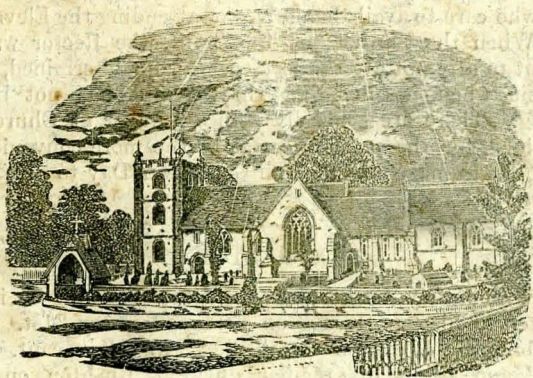




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HAMBLEDEN.

BURIAL.

Dec. 27.—Mary Ann Findlay, Henley Union Workhouse, aged 47.

We wish all the Readers of the Magazine a very Happy New Year.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

The weather on Christmas Day was dull, cold, and damp, which did not add to the brightness of the Festival. The Services were well attended at Hambleden and Frieth, and there were more Communicants than usual, especially at 8 o'clock. We have not received the returns from Skirmett, but at Hambleden there were 55 early and 33 at mid-day; at Frieth, 56 early and 14 at mid-day—making a total of 158.

We are sorry that the Morning Service on Sundays at Skirmett should not be better attended, and it seems strange that there are so few there who care to avail themselves of attending the Eleven o'clock Service. When the Church was first built, the Rector was recommended not to attempt a Morning Service; he determined, however, to have one when possible, but the attempt has not been very encouraging. There are generally a nice number at Church in the evening, which, for the poor, is certainly the more convenient time. Still, we ought to make an effort on God's own Day to give Him our *first and best*.

THE RECTOR.

It is now definitely settled that the Rector should be instituted and inducted to his new Living on Friday, January 31st. On that day, therefore, the Living of Hambleden will fall vacant. He will "read in" and begin his regular duty at Rushton on Sunday, February 2nd.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

There have been several Entertainments of a varied nature both at Hambleden and Frieth lately.

The School Children's entertainment at Hambleden, a few weeks back, gave very great satisfaction and was capitally carried out. Great credit is due to Mr. and Miss Wilson and to the children themselves for this success.

There has been also a good concert at Frieth, and a social evening. The attendance at the concert was not large partly owing to the bad weather, and partly, no doubt, to the fact that there was going to be a social gathering the following evening. Mrs. Dewey was very successful in securing the services of many helpers at the concert, and the singing was really very good. Mrs. Wetherall and family, Mr. Collier and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, and Mr. Nash, all gave a

THE PARISH CHURCH. —OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS, 1895.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mar. 3.—Waifs and Strays	3	13	7				
„ 31.—Church Penitentiary	2	1	7				
April 14.—Church Expenses	11	2	6				
June 2.—Repairs to Organ	17	0	5				
„ 30.—Foreign Missions (S.P.G.)	8	8	5½				
July 21.—School Feast	2	16	5¾				
Aug. 4.—Home Missions (East London)	5	12	0				
Sept. 1.—Church Expenses	6	5	2				
				Reading Hospital	4	11	5
				„ 15. } Agricultural Benevolent Institution	4	11	5
				Oct. 27.—Diocesan Board of Education	2	9	9
				Dec. 1.—Church Expenses	13	6	1
				„ 25.—Coal for the Poor	6	15	4¼
					£88	14	2¾

MEDMENHAM.

On December 12th, a tea was given in the School-room to the Fifé and Drum Band. All went off well and gaily in the School-room, which was decorated with flowers. Miss White kindly took the trouble to make the arrangements; a very handsome and ornamental assistance was generously afforded by Mr. Higgins, who made a present of an iced cake, with "Success to the Medmenham Band" upon it in raised letters. We do wish success to this band, which gives healthful interest to the lads and, we trust, some pleasure to others. It is very gratifying to know they have received such kind countenance from the neighbourhood, for by this they have been materially assisted in their efforts.

On St. Andrew's Day a concert was given in the School-room, the audience having the great pleasure of hearing Mrs. Whittingstall sing some charming songs, while Mr. Sidney Smith contributed some admirable character songs, which were much enjoyed. Several of our young friends appeared again and had as welcome a reception as ever.

The Parish Council has taken into consideration the state of the brook running along the Common Moor and other fields; they have represented to the landowners that it requires cleaning out.

The proposal to divert one of the old and much used footpaths in this Parish, will, we are sure, be received in a friendly spirit whatever issue may be arrived at.

