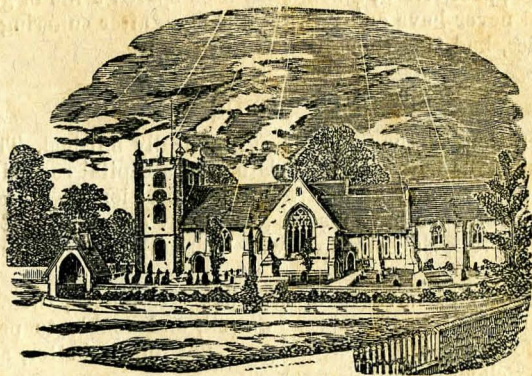


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### BAPTISMS.

Oct. 27.—Lewis Frank, son of James and Kate Harriet Green. Pheasant's Hill.

*At Frieth.*

Oct. 13.—Arthur Eli, son of Charles and Mary Higgs. Moor's End.

„ 13.—Harold, son of Frederick William and Annie Bond.

### BURIALS.

Oct. 2.—Harry Doubleday. Hambleden. Infant.

„ 9.—Herbert William Meads. Hambleden. Infant.

„ 18.—George Stallwood. Skirmett. Aged 19.

Much sympathy was felt for the parents of George Stallwood at the sad loss of their only son. The untoward accident he met with in July is only too well known. He was accidentally shot and lost one eye, besides receiving terrible wounds in other parts of his face, and a severe injury to the other eye. After being some time an inmate of Reading Hospital, where he received great kindness and attention, he returned home and began work, but quickly caught cold, and the result was that lockjaw set in, and after a week of much suffering, he died in his own home. We are truly sorry for his parents and sisters, but we trust, poor fellow, that he has been spared a life of great trial, as he could never have enjoyed his life here, after suffering such terrible injuries, had God thought well to spare it.

### THE SCHOOLS.

The alterations at the Schools are practically finished. The infants are now using the new room at Frieth, and a capital room it is. We still want more money as we are not in a position at present to discharge the debt. We have received in money or promises £130. We want £70 more. Subscriptions will be thankfully received by the Rector.

We are sorry to have to report that Mr. Wilson, the Master at Hambleden School, has been very unwell, and unable to perform his duties for four weeks. He is, however, now much better, and hopes to get into School again this week.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLOTHING CLUB.

Tickets for clothes will be given out to the members of the above-named Club at the Rectory on Monday, Dec. 9th, at 12 o'clock. The Rector hopes that this date will be *especially noticed* as it is one week *later than usual*.

### THE READING ROOMS.

The Reading Rooms at Hambleden and Frieth have been re-opened some few weeks. We hope to be able to report next month that one has been opened also at Skirmett. It is a long promise, but difficulties have hitherto rather obstructed the way to its fulfilment. We trust that if this boon is granted to Skirmett the young men there will appreciate it and make good use of it. As the room is the Rector's private property he only grants the use of it on the understanding that it is used properly. A well-organized Reading Room is a great advantage to any village, a rowdy one is worse than useless.

We beg to wish the Vicar of Medmenham, through the medium of our Magazine, many years of happiness on his marriage with Miss Somers Cocks. Hambleden and Medmenham are near neighbours, and what affects the one place or the other, for joy or sorrow, seems in a measure to affect both. We hope this mutual sympathy will long continue.

An interesting ceremony is to take place at Frieth Church on All Saints' Day. A new Pulpit and Lectern are to be dedicated to the Glory of God by the Rector, and used for the first time. They are both carved oak and have been made at Frieth. We think they are exceedingly nice, and well worthy of the Church in which they are to be placed. The Pulpit is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Collier, in memory of their two little boys who died a few years ago, and the Lectern is a present to the Church by Mr. Dewey, the father of the Curate-in-charge there. These new gifts to the furniture of the Church will add greatly to the already pretty interior of the sacred building. The Pulpit and Lectern, which have hitherto been used there, are to be removed to the Church at Skirmett.

