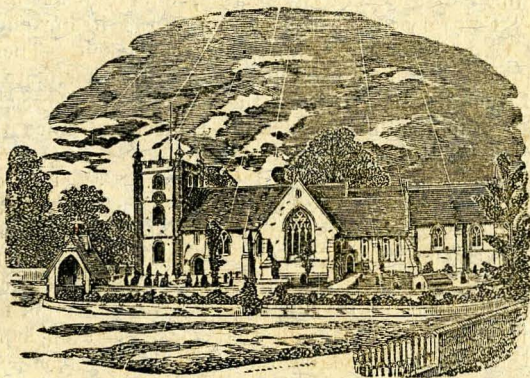


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Marriage.

April 17.—William Henry Manley and Ursula Lucas.

S. John's, Frieth.

Baptism.

April 25.—Archie, son of Charles and Flora Bond.

The Easter Vestry

Was held on Monday, April 26th, at 11 a.m., and was attended by the Rector, the Rev. G. F. Eyre, Messrs. Clark, Mason, and Vernon. Messrs. W. F. Holt Beever and J. Mason were appointed Churchwardens, and Mr. J. Barksfield Sidesman for Frieth, for the ensuing year.

The Church Accounts

Were examined at the Vestry Meeting, a statement of which is appended. Contrary to the expectation of the Rector and Churchwardens at Christmas, there is a considerable deficit. There are one or two items of expenditure which amount to rather more than was anticipated, such as the repair to the lead on the Tower, etc.; and also a considerable falling off in the Collections since Christmas, which was due partly, no doubt, to the weather. The total amount offered in Church on Sundays and Christmas Day since collections have been made at each Service is £147 18s.; of this £89 13s. 8d. goes to Church Expenses, collected on 36 Sundays; the offerings for other purposes amounted to £58 4s. 4d., collected on Christmas Day and 14 Sundays, 9 of these collections only being for objects outside the Parish. It will be noticed that the average collection for Church Expenses is about £2 10s., and that for special objects £4. If, therefore, the collections had been all for Church Expenses the total for the year would only have been about £127 10s. instead of £147 18s., so that it is true that "we lose what on ourselves we spend." But, of course, it is the first duty of Church-people to pay their own expenses, but this ought not to be done at the expense of the primary Christian duties of promoting Church work among the heathen at home or abroad, and for helping the sick and afflicted. We have no doubt that the deficiency will soon be made up, and we must be a little more economical in the future. Our fuel bill is a very heavy one, much too large—practically a pound a week through the winter. S. Peter's, Bournemouth, which holds 1500 people, is kept up to 60° all through the cold weather for half that amount. If, as we are told, it is the fault of the apparatus, we ought to get a more economical plan before next winter. The Rector has been informed that at the Church of All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, the Churchwardens have lately done away with an apparatus similar to ours, in consequence of the extravagance in fuel, and have put in its place small hot water pipes. The Rural Dean speaks strongly in favour of this system at Medmenham.

The Parochial Tea,

As announced in our last, took place on Tuesday, April 27th. There should be added to the list of the givers of tables mentioned there the names of Mrs. Beever and Miss Slocock. Unfortunately Mrs. Beever was unable to be present through illness, but her place was kindly taken by her sister, Miss Browning. It was also a matter of much regret that Lady Esther was prevented from coming by the death of a near relative; Miss Evans was good enough to do her part at her table. The weather was perfect. If such a lovely evening could have been foreseen the tables would have been laid in the open air. As it was, the School looked its best, with pretty decorations and the abundant spread of tempting provisions. There must have been over 300 present, but there has not been time yet (as we go to press) to make an exact account of the tickets.

A short, but first-rate, programme succeeded the entertainment of the body, comprising two charming glees by Mr. and Mrs. Muirhead, Mrs. Eyre, and Rev. A. E. Brown Constable—there should have been three, but Mrs. Eyre had to leave to catch a train northwards—another quartette from Frieth, Rev. A. E. B. Constable, Mr. and two Misses Collier; solos by Mr. Constable and Mrs. Eyre; and two very amusing duets by Mr. and Mrs. Clarke; a violin solo by Miss Helen Cripps; and a reading by the Rector. It was the misfortune, not the fault, of the Choir that they took no part in the programme, Miss Wilson fell ill after Palm Sunday and Mr. Vernon, who was to have sung, was suffering from a sore throat.

