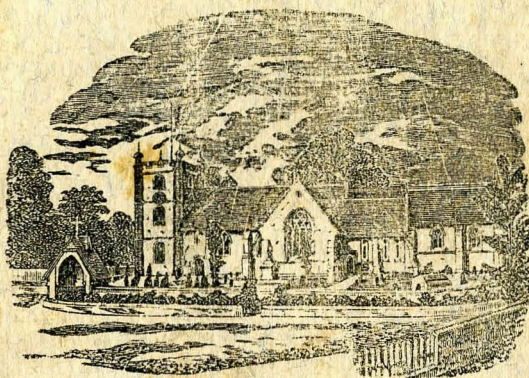


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## Baptism.

Jan. 3.—Denis Ronald, son of James W. and K. E. Coker.

## Burial.

Jan. 28.—James Shepherd, Skirmett, aged 79.

## Obituary.

A former parishioner and benefactor to the Parish, G. C. Schwabe, Esq., passed away at the age of 84, at his residence in London, on January 10th, and was buried in a vault which he had had made some years back in the Cemetery at Henley. The Rev. S. Dugdale read the service, assisted by the Rectors of Henley and Hambleden. Messrs. Faulkner, H. Barksfield, Plummer and Wise attended, at Mrs. Schwabe's desire. Mr. Schwabe will be remembered for many kind acts, but the standing witness of his considerate thought exists in the present condition of the cottages in the village which he repaired, and of those at Coombe Bottom which he built.

The following extract from the "Standard" of January 25th may interest some of our readers:—

CLARKE.—Jan. 22, at Wilberforce Place, Reading, Susannah, fifth daughter of the late William Clarke, of Parmoor House, Hambleden, Bucks, in her 83rd year. The last surviving member of the family.

## Parish Library.

The books have now been catalogued, repaired, and some new ones added. This has given considerable labour, for which we have to thank especially Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Eyre, together with Miss Rixon and Miss Hobbs. Contributions have also been made by some of our kind friends towards the expenses connected with the re-organisation of the Library. Books may be taken out at 4 p.m. every Monday, at the School. A charge of 1d. a volume is made, unless readers prefer to pay a subscription of 6d., which will entitle them to one volume throughout the year. The money will go towards buying new books and repairing old ones.

## Lectures on Cottage and Allotment Gardening

Have been arranged by the Flower Show Committee of the Institute. The Lecturer, whose fees will be paid by the Technical Education Committee of the County Council, will be Mr. R. Dean (sec. of the Nat. Chrysanthemum Society). He will give three lectures, on Thursday evenings, February 11th and 25th, and March 11th. Admission free to all members of the Cottage Garden Society, which the Committee of the Institute have started, in order to revive the Hambleden Flower Show, and at the same time make a new departure, by way of a "Diamond Jubilee" celebration. Any cottager in Hambleden or Skirmett can join this Society by paying a subscription of 6d.

## Entertainments, etc.

J. Hodges, Esq., of Harpsden, is kindly giving us two entertainments (the practical outcome of his zealous work amongst the lads at Harpsden), on January 29th, Nigger Minstrels, on February 9th, Physical Display in the School. Admission free, only by ticket, which can be obtained of Mr. H. Barksfield. It is intended to have a concert before Lent to raise funds for the Boys' Institute, and another one after Easter for the Choir outing.

## Laundry Classes.

Twelve instructions, beginning February 13th, at 2.30 p.m. 2s. the course.

# FRIETH.

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## Baptism.

Jan. 29.—Dorothy, daughter of Joseph and Annie Maskell.

## Burial.

Jan. 14.—Fanny Leaver, aged 68 years.

## Drawing Class.

Of the seven students who sat for the Science and Art Department's examination in May, one was awarded a first class, and four others a second. This result is highly creditable to the class and to their teacher, Mr. George Gilbert, of High Wycombe. The instruction in this class, as well as in the Laundry class which has been held, has been provided by the Technical Education Committee of the County Council.