#### COAL CLUB.

The Coal Club will be carried on, as usual, this year. The Rector, however, wishes the people to understand that they may not be able in the future to receive *extra cheap* tickets as hitherto, but may have to pay the full price of each ticket. Through the kindness of friends, and through one especially who is gone from us, the Rector has been enabled to give year by year great advantages to those in need in the way of *free* or *cheap* coal tickets. This may, or may not be, the case in the future, but he does not wish any one to consider this advantage in any way as a *right*, for it is really a *simple charity*. The coal tickets in themselves, when the *full* price is paid, are a great boon, as through the kindness of Mr. Scott-Murray, they are several shillings cheaper per half-ton than the usual price of coal in this parish.

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL.

We had almost forgotten to mention the Harvest Festival at Frieth, it was held too late to be noticed in the last Magazine. The first Service took place on Thursday evening, Sept. 26th, at seven o'clock. It was well attended, but probably the attendance would have been still larger if the Service had been held half-an-hour later. The Church was unusually well decorated and looked quite its best. There was a Special Preacher and the Choir sang an anthem. The Festival was continued on the following Sunday, and the Collections, as in the other Churches, were devoted to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and the Reading Hospital.

#### UNIVERSITIES' MISSION TO CENTRAL AFRICA.

Mrs. Barnett has asked us to append the School Report of our "African Boy," who is now being educated by the Universities' Mission. We are sorry that we forgot to insert it last month.

Name, tribe, and age—Ngole. Class and School—IV., Magila. Holy Scripture—Not examined this Term. Catechism: Old and New Testament—*Excellent*. Reading—*Very good*. Writing, &c.—*Good*. Geography—*Very good*. Arithmetic—Fair; Tables—*Good*. English, Reading—*Very good*. General character and progress—Came out fifth in his Class; has now gone up into the Third Class.

(Signed) C. W. ROBERTS.

We have been requested to state that the amount collected at Hambleden Lock on July 7th (the Sunday before the Henley Regatta) for the Royal Berkshire Hospital was **£10 12s. 5d.**

Those who hold Missionary Boxes are requested to send them *very punctually* to the Rectory this year to be emptied. They are due on December 1st.

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## MEDMENHAM.

### BAPTISM.

Ada Beatrice, daughter of John William and Beatrice Russell,  
Bockmore End.

### MARRIAGE.

Oct. 24.—Walter Hill to Alice Agneta Cocks.

On Wednesday Oct. 9th, the Choir, numbering 14, were taken by the Vicar to Oxford. Though the weather was alarmingly threatening, it yet held up, and in no way interfered with movement. Many of the Colleges were visited, and other places of interest, including the riverside, with its wonderful line of College Barges. What seemed as interesting as anything was the great Bell at Christ Church. The Service at the Cathedral was purposely made the chief feature of the day, and we were well assured that it served as a great pleasure besides being a most useful instruction. There was no hitch in the carrying out of the programme, and all seemed to appreciate the holiday.

Amid the universal rejoicings and congratulations in the county and neighbourhood on the marriage of Mr. Hill and Miss Somers Cocks, not the least of course were those in the beloved Vicar's own parish. Medmenham bells rang merrily during the day, and at night the band played its best music through the village, and its procession with laurelled flag, lanterns, etc., betokened and gave expression to the good feelings and good wishes of all of us on this happy occasion. Among the many beautiful wedding gifts received, not the least gratifying and welcome was the "Medmenham Present" of silver salt cellars, tea spoons, and heart match box, all most useful as well as ornamental. It only remains now to wish Mr. and Mrs. Hill every joy and blessing in their new life, which there is no doubt one and all most sincerely do.

A meeting (which it is earnestly hoped will be well attended, and so, successful) is to be held (D.V.) in our School on Wednesday, November 6th, at 7 p.m. Mr. Ruddock, from Melanesia (a most interesting field of work) will tell us what he has done there, and what we perhaps may do to help him or others in carrying the Gospel to the heathen, so many of them only *waiting* for teachers to be sent to them. There will probably be lantern pictures shewn, and the band will come to assist with the Missionary Hymns which will be sung. No charge for admission, and all are invited and asked to bring their friends too with them.