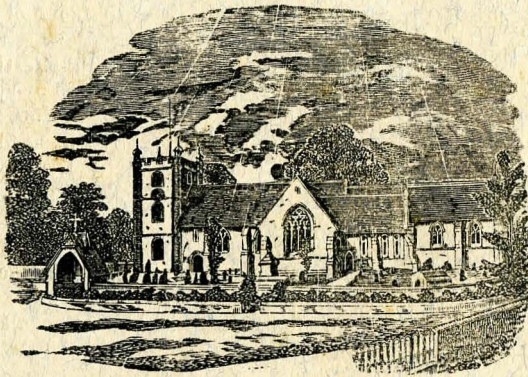


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Baptism in Parish Church.

Nov. 1.—Morrell, son of James and Elizabeth Huckins.

in *S. John's, Frieth.*

Nov. 7 (privately).—William Henry, son of William and Emily Janes.

Nov. 22. " " " Received into the Church.

in *All Saints', Skirmett.*

Nov. 22.—Agnes, daughter of George and Charlotte Stallwood.

Burial.

Nov. 20.—George Evelyn Mackarness, aged 45.

All Saints', Skirmett.

The Dedication Festival was kept upon the Octave of All Saints'. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated at 8 by the Rector, who also said Morning Prayer, and gave an Address at 11. The Sermon in the evening was preached by the Rev. Arthur Browning, one of the staff of S. Luke's, Maidenhead.

A Parochial Tea was given in connection with the Festival upon Wednesday, November 4, in the Parish room. It was a very pleasant party, thanks to the kindness and energy of various ladies. The tea was kindly provided for the most part by Mrs. Muirhead, Messrs. H. W. Cripps, Q.C., Hobbs, and Mackarness. Mr. Dewey and Mr. Collier kindly came from Frieth; the one gave a pathetic reading, the other two songs. Mr. Eyre, with his lantern, took the party a trip down the Thames from source to sea. Happily he took Mrs. Eyre with him, who enlivened the stop at Hambleden lock with a charming song.

The Rector said a few words to express his thanks to all who had contributed to so pleasant an evening.

George Evelyn Mackarness

Will be greatly missed throughout the parish and district, but more particularly at Skirmett. He always took a kindly interest in his neighbours, and such people are not too common, particularly in Skirmett. Our schools, more especially the little Infant School at Skirmett, will miss an attentive manager. His death has come as a great shock. He caught a chill out shooting on the 3rd. His condition was such as to cause a certain amount of anxiety almost from the beginning, but about the 13th he seemed a little better, and there were hopes that he was beginning to recover. However, these hopes were disappointed; on Sunday, the 14th, he continued to get worse, and sank peacefully away as Monday night was passing into Tuesday morning. Words of ours would altogether fail to express the sympathy felt for the already motherless children.

Mr. Mackarness was the only child of the late Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, and nephew of our late revered Bishop of Oxford.

The funeral took place on Friday, the 20th. The body was carried into the little Church at Skirmett at 8, and the family and friends from the village gathered together "before the Throne" in Holy Communion. Canon Meynell (Provost of Denstone), great uncle and guardian of the orphans, celebrated, assisted by the Rector.

The body remained there till 2 o'clock, when the procession started for Hambleton. It was met at the Lych gate at 3 by the choir and clergy, and a large gathering of friends from the parish and neighbourhood. On entering the Church the hymn 222 was sung (this and 225 were those sung at Mrs. Mackarness's burial). After the Lesson, which was read by the Rev. the Hon. R. Parsons (Rector of Sandhurst), hymn 449 was sung. The Rev. C. C. Mackarness, Vicar of S. Martin's, Scarborough, and Hon. Canon of York, read the Service at the grave, and cast the earth upon the coffin. After the Rector had pronounced the closing Benediction, the hymn "Brief life is here our portion" was sung. It sounded very beautiful on the hill-side in that still, bright, calm November day.

