General Clothing Club must be made on the last Monday in October. The tickets will be given out *at the Rectory* on the first Monday in November from 11 to 1 o'clock. On that day tickets may be had for *Coal* at 8/- for the half ton. The Rector and Mrs. Wetherall hope to wind up all the Club Accounts for this year as usual.

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It was stated in the last Magazine that the Rector would be away from home during the month of October; now that circumstances are changed he is not likely to be absent for more than two Sundays.

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There is another word to add. The Patron of the Living of Hambleden is Mr. H. C. M. Ridley, the only son of the late Rector, now living in British Columbia. It devolves, therefore, upon him to nominate the new Rector. This is a grave responsibility, and as he is living so far away it makes the responsibility still greater. Will not *all* pray that God will help him to choose wisely and well so that a faithful and discreet man may be sent to watch over this important Parish!

## MEDMENHAM.

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### BAPTISM.

September. 6.—William Alfred Lowe (privately).

### BURIAL.

September. 9.—William Alfred Lowe, aged 12 days.

We have heard with much concern of the resignation of his Rectory by the Rector of Hambleden. Mr. Wetherall has always been the kindest of neighbours, and to Medmenham he has extended the utmost courtesy. He will carry away with him the sincerest good wishes for the happiness and welfare of himself and his family.

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The Harvest Thanksgiving was held on Sunday, September 22nd. The Church was particularly bright and well prepared, and the Services were well attended. The collections, amounting to £4 5s. were given—£3 5s. to the Berkshire Hospital, and £1 to the Cottage Hospital at Marlow. Throughout the Festival there was the chastened sense of local dearth in the midst of general abundance.

And still further when the Parish is in the throes of changefulness, when old and honoured associations are being broken up, from no one could the cloud of sadness be altogether lifted. We are deeply sensible of what we owe to those who have for generations maintained the kindest interest and studied regard for the peace and prosperity of Medmenham. Sacrificing generously thought, time and means to that high purpose. Who has not noted the examples of industry, the consideration for the poor, the attention to the sick and the aged? We can but hope devoutly that every blessing will attend those who after living amongst us in such a spirit and practice, are now by circumstances moved from our midst.

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The excessive heat of September following upon a remarkably dry summer will make 1895 a year of remembrance.

