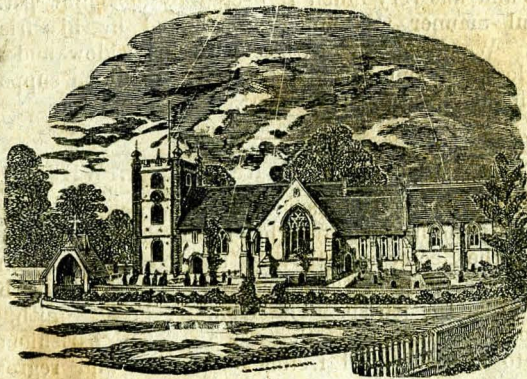


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BAPTISMS.

- Jan. 19.—Stewart Leslie, son of William Frances and Harriet Deane, Colstrop.
„ 26.—Hilda Harriet, daughter of Edward John and Louisa Mary Harris, Skirmett.
„ 26.—John Henry, son of Tom and Kate Hermon, Howe Cottages.
At Frieth.
„ 26.—Ada Rose, daughter of Jesse and Rose Ann Munday, Perrin's Spring.

BURIALS.

Jan. 18.—William Harris, Hambleden, aged 54.

At Frieth.

„ 11.—Ellen Smith, Moor End, aged 58.

The death of Mr. Harris was very unexpected. It came as a great shock to the Village and Parish generally; he had lived here so many years and was very much respected by his fellow parishioners. His cheerful manner was much appreciated by his friends and neighbours. We deeply sympathize with his widow and family in their great loss, and sincerely trust that they will be supported and comforted in their heavy bereavement.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE REV. C. M. WETHERALL.

On Saturday Evening, January 18th, there was a large gathering of parishioners, who had met together in the Schools for the purpose of presenting the Rector and Mrs. Wetherall with a handsome Silver Centre-piece, as a token of the affection and esteem with which they were regarded in the parish. The Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., in making the presentation in the name of the parishioners, gave expression to the universal feeling of sorrow and regret at the Rector's departure, and remarked that the long connection of the Ridley family with the parish would now be severed. He spoke of the great interest the Rector had taken in all that concerned the welfare of the parish, and especially mentioned his interest in the Voluntary Schools. After a kind allusion to Mrs. Wetherall he concluded by reading the following address:—

TO THE REV. CHAS. M. WETHERALL, M.A.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—As Parishioners of Hambleden we desire to express our great regret at your departure from amongst us. We gratefully appreciate the interest you have taken in all that concerns our well being, and the attention you have devoted to our schools. As we bid you farewell we ask you to accept our earnest good wishes for your future happiness and prosperity, together with the accompanying gift, which is offered in affectionate remembrance of your thirteen years' work amongst us.

Signed by

W. F. HOLT-BEEVER, }
JOSIAH MASON, } Churchwardens.

Representing 246 signatures.

The Rector, in reply, asked to be excused from making a long speech, as his heart was too full for words. He thanked Mr. Smith for the kind way in which he had spoken about his work, and the parishioners for their handsome present. He said that he was conscious of some things that had been left undone, and that he would not have been able to do as much as he had done if it had not been for the great help he had received from his wife. He looked forward to future occasions when he would be able to visit Hambleton, and said that he and Mrs. Wetherall would ever remember its parishioners in their prayers.

On the following Tuesday the Rector was presented with a Dressing Case by the Teachers and Children in Hambleton Schools. After some appropriate words from the master, Mr. Wilson, the presentation was made by the head boy. The Rector, in reply, sincerely thanked the teachers and children for their kindness in presenting him with such a useful gift.

The Rector will be instituted into the living of Rushton, in the Diocese of Peterborough, on January 31st.

THE NEW RECTOR.

It is now generally known that the new Rector is to be the Rev. A. H. Stanton, of Bournemouth, who married the youngest daughter of the Chancellor of the Diocese, H. W. Cripps, Esq., Q.C., of Beechwood. We cannot under these circumstances call him altogether a stranger, as to some of the parishioners he has been known for years past. We wish him every blessing in the work which lies before him in this important parish, and we sincerely hope that the parishioners will give him a warm welcome. He may not do everything exactly in the same way as the late Rector did, but that does not follow that his way will be wrong. He may make many improvements and do many things far better, and so we ask that all will patiently wait and see, and not judge anything before the time. He is, we are quite sure, coming into Hambleton Parish with one earnest desire to do his best, to serve God faithfully, and to work for the good of those committed to his care. Under these circumstances we trust he will meet with all help and sympathy, and with the earnest prayers of the parishioners that his labours may be abundantly blessed.

