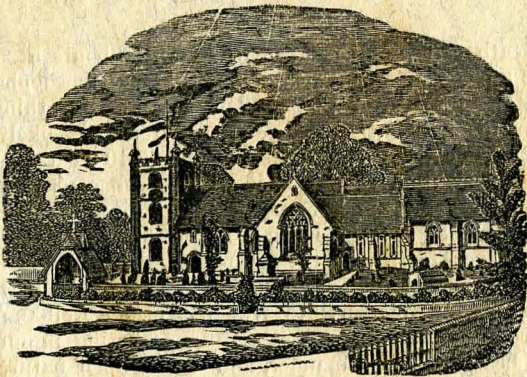




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Baptisms.

Aug 2.—Annis Maria, daughter of Owen James and Elizabeth Futter.

In S. John's, Frieth.

Aug. 9.—Mary, daughter of James and Rebecca Leaver.

„ 23.—Reuben, son of Henry and Annie Deane.

Marriage.

In S. John's, Frieth.

Aug. 1.—Edgar Hedley Ansell to Bertha Edwards.

Obituary.

We have no burial to record, but we cannot quite pass over two deaths that have occurred, one of a parishioner, the other a former parishioner and connected with the parish by many ties.

Mr. Williams, of Fingest House, was better known at Worcester, but the suddenness of his death calls upon us for sympathy with his family. He had been ill a few weeks before, but seemed to be getting better.

But if death calls out the sympathy of neighbours at all times, much more must it do so in a case like that of Mr. Stephen Smith, Mrs. Barnett's brother. A gun accident is a terrible thing, it does alas, happen too frequently, but we regard it as less likely to occur when a man has carried a gun safely for 30 or 40 years. Then the removal of a man from the scenes in which he has played his part, seems to make a greater and more painful gap in some cases than in others. One thinks of course primarily of the widow and children, it is not however, for a stranger to speak of what the loss is there. But he will be missed in many circles, for as we read in the *South Bucks Standard*, "For many years he has been a well-known figure at all our country markets, and at many a gathering in our district. His manly bearing, genial manner, and kindly open nature, coupled with marked business capacity and sound common sense, made him respected and liked wherever he went."

THE CHOIR.

Our warm thanks are due to A. H. Burry, Esq., of the Oxford House, Bethnal Green, and Organist of S. Augustine's and S. Faith's, S. Paul's Churchyard, for taking the part of Choirmaster and Organist during the School holidays. He has taken immense pains with the boys, giving them a practice each day. His efforts in helping with two concerts were also much appreciated.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Special Sermons will be preached by the Rev. R. Langton Douglas, Organising Secretary for the Diocese of Oxford, on Sunday, September 6th.

HAMBLEDEN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

On Sunday, July 26th, reward cards were given to all the children who had gained over 100 marks during the last six months. A more elaborate system of rewards has been commenced, by which children will be able in time to earn prayer books, pictures, &c., in proportion to the number of cards gained. By way of creating a little (not, we trust, unwholesome), competition, we hope to provide a Banner, which will be held from time to time by the best class in the School. The Banner will be carried by a member of the class from the School to the Church, for the Catechising. £2 10s. has at present been collected for the banner, and the Misses Hobbs have very kindly promised to make it when the material has been provided.

Three Teachers are much wanted. Will any who feel disposed for this work communicate with the Rector?

THE PARMOOR SHOW.

The Flower Show, which took place on July 30th, was favoured with brilliant weather. A large number of visitors availed themselves of the kind permission of Mr. Cripps to visit his grounds, which were thrown open for the occasion. The exhibits, for which numerous prizes were awarded, comprised flowers, fruit, vegetables, needlework, and lace. Considering the dryness of the season, the size and quality of the vegetables were quite remarkable. Tea and refreshments were provided for the inhabitants of the Frieth district and specially invited guests, in two large marquees, while Messrs. Webb and Collier catered for visitors from a distance. The evening was devoted to dancing on the lawn. The proceedings throughout the day were enlivened by the Frieth and Lane End Bands; the new caps of the latter being much admired. The day was a very enjoyable one, and our best thanks are due to Mr. Cripps for his generous hospitality.

THE HAMBLEDEN JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

Has been very active under the energetic superintendence of Mr. Eyre. The Eleven first met the Frieth J.C.C., but were beaten, 53 to 23. J. Bond made 15, and J. Butler 12. There was a similar result in the return match. They were again beaten by Trinity Greys Choir Boys; but they proved a match for the S. James the Great, Bethnal Green, Boys' Club: 62 to 28, W. Creed making 20. They again succumbed to Colstrop Farm team, making 39 and 38 in two innings, against the 115 in one innings of their opponents. Hambleden did better against Medmenham, W. Coker distinguishing himself by getting 24 not out and 47 not out.

Mrs. G. F. Eyre and Miss Eyre have kindly offered as prizes a ball for most catches, and a bat for best average.

THE CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE, S. JAMES THE GREAT, BETHNAL GREEN.

It is a very nice thing that we in the country should do what we can, to render happy those who live in very different and less agreeable surroundings. A party of 25 members of the above-named institution, under the charge of the Hon. Maurice Peel, were,

by Mr. Smith's kind permission, allowed to enjoy themselves at Greenlands on August 3rd. Various people did what they could to help them to enjoy themselves, from Mrs. F. J. Eyre who gave the food, Mr. Mason and party and Mr. Williams in helping at the tea, Mr. Barksfield, who umpired in the cricket match, etc., etc., down to the children who gave the Londoners nose-gays. Mr. Eyre, it is needless to add, did a good deal to keep the whole thing going. He was formerly for a short time, a resident in the Oxford House, Bethnal Green.

We hope before long to see a similar institution for the lads in our own Parish.

MEDMENHAM.

BURIAL.

6th August—Robert Guttridge, aged 69.

The illness of Robert Guttridge was very painful and very prolonged, moving to sympathy the while, and now to thankfulness that he suffers no more.

It was not a cheerful heading to the account of the Annual Show of the Marlow Horticultural Society—"A fine exhibition spoilt by bad weather"—but such seems to have been the fortune of the Show at Court Garden, on Wednesday, August 19th. Medmenham took part, but not to so great an extent this year as last. The competition in Needlework was but slightly attended to by our people, but we were glad to notice that Francis Piff sustained our credit with a first prize. Mr. Croker, as we should expect, gained several prizes for Fruit and Vegetables. Success too followed to H. Carpenter, G. J. Russell, J. Palmer, and A. Smallbones. It is particularly pleasing to read in the Judges' Report such a sentence as this—"The Flowers, as well as the Vegetation, were excellent in H. Carpenter's exhibit in Class 80." Now that our Parish knows what brings success, we hope that there will be more and more eagerness to win it.

Like all young clubs, our Cricket Club has found it more easy to lose matches than to win them. To be sure the members have gone boldly to work, playing clubs on all sides, and in all respects stronger than themselves. We believe this has been good policy, for the experience is all the better. We may reasonably hope that another year will not only produce pleasant games, which all ours have been, but also a good share of victories. During the month we have lost to Frieth and Cookham Dean, while against Marlow Institute we had a very easy contest.