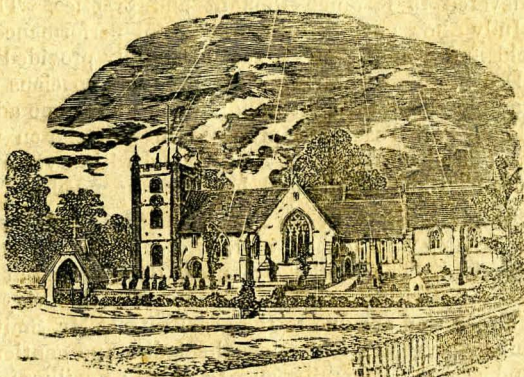


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## PARISH REGISTER.

### Baptism.

- July 4.—Victor George, son of Thomas and Annie Jane Metcalfe.  
,, 4.—Edward Charles George, son of Henry and Caroline Perkins.

### Burial.

- July 10.—Mary Stallwood, aged 60.

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### Jubilee Festivities.

*(From our Special Correspondent).*

The valley of Hambleden further celebrated the Diamond Jubilee in genuine "Queen's weather," on Monday, July 12. Sports were begun at 2.30, and produced a goodly number of entries. Much amusement was caused by the Obstacle race, in which the vagaries of the maze with its shifting track greatly perplexed those who had previously devoted to it much thought and practice. The Royal Punch and Judy Show gave two very successful performances, to the delight of old and young. Meat Tea, splendidly provided in every way by Mr. Death of Great Marlow, was served in a spacious marquee, which gave ample room to eight hundred and ninety-one adults and children. The Loyal Toast was proposed in well chosen words by the Chairman (The Hon. W. F. D. Smith), and with a verse of "God Save the Queen" right loyally and heartily responded to.

Prizes were given away by Mrs. Scott-Murray, and the evening given up to dancing and games, while the cocoanut shy stand, &c., was well patronised. The Henley Volunteer Band played at intervals throughout the festivities. Our best thanks for this very pleasant and successful occasion are due to the generosity of Mr. Smith and to the other subscribers, not forgetting the ladies and gentlemen who decorated and assisted generally, and to those who illuminated the Church gate and tower later on. It may be said that all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Besides those who live in the valley we were pleased to see the late Rector (Rev. C. M. Wetherall), Mr. W. Wetherall, Messrs. West and Collier, and Mr. Marsh. The only cause for regret was the unavoidable absence of Lady Esther Smith, the Rector and Mr. Constable. More than a word of praise is due to Mr. Charles Barnett, whose energy and vigour materially lightened the work of the Committee. The Committee consisted of Mr. C. J. Barnett (Treasurer), the Rev. G. F. Eyre, Rev. A. T. Brown, Messrs. A. Barnett, Clark, J. Hobbs, Mason, Muirhead, Perkins, Payton and Vernon.

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### Sunday School and Catechism.

On Saturday, July 24, the Summer Festival took place in the form of a Flower Service. Three large packages of flowers were in consequence sent off by an evening train to the London Hospital

patients; the same Hospital which so gratefully acknowledged the children's Lent offerings of Flowers. After the Service, the scholars, eighty-three in number, went to Hatchmans, by special invitation of Mrs. F. J. Eyre. Here games, sports, and tea, were enjoyed till 7 p.m. In spite of the great heat, Mrs. Eyre, her friends, the teachers and officers, worked devotedly, and with deserved success.

The Rewards were given on Sunday morning, and besides a slightly increased number of medals won, the First Prizes were given under the new system to A. Denham, L. Bennett and H. Keeley.

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### The Vicar of Turville.

We must give a few words of hearty welcome to the Reverend Michael Graves, as he enters upon his new duties in the parish of Turville (or Turfield, which has a more English look about it and is the way in which it is spelt in our old Registers). Mr. Graves is no stranger to the parishioners of Hambleton; in fact he has almost been a member of the clerical staff during the past year. If the Church were occupying the land for the first time to-day, the people of Skirmett would probably have had the honour of being under the care of the Vicar of Turville. At any rate it is not likely that three Churches would have been built so near to each other as S. Mary's Turville, S. Bartholomew's Fingest, and All Saints' Skirmett. In fact the convenience of the people would be best consulted if the district containing these three Churches formed one parish. But the Church was not (like a shop in the Brompton Road, Chelsea,) "established *yesterday*," and when it first settled in the land the boundaries of the Manor were thought to make the most convenient sphere of ministrations for the Priest. But times have changed and populations have shifted. A century ago there were not more than 400 people in the parish of Hambleton. Christian people must make the best use of the Church privileges provided for them. It is due to the Clergy and to their own neighbours that our parishioners should, as far as possible, attend the Services in the Church at Skirmett; but if these are not sufficient or at hours that are not convenient, we are glad to be sure that they will find the Sacraments duly ministered and the Services reverently conducted in the Churches of neighbouring parishes.

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### MEDMENHAM.

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#### BURIAL.

July 26.—Thomas Humphries, aged 70.

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We all sympathise with Mr. Spowart in the great sorrow that has fallen upon him.

On Monday, June 21st, the School was visited by H. Harcourt Smith, Esq., of the Science and Art Department, for the purpose of examining the boys of the School in Drawing. The Report has not yet come in.

On Friday, June 25, the School was visited by S. G. Tremeneere, Esq., H.M.I. An examination of a very searching kind was gone through, and the following is the Inspector's Report :—"The School is conducted with much zeal and kindly energy. The children are in excellent discipline, and have passed a very fair examination on the whole, but the Writing and Figuring of the paper work are much too small and cramped, and the Infants' Reading is poor. Reading sheets and loose letters should be provided for their use."

From the above dates it will be seen that the School had plenty to do when most people were holiday making, during the week of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

Upon the Report itself it may be observed that in our own School one Teacher, single-handed, has to do the work which in larger Schools is done by several departments, and the labour divided among several Teachers. We may not doubt that "a very fair examination on the whole," is not by any means an unsatisfactory point to have reached.

