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### BAPTISMS.

*At Frieth.*—

Feb. 16.—Stanley, son of Reuben William and Jane Morton,  
Colstrop.

### BURIALS.

*At Frieth.*—

Feb. 6.—Margaret Mary Hunter Jess, Parmoor, aged 4.  
,, 12.—Keziah Dean, Moor-end Common, aged 60.

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### THE EDITOR.

With the last number the late Rector's editing ceased, and for the present the Rev. S. D. Dewey, who has been appointed by the Lord Bishop of Oxford to be Curate-in-charge of the Parish, is responsible. He will be glad if all communications for the April Magazine are sent to him not later than March 20th.

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### LENT.

There is no Rector at present to write a Lenten Letter, but we hope that the parishioners will not on that account forget what a solemn season this is. St. Paul reminds us that, as the competitors in the Corinthian games had to train carefully if they wished to win the prize, so Christians must train if they would gain the crown of glory. Christians have to train their lower nature to obey their higher nature. They will find it a great help in doing that to practise regular self-denial, that is to make their bodies do things that they do not naturally like to do. We generally find it so hard to say no to our lower nature when it tempts us to do what is wrong, and therefore during Lent we train ourselves to say no by refusing to enjoy pleasures that are in themselves, lawful and harmless. We can easily find some way of denying ourselves. The simplest way, and the way which the Church suggests, is to go without some luxury at meals. But if our circumstances will not permit this we can give up some other pleasure. The main thing to remember is to deny ourselves in some way that will really cost us something. If we honestly do this for Christ's sake every day during Lent, we shall find at the end of this season that our characters have become stronger, and that we have more power in resisting evil. In addition to the usual Services on Sunday, there will be special Lenten Services at Hambleden, Frieth, and Skirmett, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings respectively.

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### INSTITUTION & INDUCTION OF THE REV. C. M. WETHERALL.

We take the liberty of reproducing the following account from our contemporary, "The Kettering Guardian."—

The institution and induction of the new Rector took place on Friday by the Bishop of Leicester, in the presence of a very large number of parishioners. Evening Prayer was said to the end of the

third collect, when the special service was proceeded with. There is a very good choir, which creditably led the singing, Miss Willows efficiently presiding at the organ. The proper Psalms sung were lxxxiv. and cxxii., and the Lessons were read by the Rev. N. F. Nash, Rector of Geddington. The Bishop having taken his seat near the Holy Table, the new incumbent was, in the absence of the patron, presented by Mr. J. G. Willows, J.P. No legal impediment being alleged in answer to the Bishop's inquiry, the Bishop, according to the usual form, reminded the rev. gentleman of the promises and vows at ordination, and the duties to which he was now called, and the response was received that "he would endeavour to do all those things, the Lord being his helper." The Bishop then exhorted the congregation to pray for their minister, and silence was kept for a space. The usual prayers were followed by the declaration of assent, the declaration against Simony, the oath of allegiance, and the oath of canonical obedience. The new incumbent then knelt before the Bishop while the latter read the deed of institution. The Bishop then delivered the instrument to the new Rector so instituted with these words, "Receive thy cure, my care." The Bishop then, having received the mandate of induction, proceeded with the churchwardens and the newly-instituted priest to the Church door, and, laying the hand of the priest upon the key or handle of the door, inducted him, by virtue of the mandate, into real, actual, and corporal possession of the Church, with all the fruits, members, and appurtenances thereto belonging. The Rector then tolled the bell to signify to the parishioners his taking possession. The singing of another hymn was followed by an address by the Bishop, declaring the mutual duties of priest and people. On Sunday morning there was again a large congregation, when the Rector assented to the 39 Articles.

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#### DIOCESAN SCHOOL INSPECTION.

The following Reports of the Inspection of the Schools in Religious Knowledge will, we think, be deemed by all very satisfactory.

*Hambleton.*—"The School is in excellent order and the Religious instruction has been painstaking and intelligent. The Diocesan Syllabus has been fully taught with the best results, and the answering in each division exhibited an accurate knowledge of each of the subjects. The written work was, in all respects, well done, and the repetition, both collective and individual, was rendered with accuracy and distinctness. The Infants have been taught with much care and sympathy. They answer and recite very nicely."

*Bishop's Prize.*—Walter Elliott.