The Rector said a few words by way of sandwich between the two entertainments, and expressed the hope, which the Editor of the Parish Magazine echoes, that this gathering of the Church-people of the Parish, in connection with the Dedication Festival, will help to knit together the bonds of unity by which the members of the Church are bound together.

Frieth.

The Special Services on April 6th, conducted by Rev. D. W. H. Horlock, were very well attended, and were, we are sure, a source of thankfulness to all concerned. The women will long remember the text, "Friend go up higher," S. Luke xiv., 10; and the men will not forget the words, "Go now, ye that are men, and serve the Lord," Exodus x., 2.

Church Improvements at Frieth.

The Rector has had an offer of oak Choir stalls. If these are to be of the same size on each side the entrance from the Vestry into the Chancel would be narrowed. It would be desirable that a doorway should be opened into the south aisle of the Church, and that the Chancel side of the Vestry should be closed with a suitable screen. The Font also needs to be placed a little further from the wall, and, as the Archdeacon observed, requires a proper cover; and at the same time the walls might be cleaned and decorated with stencilling. £150 or £200 would do these things well. The Rector would like to hear of promised subscriptions, in order not to lose the Choir stalls.

Skirmett.

The members of the Institute wound up a successful season with a supper in Easter Week. Mr. Wetherall's rooms have been found very useful for this and for the Mother's Meetings, etc., during the winter. He has allowed us to rent it from him for the winter, but the agreement made with him is now at an end. Before another winter comes it is desirable that a more permanent arrangement should be arrived at.

SKIRMETT READING ROOM ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions:				Rent of Room	1	5	0
Hon. Members	2	8	4	Caretaker	1	11	6
Members	1	0	8	Coals, &c.	0	19	3
Social Evening	2	3	4	Oil, &c.	0	14	1½
Concert—Messrs. and Miss				Papers	1	0	0
Deane	0	19	5	Games	0	8	3
Sale of Papers	0	1	8½	Sundries	0	1	5
				Balance in hand	0	13	11
	£6	13	5½		£6	13	5½

MEDMENHAM.

MARRIAGES.

April 19.—William Austin to Jessie Bird.
 „ 19.—Joseph Tilbury to Sarah Austin.

BURIAL.

April 22.—Henry Jacobs, aged 11 months.

A double wedding would at any time be something unusual at Medmenham, but the above-mentioned occasion was of particular interest. For all belonged to this Parish, and are of families highly respected by their neighbours, and all had been educated in one or other of our own Schools. Both bridegrooms are soldiers who have served their time with the colours, and both, as we should have expected from their boyhood, bear excellent characters in their Regiments. Through the great kindness of Miss Hobbs, the ceremony was partly choral, a very pleasing feature, and at the same time an evidence of the hearty good wishes with which the young couples commence their married life.

A successful concert was held on Easter Tuesday, in the Danesfield Schoolroom, kindly lent by R. W. Hudson, Esq. Many kind friends, among whom were the Rev. G. F. Eyre and Mrs. Eyre, Mr. Norton Deane, Miss Deane, Mr. Robert Deane, the Rev. G. E. Aickin, Miss Beryl Kearley, and Miss Healey, contributed with songs and recitations to the Entertainment. The Band looked smart in their new uniforms, which Mrs. Hudson has so generously presented, and they played well. Before parting, the Vicar asked for a vote of thanks to Mr. Hudson for granting the use of the room. This was accorded very heartily, after which a verse of "God save the Queen," closed a most pleasant evening. The proceeds are given, when expenses are paid, partly to the Band and partly to the Cricket Club. They will each receive a little over a sovereign.

The Parish Vestry Meeting was held on Tuesday in Easter week, when the Church accounts were examined and approved, and the same Churchwardens, *viz.*, Mr. Kearley and Mr. Frederick Wright, re-elected.