## Church Accounts.

As Frieth is an exception to the general rule in not making up accounts from Easter to Easter, but from Christmas to Christmas, we subjoin the following summary :—

### OFFERINGS.

	£	s.	d.
(1) <i>Home Missions.</i>			
Diocesan Church Building Society	0	10	5
Diocesan Branch of C.E.T.S.	0	10	6
East London Church Fund	1	1	9
(2) <i>Foreign Missions.</i>			
S.P.G.	0	17	11
Diocese of New Westminster	0	19	10
(By Children's Services)	0	7	0
(3) <i>Charitable Objects.</i>			
Royal Berkshire Hospital	1	12	4
Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution	1	12	5
The Armenians in Turkey	1	6	3½
(4) Sick and Needy in the parish (Christmas)	1	0	2
"    "    "    "    "    "	5	18	10
(5) Church Expenses	31	12	7½
	<u>£47</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>

### SIDESMAN'S STATEMENT.

(1) <i>Choir Expenses.</i>	£	s.	d.	Sundry repairs	0	11	11
Organist	10	0	0	Insurance	1	13	0
Choir Boys	2	17	7	Expenses of sidesman at			
Organ Blower, &c.	0	17	7	Visitation	0	7	6
New Psalters	1	9	0	Travelling expenses for			
Music and Choir				preacher in Lent	0	5	0
Notices	0	12	10	Bell rope	0	2	3
Washing Surplices	1	10	0	Sundries	0	3	1½
		<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>	(3) <i>Special repairs.</i>			
(2) <i>General Expenses.</i>				Messrs. Clayton and Bell,			
Sexton	5	10	0	west window	2	18	0
Caretaker	4	11	0	Messrs. West & Collier,			
Cleaning	0	12	11	lamps and hassocks	3	17	2
Webb and Collier	0	9	11				
Bond, coal and coke	3	7	0				
Barksfield, oil	1	5	6				
Mason, soot door, 10s. ;							
Harvey, sweeping flue,							
2s. 6d.	0	12	6				
					<u>£43</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9½</u>
Offerings in Church	31	12	7½				
Balance paid by C. A. Cripps, Esq. Q.C., M.P.	12	1	2				
					<u>£43</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9½</u>

Holy Communion have been provided by the funds of the Mother Church at Hambleton; and last, but not least, clergy stipends, together with rates, taxes, and insurance of Parsonage House, have been paid by the Rector.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
Rev. S. D. Dewey ... ..	116 5 0	Rev. C. M. Wetherall ...	10 8 0
Rev. M. Graves ... ..	3 3 0	Rev. A. H. Stanton ...	123 13 1
Rev. Dr. Cobb ... ..	9 14 2		
Rates, Taxes, Insurance ...	4 18 11		
	£134 1 1		£134 1 1

#### CLERGY STIPENDS.

If the present Rector's predecessors had any fault, it was that they were more generous to the present than considerate to the future: and if it was a fault, it was one shared by most of the Clergy up and down the land. They ought to have taken a leaf out of Pharaoh's book. That prudent monarch, acting under Joseph's advice, took care that during the fat years a fifth of the corn should be stored away for the lean years to follow; and, consequently, in the lean years "there was corn in Egypt." Our forefathers in ancient times built one Church and provided a generous endowment for a Priest to minister in this Church. Two additional Churches have been built during Her Majesty's reign, and a sum producing an annual income of £33 6s. 8d. has been given, but only for the service of the Churches in the valley. The Rector has received a generous subscription of £40 from the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P. He hopes that other laity of the Parish, either by subscription, or through the Offertory, or by the most essential custom of Easter Offerings, will help to defray this, the most essential item of Church expenses. The years get leaner. The value of the tithe went down £25 last year, and again £20 this.

#### SKIRMETT SOCIAL.

A very pleasant evening was spent on Thursday, January 14th, by a goodly company in the Parish Rooms. Our best thanks are due to Mrs. A. Barnett, Jones, G. F. Eyre, Misses Deane and Hobbs, Messrs. Vernon, Winfield, and all who kindly assisted by their music, songs, presence, or contributions. Mr. C. J. Barnett acted as Master of the Ceremonies with his customary energy, and was eminently successful in "keeping the ball rolling." The solid result was over £1 added to the funds of the Reading Room.

#### MEDMENHAM.

**MARRIAGE.** Dec. 2.—James Trendall and Ann Maria Lowe.

The Service in Church for Choir and Bell Ringers, with an Address by the Vicar, was held on New Year's Eve. After Service all went to the Vicarage for supper and entertainment. The company seemed to enjoy themselves very much; and certainly after a year's labour, which oftentimes is a great tax on other attractions, they well deserved any attention that could be showed to them.

On January the 22nd the children of our School were treated to a Tea and Christmas Tree by Mrs. Hudson, of Danesfield. Miss White was unstinting in the trouble she took to prepare for and carry out the occasion. The presents were numerous, each child being the recipient of several. The weather was, unfortunately, by no means favourable, but still there were kind ladies interesting themselves in the proceedings, and the band, in full uniform, was present to enliven matters. The Vicar acknowledged the kindness of Mrs. Hudson, and the children cheered thankfully for their benefactress and the ladies who had assisted.

Challenges to cricket matches have made their appearance. We hope a good list will be arranged, and that practice will be taken up in good earnest.