The Rev. Stanley Daws Dewey

Ceased to hold the office of Assistant Curate of the Parish of Hambleton upon Nov. 17th, by being instituted to the cure of souls in the Parish of Geddington, in the County of Northampton and Diocese of Peterborough. Geddington is three miles from Rushden, and Geddington Priory is occupied by members of the Wetherall family. It contains a population of about 800. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey have been at Frieth a little more than two years, during which period they have won the esteem and affection of the majority of the parishioners.

Mr. Dewey preached his farewell sermon on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, and on the afternoon of that day he was presented in Frieth School-room with a revolving bookcase with inscription, as a reminder of his residence at Frieth. The Rector made the presentation in behalf of the subscribers. Messrs. J. Barksfield (Sidesman at Frieth) and E. West added a few hearty and sympathetic words.

We earnestly invite our readers to make it a matter of prayer that a suitable successor may be found to fill his place.

Mothers' Meetings

Are held at Hambleton Rectory on the first and third Fridays in the month; at Parmoor on the first and third Thursdays; at Skirmett on the second and fourth Fridays.

Many of our readers will be interested to hear that a set of flannel shirts have been made for the poor suffering Christians in Armenia; the members of the Mothers' Meeting generously contributing towards the materials. A kind wish has been expressed by others who are unable, for one reason or another, to attend, to do some work for similar objects at home.

Confirmation Classes

Will begin in Advent at the Church on Tuesdays—Girls at 2 p.m.; Boys at 6.15. Parents and God-parents are invited to attend.

Advent Services.

A Course of Sermons will be preached on Sunday evenings at the Parish Church by the Rev. Dr. Cobb. There will be Special Services,

as in former times, at the Parish Church, on Wednesdays; Frieth, on Thursdays; Skirmett, on Wednesdays, at 7 p.m.

The Sermon at Hambleden on Dec. 2nd will be preached by the Rev. Cyril Bickersteth; on Dec. 18th by Rev. H. G. Meara, Vicar of S. Luke's, Maidenhead; on Dec. 23rd, by Rev. W. Hill, R.D.

Skirmett Reading Room.

A strong desire having been expressed that the Reading-room and Institute should be re-opened, a meeting was held in the Parish room on November 10, the Rector in the chair. Rules were drawn up, and a committee formed. The members of the committee residing in Skirmett undertook to be responsible for the management of the room on different nights of the week in turn. It has thus been started upon the sound principle of local self-government, and we hope it will prove successful. The committee will seek to enlist a few honorary members, in the same way as the Institutes at Hambleden and Frieth.

Hambleden Junior Cricket Club.

We wish to express our hearty thanks to Mrs. G. F. Eyre and Miss Eyre for prizes; to Mr. Vernon for a bat; and to all who kindly subscribed and helped.

BALANCE SHEET.			
<i>Receipts.</i>	£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£ s. d.
Subscriptions—Friends ..	2 8 6	Two bats at 4/6, 5/-	0 9 6
Twenty-four Members at 3d.	0 6 0	Two balls	0 10 0
Concert	0 7 6	Two sets of stumps	0 7 6
		Two pair of pads, 6/-	0 12 0
		One pair of wicket-keeping gloves	0 19 0
		One score book	0 1 3
		Harris—Repairs	0 3 9
		Balance in hand	0 8 0
	£3 2 0		£3 2 0

Church Bookstall.

Prayer-books, hymns, &c., may be bought on application to Mrs. Dyer, from 5d. upward.

School Entertainment.

The account of this must be reserved till next month.

MEDMENHAM.

BAPTISM. (Omitted in Oct.) Aug. 30.—Hilda Marjorie Carpenter.

During the season of Advent there will be a Service in the Church each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, with an Address. That of the first Wednesday (Dec. 2nd), will have particular regard to the Intercession of Church people in behalf of the Missions of the Church.

We have lately had two alarms of illness in the Parish, especially among the children, but we are thankful to say that in both cases fears are now allayed. It is at such times that we appreciate the blessing of an Institution like the Smith Hospital at Henley-on-Thames. One of the above cases was treated at home. The other is now under treatment at the Hospital, and the accounts are most encouraging.

Some hopes have been expressed that an Entertainment may be got ready by Christmas-time. We think the suggestion a very good one.