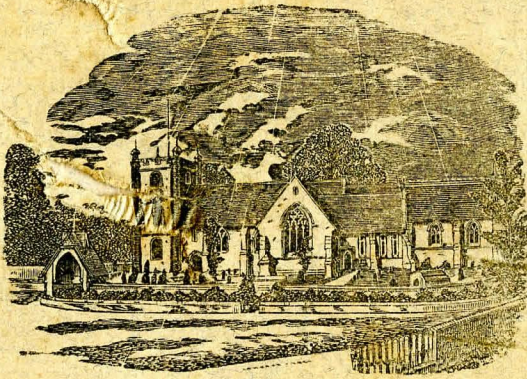




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Baptism.

- May 9.—Ralph, son of George and Alice Marie Batchelor.
,, 16.—Charles Frederick, son of James and Louisa Small.
,, 30.—Ella Annie, daughter of Thomas and Hermina Hurford.

N.B.—The Rector desires to remind parents that Holy Baptism is administered, as a rule, on the first Sunday in the month at 3 p.m.; on the third and fifth Sundays after the Second Lesson at Evensong.

Burial.

- May 29.—Elizabeth Higgins, aged 77.

S. John's, Frieth.

Baptism.

- May 7.—Julia Bristow.

Burial.

- May 7.—Julia Bristow, aged one month.
,, 18.—Theodore Henry Ernest Stretch, aged 22 years.

The news of the death of the last-mentioned in our obituary came as a great shock upon all who knew him. Though not a resident in the parish, he was baptized in Frieth Church; and had constantly been in and out amongst us. Many had known him from childhood: others had become acquainted with him as a famous oarsman, having rowed in the University boat-race, and having appeared in successive years at Henley. Nothing could have been more solemn and impressive than the funeral. The glorious sunshine, the bright fresh green of early summer, the quietness of the spot, the beauty of the surrounding scene, the large number of mourners, the relatives of three generations, the friends from Oxford, Radley, London, and elsewhere, the sympathetic crowd of the inhabitants of Frieth and the neighbourhood of every age and station in life, the large white-robed Choir, the beautiful flowers—all helped to bring home the thought so touchingly expressed by our Church's poet in "The Christian Year," in the words addressed to mourners—

Then cheerly to your work again,
With hearts new braced and set,
To run, untir'd, love's blessèd race,
As meet for those who face to face
Over the grave their Lord have met.

The Rector was assisted by Rev. R. S. Hassard, Vicar of S. James', Notting Hill, the Church with which Mr. Stretch was connected, and the Rev. Canon Utterton, Vicar of Leatherhead. Hymns 266 and 264 were sung. The coffin was covered with the flag of the Leander Club.

Jubilee Gift to Hambleden.

We are authorised to announce that the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., has promised to build as a Jubilee gift a **New School and Teachers' House** on a site kindly given by Mr. Scott-Murray.

It is a very noble gift, and one which will be very much appreciated. Our School has been a very good one in its time: but the requirements of the Education Department have increased, and very properly so. It will be a very great blessing to have a School of greater

