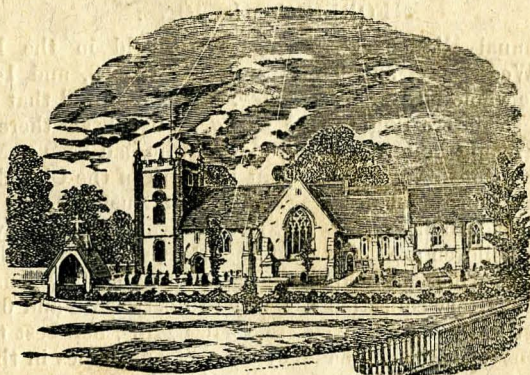




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### BAPTISMS.

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

November 3.—Phyllis Sarah, daughter of George and Alice Marie Batchelor, The Built.

November 17.—Eva, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth Partridge, Hambleden.

#### *At Frieth.*

November 24.—Edith Emily, daughter of Stephen and Rosa Cook, Pheasants.

### MARRIAGES.

November 20.—William Worthington to Frances Ann Hare.

November 25.—John Allen Plumb to Ella Frances Harris.

### BURIAL.

November 29.—William Read, Mill End, Aged 76.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Annual Missionary Meetings were held in the Parish on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Nov. 12, 13, and 14. They were on the whole fairly well attended. We are afraid that they were not quite so interesting to the *young* as usual as there were no pictures or magic lantern. Mr. Ruddock, who had been a Missionary in Melanesia, told us especially about the work of the Church in those Islands which form Melanesia, to the East of Australia.

We are glad to hear that at Frieth on the last Sunday in every month the children are going to bring their pence and half-pence to their Service, which is held in the afternoon, for Missionary work. Their first offertory collection amounted to between 5 and 6 shillings.

Mrs. Wetherall has received from Miss Mills, her best thanks for the Kisibans which were made by some of the ladies in this Parish and sent out some months ago to Central Africa.

### SKIRMETT READING ROOM.

This Reading Room was opened on Monday, Nov. 4th, and we are glad to say that at present it is going on very nicely. There are now about 20 members—a very good number considering the size of the place. We are also very glad to hear that the younger members are conducting themselves quietly. Last evening, when the Rector called in, all was going on satisfactorily and a very fair number were present.

### RUMMAGE SALE.

A Sale of the above description was held in the School-room at Hambleden on Saturday, November 23rd. There were a good many buyers, and the proceeds will be a little over £11 when the expenses, which are very small, have been deducted. This sum will go to the School towards the expenses of the alterations at Frieth and Hambleden.

Miss Greenwood, of Turville, has been chosen as Mistress of the little School at Skirmett. She is already at work there.

Nothing is decided at present respecting the new Rector of Hambleden, and so we have nothing to report. Mr. Ridley is most carefully considering the matter and is most anxious to make an appointment that will be agreeable to the parishioners, and to choose somebody who is well suited to the needs and traditions of the Parish.

The present Rector will probably leave in January, but not until the 3rd or 4th week. He is deferring his institution to the Living of Rushton as long as he possibly can, as the Bishop of Oxford has expressed a wish that this Living may not be left long vacant.

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#### THE MAGAZINE.

We shall be glad if all those who have not yet paid for this year's Magazine, will kindly do so early this month that the accounts may be made up.

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#### MISSIONARY BOXES.

We hope that those who hold Missionary boxes will send them to the Rectory to be emptied as soon as possible. Dec. 1st is the day that they are due.

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#### THE BISHOP OF READING.

It may be known to some of our readers that the Bishop of Reading (late Archdeacon of Buckingham), has accepted the Archdeaconry of Oxford to which a Canonry is attached in Christ Church Cathedral. He is well known and much respected in this Parish, and will, we hope, be seen amongst us in the future, as in the past, as Bishop Suffragan. The new Archdeacon of Buckingham is the Rev. C. F. J. Bourke, Rector of Truro, and formerly of St. Giles', Reading.

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### MEDMENHAM.

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#### BAPTISM.

Nov. 17.—Emily Elizabeth, daughter of Abraham and Lydia Ashby. Whittington, Medmenham.

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A large and attentive audience assembled in the Schoolroom on Nov. 6th, to hear the address (a most interesting one, all agree) given by Mr. Ruddock, on his work and experiences in the Melanesian Islands. The hymns, led by the band, were well taken up, and altogether we may, perhaps, look on this meeting as the beginning of a revived Missionary feeling amongst us, which we must try and not let die down again.

The usual Sermons will be preached, and offerings made, in Church on the Third Sunday in Advent (Dec. 15th) for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

Following on one or two *secular* evenings, a *Lantern Service* was held in the Schoolroom on the afternoon of the Sunday next before Advent. The Parable of the Prodigal Son was illustrated in ten large pictures, with a Scripture reading ; and there was also a short description and commentary given on each subject as in turn presented. The hymns (well-known ones) shewn at intervals, were heartily sung to flute accompaniment by those present, a goodly and *reverent* company, old as well as young. A Collect and Prayer began and ended the Service which lasted just an hour.

We now begin to see the havock which the late changes of families have made in our School. Such a number of children have gone away altogether out of the Parish. Mr. Spike, the assistant of H.M. Inspector, made a surprise visit on Thursday, Nov. 28th. The whole system of teaching was gone through in the most searching and severe manner. The knowledge that managers and teachers especially are put through this ordeal, ought to be a further guarantee to parents that the best is being aimed at for the instruction of their children.

