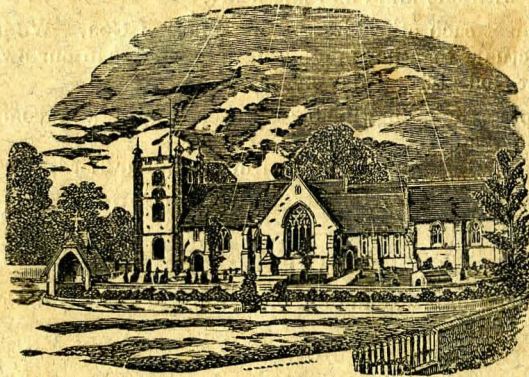




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TO THE PARISHIONERS OF HAMBLEDEN.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—By the time that this is in your hands I hope to have some title to address you as your Rector. The Bishop of Oxford will have instituted me at Eton on Saturday, March 28th. There will then remain the ceremony of Induction before I can properly take up my duties in the Parish. The Archdeacon of Buckingham (Venerable Cecil F. J. Bourke) proposes to come to perform this on Saturday evening, April 18th. Due notice will be given of the hour.

I shall hope that as many of you as are able, from all parts of the Parish, will come to your Parish Church on this occasion.

The relation, in which you and I shall be placed by the will of Him Who directs and governs every portion of His Church here on earth, is, as you know well, by experience in the past, a very intimate one. I make bold, therefore, to ask in our Master's Name for your affectionate sympathy and earnest prayers.

We have one common object, one work, namely, to maintain and to advance the kingdom of Christ, or to use a more modern phrase, to uphold His cause. Our opportunities, our capacities, our special vocations may be different; but our cause is one; and we need to face our task with one mind and one heart.

We shall meet each other first in the House of God. We go forth from the sanctuary together in a strength greater than our own, to do the duty that God gives us day by day.

You will pray that He will bless my going in and coming out among you.

Yours faithfully in our Lord,

A. HERBERT STANTON.

BAPTISM.

March 1.—Ella Florence, daughter of Edwin and Maud Ann Coventry, Skirmett.

At Frieth.

BURIAL.

March 18.—Dinah Barlow, Moorend Common. Aged 78.

THE NEW RECTOR.

Now that the necessary legal preliminaries in the way of Presentation, Institution and Induction have been arranged, the Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Stanton hope to come and reside at Hambleton Rectory about ten days after Easter. Some delay has been caused by the time taken in communicating with the Patron at Kamloops in British Columbia.

GOOD FRIDAY.

It is hoped that this number will be circulated before Good Friday, and we would therefore remind the parishioners that the anniversary of our Saviour's Death is the most solemn day in the Christian year. We should not try and turn Good Friday into another Bank Holiday. It is a day in which we should try to realize more fully the terrible

nature of sin. As we mourn at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday we are reminded that it was our sins that nailed Him there, and the thought should lead us to practise a more thorough self-examination, in order that we may get rid of those wilful and deadly sins that crucify Him afresh.

E A S T E R.

If we have tried to observe Lent, Holy Week, and Good Friday as the Church directs, we shall hasten on Easter morning to offer our thanksgiving to God for having given us deliverance from our sins, by worshipping at His Altar. The Prayer Book directs "that every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, "of which Easter to be one." And those who wilfully disobey that rule are disobeying, not only an order of the Church, but their Master's dying command. They refuse to come and show their gratitude to Him Who died to save them.

The times of the Easter Celebrations at the different Churches will be announced on Palm Sunday.

DIOCESAN SCHOOL INSPECTION.

The following is the Inspector's Report about the Infant School at Skirmett:—

"The School answers a useful purpose in providing for the very little children of the hamlet. The new Teacher, who has been recently appointed, has taught the children nicely, and seems to interest them in their lessons. Their answering was very fair, and they sang and recited well."

MR. T. WEST.

The numerous friends of Mr. T. West the Schoolmaster of Frieth, have been grieved to hear of the serious illness that has incapacitated him for the last month. Mr. West has now gone to Bournemouth for a few weeks' rest. We hear that his health has already improved under the influence of sea air, and we hope we shall soon have him back among us again feeling stronger for the change.

FRIETH CHURCH.

