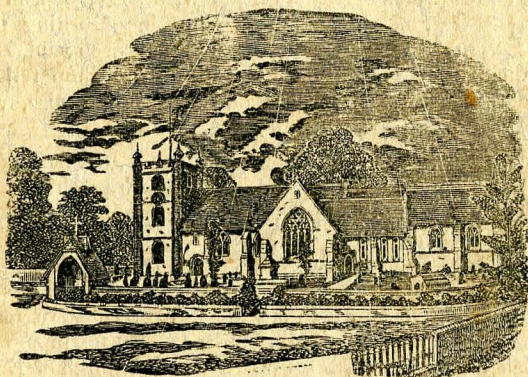


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The Parish Church.

Marriages.

Oct. 27.—John Motum Runnacles and Mary Moon.

Oct. 31.—Jesse Morgan and Emma Agnes Taylor.

Burial.

Oct. 28.—Richard Atkins, aged 84.

S. John's, Frieth.

Marriage.

Oct. 12.—Albert Edward Payne to Elizabeth Mary Higgins Jolley.

Reception into the Church after Private Baptism.

Oct. 25.—Norman Strafford Dewey.

Obituary.

On Sunday, October 11th, Dr. Edward White Benson, 92nd Archbishop of Canterbury, passed to his rest. He was visiting Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden. He had been with Mrs. Benson to Holy Communion at 8 a.m., at the Parish Church. Morning prayer at 11 had just begun, the General Confession had been said, the Priest was pronouncing the Absolution when the Archbishop fell forward, never to get up again. His spirit passed into Paradise, while the body was being borne to the Rectory.

As soon as the news reached us on the Monday, the flag was hoisted at half-mast, the bell was tolled, and in the evening the ringers rang a beautiful and solemn muffled peal. The "Dead March in Saul" was played in both Churches after Matins on the Sunday following. Archbishop Benson had three years to complete the three score and ten. His successor, Dr. Temple, Bishop of London, has already passed that age by five years. But in spite of that we may thank God that one who has proved himself so stout a champion of every good cause should be called to preside over the Church of England at the present time.

On Wednesday, October 18th, Frances Ella, the third daughter of the late Canon Ridley, was removed from what had been for some time a struggle against ill-health. She was born in the 48th year of this century, and died in the 48th year of her age. Her body was laid to rest in the beautiful Cemetery at Bournemouth, by her uncle, Dr. Sumner, Bishop of Guildford. Much sympathy has been felt for her now lonely sister. We were glad that some members of the Ridley family, as well as parishioners, who have reason to thank God for that name, were able to realise "the Communion of Saints" in Holy Communion, in our Parish Church on the morning of the funeral.

Mothers' Meeting.

The Meetings in future will be held at Hambleden Rectory, on the first and third Fridays in the month, and at Skirmett on the second and fourth Fridays. Those at Hambleden have been well attended, and some of the women are working for the poor Christians who are suffering so terribly in Armenia.

Parmoor.

Through the kindness of Mr. C. A. Cripps, Q.C., M.P., a Tea will be provided at Parmoor, on Thursday, November 4th, at 3.30, to which all the women in the Frieth district are invited, to meet Mrs. Stanton.

Frieth Library.

The Frieth Branch of the Hambleton Parish Library was opened in September after the School holidays. Its present flourishing condition is mainly due to the generosity of Lady Esther Smith, who kindly presented a large number of books. As the terms of subscription are very low (being only one penny a month, or sixpence a year, if paid in January), we should like to see a library book in every household; and we take this opportunity of suggesting to parents that, by joining the Library, they will be able to provide their children with good and wholesome literature.

Visitors.

We must chronicle the visit of a former Rector (Rev. C. M. Wetherall), and a former Churchwarden (Mr. Lailey), during this month. Their visits gave pleasure to a great many, and we hope to themselves too.

All Saints', Skirmett.

We should not like the Skirmett people or any other parishioners to forget that Hambleton is their Parish Church. Their forefathers apparently did not find it so far as the present generation. Nevertheless, as Skirmett does form a district of itself, and has a Church dedicated in the name of All Saints, we shall try to mark the Dedication Festival. There will be a parochial tea in the Parish room (the old Chapel), on Wednesday, November 4th, at 6.30. On Sunday, November 8th, the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m., and there will be other Services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The Confirmation

At Henley will take place on the First Sunday in Lent, March 7th. The Rector would like to receive the names of all who wish to be presented, that he may arrange for their preparation for that holy rite.

Coal Club.

The Rector received an anonymous donation of £10, which enabled him to give more tickets for coal than he would otherwise have been able to do. He hopes he may be enabled to do the same another year as has been done now: but he can make no promises.

The Parish Magazine.

The local matter can be had for one penny a month. If any of our readers care to have it without the inside next year, they are requested to write to the Rector to that effect without delay.

MEDMENHAM.

BURIAL. October 9th.—Mary Jane Hobbs, aged 45 years.

To the people of Medmenham the death of Miss Hobbs has brought grief of the most acute kind. Her life had been spent in our midst, and every one it may be truly said has profited by her example, her kindness and self-denial. Her charity was always active and searching, her interest warm in every good work.

On the 6th of October a Missionary Meeting was held in the School-Room, and an address given by the Rev. John Black, a clergyman of much experience in India. It was unfortunate that the weather just then was at its worst, and therefore the attendance was much affected. As a result we have but 10/- to send up to the S.P.G.

Here, as every-where else, the death of the Archbishop of Canterbury caused a cloud of sadness to pass over us. We have reason in every Parish and Hamlet to be thankful for the work he did for the Church of England. The bell was solemnly tolled after the announcement and during the hour of the funeral.

On the 23rd October, the children of our School received from Mrs. Hudson, of Danesfield, a kind measure of attention and encouragement in the shape of prize medals and books for those who had shown proficiency.