*Commended in the various Standards.*—William Creed (Bishop's Prize, 1895), Arthur Day, Gertrude Silvester, Ethel Heath, Florence Rose, F. Freeman, May Steers, Lizzie Sadler, Clara Sellers, Edith Perkins, H. Sheppard, H. Keeley, H. Metcalfe, W. Sadler, F. Tilbury, J. Webb, Fanny Plumridge, Maggie Silvester, Beatrice Webb, C. Creed, Nellie Perkins, Marjorie Brant, Bertie Harford, Geo. Hurst, Frank Keeley, Mabel Hawkes, Ada Partridge, Lizzie Mayhill, Annie Sadler, Ernest Sellers, Geo. Hobbs, Sidney Tilbury.

INFANTS.—Susan Partridge, Rob. Metcalfe, Nellie Harman, Ralph Tilbury, Geo. Plumridge, Dolly Keeley, Hilda King, Maud Perkins.

*Frieth.*—"The School has passed a very creditable examination. The children in each division showed a good knowledge of their work, and answered very intelligently. The Scripture subjects were accurately known, and the Catechism was intelligently explained. The highest division had taken the Communion Office for their Prayer Book subject, and evinced a very creditable acquaintance with its main features. The second division deserve a word of special praise. Their answering was very keen, and their Teacher has evidently gained the interest and attention of her class. The Infants have not been long under their present Teacher. They seem, however, to be making good progress, and are in thoroughly good order."

*Bishop's Prize.*—Janet Collier.

*Commended in the various Standards.*—Geo. White, Emily Heath, Ernest West, Susan Atkins, Sidney Maskell, Edith Edwards, Thomas Jess, Milly Edwards, Teddy Collier, Percy Jones, Fred Leaver.

INFANTS.—Maurice Hobbs, Albert Leaver, John Stanborough, Mary Stanborough, Polly Ansell.

We hope to print the report of the Skirmett School Inspection next month.

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## A PEOPLE'S PENNY CHURCH HISTORY.

The following letter has been lately addressed to our daily contemporary, "The Standard."

*To the Editor of the Standard.*

SIR,—In response to the invitation of several friends, Mr. Nye has arranged to issue a revised edition of his "Popular Story of the Church of England" (of which eighty thousand copies have been sold in its present form), at one penny each. Several of the Clergy have offered to place a copy in every house in their Parish through the agency of the Church workers, who will call for the book, or the penny. Some thirty thousand copies have been ordered during the past fortnight for this purpose alone.

The idea, if carried out systematically, as many hope it will be, may lead to great results, for it will enable all who care to do so—not Church people merely, but every one—to read a work which the Archbishop's Committee has recommended, and which, the late Archbishop Magee declared, gave, in condensed and popular form, "one of the best statements of the past history and present work of the Church" with which he was acquainted.

The book, simplified in language, with the latest statistics showing the progress of the Church, will be printed in clear, bold type, on good paper, and will be issued by Easter. Meanwhile Mr. Nye (Holly Lodge, Grove Road, Brixton, S.W.), will be glad to hear from anyone who will help in the distribution of copies and supply parcels of two hundred and fifty and upwards at the rate of four pounds per thousand.

As the price, one penny, leaves but a very small margin for advertising this edition, I shall be extremely obliged if you will allow this letter to appear in *The Standard*, as I think many who would otherwise know nothing about it will be glad to take part in this attempt to educate the nation aright upon a matter of the highest importance—*i.e.*, the preservation of our National Church.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
23, Chesham place, Feb. 15th. STANLEY LEIGHTON.

250 copies would go a good way in this Parish. Eight half-crowns, or five florins and ten shillings, will provide that number. Will any of our readers rise to the occasion, and send their names to the Rev. S. D. Dewey, Frieth Parsonage?

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### MEDMENHAM.

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The time has now come for the election of new or re-election of old Parish Councillors. The notices of a Parish Meeting to be held in the Schoolroom, on the 9th March, for this purpose, have been duly placed. When we look back upon the working of the Local Government Act of 1894, so far as we have known it in this Parish, we cannot help feeling that the opportunity has been taken for the general advantage. It may be that much has not been done; but then no one desired that much should be done. We can, at any rate, point to one or two occasions on which the Parish, through its Council and larger Meeting, has watched and guarded its interests and rights with commendable spirit. We make no doubt that the clearing and cleaning of the brook running through the village, which has been effected by a resolution of the Council, will prove to be of healthful advantage at all times, and especially helpful when flood water threatens. Economy seems to have been wisely considered; and altogether a good beginning has been made in the exercise of a new power. We hope that the new Council will come into being with the same temperate intentions as marked the first.