We print below a statement of the Frieth Church Account for the year 1895. Our very best thanks are due to Mr. Alfred Cripps for again making up the deficiency. At the same time we notice with satisfaction that the amount collected in Church shews an increase of a little over £6. We hope that this increase will grow still further during 1896. The Offertory represents not only the measure of the wealth, but also of the willingness of the people to make sacrifice for their religion. And it is the willing heart that God values and blesses. As the ministrations of the Priest of the Church are provided by the piety of our forefathers, it is not very much of the whole cost of our religion that is required of the present generation; so that the people should not only provide adequate support for the Services in their own Parish, but should have something to spare for the help of Mission Work as well. If all were to make a practice of setting aside every

week for God's service a certain portion of their earnings, they would always have something to give at the Offertory on Sunday. Our Lord has told us that we are to give our alms in secret, in such a way as not to let our left hand know what our right hand doeth; and we can best carry out that command by giving through the Offertory in Church. If we remember that God sees the coin that we put into the bag on Sunday, we should not give so much merely because somebody else gives so much, but we should make it a rule to give according "as God hath prospered us."

CHURCH ACCOUNT.

January 1st, to December 31st, 1895.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£ s. d.
Offertory Collections—		Organist	10 0 0
January	1 19 3	Sexton and Clerk	5 10 0
February	1 14 11	Caretaker	4 11 0
March	1 13 5	Choir and Music	5 0 4
April	3 2 3	Washing Surplices and Linen	1 12 3
May	3 2 10	Coal and Coke	4 16 6
June	3 11 10	Oil for Lamps	1 12 3
July	2 6 0	Fire Insurance	1 13 0
August	2 5 5	Alteration of Seats	1 0 6
September	3 0 4	Repairs to Stove Chimney ...	3 15 6
October	2 6 8	Archdeacon's Visitation ...	0 7 6
November	2 11 1	Webb and Collier's Bill ...	0 13 10
December	2 11 0	Sundries	1 1 5
C. A. Cripps, Esq., Q.C., M.P.,			
Annual Subscription ...	10 0 0		
To balance account ...	1 9 1		
	£41 14 1		£41 14 1

PARISH MAGAZINE ACCOUNT.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£ s. d.
Sale of Magazines in		Printer's Bill for "Banner of	
Hambleton	16 9 7	Faith" and Printing ...	14 17 2
Sale of Magazines in		Carriage of Magazines ...	0 8 0
Medmenham	1 2 10	Agents' Payments	0 5 0
		Postage	1 1 0
		Balance in hand	1 1 3
	£17 12 5		£17 12 5

MEDMENHAM.

Our School was visited and examined by the Rev. Chas. E. Adams, the General Inspector for the Diocese, on March 13th.

Mr. Adams thus reports:—"The Religious instruction has been earnest, and is aimed at influencing the lives and behaviour of the children. It is, however, of such a different character to that ordinarily pursued that it is difficult to test its results by an examination. The children have learnt a good deal by heart, and recited nicely, both collectively and individually, and they have also learnt a good

many explanations of words and expressions occurring in the Church Services, but their study of the Bible has not been systematic enough, and they would do better to follow in future some more definite course of instruction, such as that suggested in the Diocesan Syllabus.

Diocesan Prize.—Richard Palmer.

Commended—Kate Smallbones (has had prize), John Ellis, Owen Adby, William Cooke, Annie Carpenter, Frank French, Arthur Hollier, Alfred Smallbones, James Thorne.

The endorsement by the Inspector of the Archbishop's certificate possessed by Miss White, the Governess, has also these words —

“The Religious instruction has been earnest, and the tone of the School is excellent.”

Now, of course, is the anxious time of the year, as we have entered upon the last two months before H.M. Inspector makes his annual visit. Every effort must be made by help of parents and others to have the School in the best possible order. The Manager has written for the assistance of the Organizing Visitor of the Diocese, who by advice and counsel may enable shortcomings to be set right and such steps to be taken as he may see to be needful. But unless children are thoroughly encouraged in the way of regularity and punctual attendance, not much can be effected. We have had great changes this year to contend with, and also not a little sickness. If the last two months before the Examination are thoroughly made use of, the issue will be assuredly all the happier.

A Confirmation was held by the Bishop of Reading at Great Marlow on March 20th, and six female candidates from Medmenham were Confirmed.