NOTICES.

The General Clothing Club, until the New Rector comes into residence, will be taken by Mrs. Muirhead, the Cottage, Hambleton.

The Sunday Club and Penny Bank will be taken by her also, on the usual days and at the usual hours.

She requests that the people will go to the house through the iron gate, near the Churchyard.

The Library will be closed for the present.

It is requested that Contributions for the March Magazine be sent to the Rev. S. D. Dewey, Frieth Parsonage, not later than Feb. 20th.

ENTERTAINMENT.

A Concert was given in Hambleden School on Jan. 3rd, by Mrs. Wetherall, her family, and friends. It was, we think, very successful. There was a good audience, and the proceeds, which are to be given to the Choir Holiday in the summer, realized about £6. A Charade was acted at the close which was short but highly appreciated.

The proceeds of the Entertainment, given by Miss Wilson and the School Children in December, amounted to £10 (net), which are to be devoted to a Museum for the School.

FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1895.

<i>Subscriptions.</i>	
Barnett, Mrs.	£0 6 0
Anon.	0 4 0
Glassbrook, Mrs.	0 4 0
Piercy, Mrs.	0 6 0
West, Mr. E.	0 10 0
Wetherall, Rev. L. M.	1 1 0
Under 4s.	0 13 1
	£3 4 1

<i>Boxes.</i>	
Barksfield, Walter	£0 3 2½
Collier, Miss E.	0 4 10½
Courtney, Mr. A.	0 7 10¾
Falkner, Mrs.	0 2 4
Keeley, George	0 1 10½
Rectory	0 8 4
„ Servants	0 2 2
Thatcher, Miss	0 2 6
Toovey, The Misses	0 15 0
Wetherall, Misses S. & M.	0 6 8½
„ Mast. C. & Miss E.	0 3 4
White, Miss	0 2 0½
	£3 0 3
Half Frieth Children's Service Offerings, Decr.	0 2 8
Sale of Waste Paper	0 1 3
	£3 4 2

<i>Offeratories.</i>	
July 30th.—Hambleden	£8 8 5½
„ Frieth	1 6 5
„ Skirmett	0 5 9½
	£10 0 7¾

<i>Meetings.</i>	
Nov.—Hambleden	0 9 4½
„ Frieth	0 14 7
„ Skirmett	0 3 10½
	£1 7 10

<i>University Missions to Central Africa.</i>	
Boy to School	£7 0 0

<i>Hospital Drug Fund.</i>	
Dugdale, Miss	0 6 0
Smith, Hon. W. F. D.	1 0 0
Spowart, Rev. J.	0 9 0
Wetherall, Mrs. C. M.	0 6 0
	£9 1 0

<i>New Westminster Mission.</i>	
Donation—West, Mr.	0 2 6
Box — Wetherall, Messrs. R & S.	0 9 1½
	£0 11 7½

SUMMARY.

General Fund, S.P.G.	£17 16 8¾
Central Africa	9 1 0
New Westminster	0 11 7½
	£27 9 4½

PITHOUSE TRUSTEES.

It may be noticed that there has not been any distribution of the Pithouse Charity this winter. The money is collected, but as the Charity Commissioners have not yet ratified the names of those new

Trustees, nominated by the Parish Council many months ago, it has been thought better to wait until this has been done, that all the Trustees, new and old, may have a voice in the distribution of the money. The new Trustees may not act until the Charity Commissioners shall have ratified their appointment.

MEDMENHAM.

On the Evening of Jan. 9th, the Choir and Ringers attended a Special Service at the Church, and afterwards sat down to supper at the Vicarage. It was much to be regretted that several members were absent through illness or other unavoidable causes. Great importance is attached to this Annual Meeting, both for the sake of reflection and admonition upon the duties of those who aid in the Services and use of the Church, and also for social intercourse, which tends so much to unite Church workers.

We repeat again how very sorry we are to lose from this neighbourhood Mr. Wetherall and his family. We wish them every blessing in their new home.

The succeeding Rector will very soon learn that he comes among people who will give him a hearty welcome.

The Lantern Party, in the School Room, on the afternoon of the 18th ult., seemed to give much satisfaction to the guests and the Day and Sunday School Scholars. The story of Cinderella and the glass slipper proved as attractive as ever, especially the picture of the Fairy Godmother emerging from the cinders. Local and other slides of various kinds were also much enjoyed—the comic moveable ones not the least—and to finish up with each child received, on leaving, a bun and an orange, with a small story-book or other gift, as a little memento of the occasion.

We are glad to think that a serious effort seems about to be made to put the Cricket of the village on a more satisfactory footing.