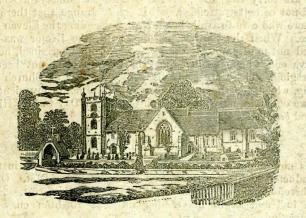
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### BURIAL.

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

helping hand; and so there were plenty of performers, independently of the Choir boys and others, who took a willing and efficient part.

The "Institute Ball" was held in Hambleden School-room, on December 27th. There was a capital attendance and it certainly passed off excellently. Great credit is due to Mr. Barnett (the President) and the Committee, for the manner in which the various details were carried out. The room was beautifully decorated with evergreens and Chinese lanterns, and the provisions made for light refreshments were ample.

There may be some who doubt the wisdom of having an annual ball of this kind, as a sort of parochial institution; but we do not think there is any ground for objection, when all things connected with it are so admirably managed, and when the behaviour of those taking part in it is so excellent. All amusements can be turned into occasions of sin, the great thing is to provide amusements of the right kind and to see that they are kept at a high level. At present this is certainly the case with the "Hambleden Institute Ball," and, whilst it is so, it ought to do more good than harm by drawing people together in friendly intercourse.

There are two more concerts still to be held, one at Skirmett and one at Hambleden.

We think it will be necessary to close the Parish Library for a few weeks, when the Rector and his family leave, and so we beg that all books may be returned by Wednesday, January 22nd, without fail.

#### EAST LONDON CHURCH FUND.

The following contributions have been sent up from this Parish, for the above object, during the past year:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Offertory Collections :				Boxes:		203		
Hambleden	. 5	12	0	Mrs. L. Deane	0	3	11	
Frieth	2	0	51	Miss Powell	0	7	0	
Skirmett	. 0	9	53	Miss Gorham and Miss				
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## THE "AFRICAN BOY."

Seven pounds, as under, have been sent up for the support of the "African Boy," in connection with the Central African Universities' Mission:—

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Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P.	2	0	0	Misses Dugdale		0	10	0
Hon. Helen Smith	0	5	0	Mrs. Wetherall		0	2	6
Hon. Mrs. W. Acland	1	0	0	Mrs. Muirhead		0	2	6
Hon, Mrs, Alfred Acland	0	5	0	Mr. Vernon		0	2	6
Hon. Mrs. J. Ryder	0	5	0	Master B. Barnett		0	1	0
Viscountess Hambleden	1	1	0	The Rector (to make up)		0	4	6
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# MEDMENHAM.

On December 12th, a tea was given in the School-room to the Fife 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.

