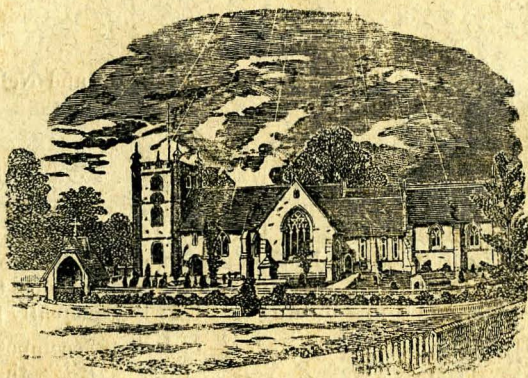


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## PARISH REGISTER.

### Baptism.

Aug. 1.—Sidney Arthur, son of Edward John and Louisa Mary Harris.

### Burial.

Aug. 7.—Fanny Look, aged 56.

### In S. John Ev., Frieth.

#### Baptisms.

Aug. 8.—Victor Charles, son of James and Julia Audrey.

„ 8.—Frederick Victor, son of Charles and Annie Simmons.

„ 8.—Edgar Henry, son of Walter Henry and Mary Jane Burrige.

#### Marriage.

Aug. 7.—Mark Butler and Mary Ann Godfrey.

#### Burial.

July 28.—Elijah Bassett.

### In All Saint's, Skirmett.

#### Baptism.

Aug. 8.—Georgina May, daughter of William George and Nellie Sarah Perrin (of Gosport).

## NOTES OF THE MONTH.

On Aug. 5th the **Parmoor Flower Show** was held: and Mr. Cripps as usual kindly opened his beautiful grounds and entertained the parishioners of Frieth and other neighbours. The weather was beautifully fine throughout the proceedings. We hope that the **Hambleden Flower Show** on August 31st will be equally favoured.

August is a month in which Harvest and Shows compete for the interest of the people. Messrs. West and Collier took their work-people to Bournemouth: and another large party, including Mrs. Collier and her sewing class, went to Portsmouth.

Miss Rixon and Master Bertram Barnett have been winning laurels (and something more solid) in the Cycle Gymkhana at Marlow.

There are various fields in which prizes are won. On August 12th, **Mr. H. W. Cripps, Q.C.**, was presented by the members of the County Council, at Aylesbury, with a handsome piece of plate, having just resigned a post which no one else can fill, namely, that of being the first Chairman of the Bucks County Council. Lord Cottesloe, the present Chairman, spoke in feeling terms of the great service that Mr. Cripps had done for the County in guiding this important body in the early stages of its existence. The Rector and Mrs. Stanton had the honour of being present with Mr. Cripps on this interesting occasion.

We also congratulate the Rev. G. F. Eyre on his success at the Henley Flower Show, taking three first and three second prizes.



We extract the following from *The South Bucks Standard* of Aug. 20th. "On Saturday last the Rev. A. E. Brown Constable, Curate-in-charge of Frieth, kindly entertained the juvenile members of the Frieth and Skirmett Choirs, with the widows resident in the neighbourhood, to tea in the Vicarage grounds at five o'clock: and the adult members of the Choir and Church workers, upwards of thirty in number, to a capital meat tea at seven o'clock. The Lane End Orphans' Band was in attendance, and played a selection of dance music during the evening. After tea the Vicarage grounds were thrown open to the public, and a very enjoyable evening was spent."

By the way, if anyone would see a marvel of invention, let them call when in High Wycombe at the offices of *The South Bucks Standard* to see the **Printing Press**. The old-fashioned setting up of the type letter by letter is gone. The compositor touches whatever letter he wants on a sort of key-board; a little brass letter answers the summons and gets into its place: when a line is thus formed, it enters into communication with some hot lead, and the words are fixed; the line of type comes out to be fitted into another press; the brass letters that have been used each finds its way back into its original home ready to come out again, when required.

But we were speaking of **Mr. and Mrs. Constable**. It was only last April that we announced in our columns Mr. Constable's appointment: and now before the month of September is out, he will be on his way back to India. Pecuniary matters, connected with the death of a brother in India, have made it necessary for him to take up again the Army Chaplaincy, which he would have resigned on Nov. 1st. Mr. Constable's energy, activity, and ability have been much appreciated in all parts of the Parish. On his first arrival he filled the post of Organist at Hambleden, during Miss Wilson's indisposition. In his own special district of Frieth and Skirmett, his loss will be very much felt.

We must hope that the good work he has set going may not be allowed to flag. The people at Skirmett will be glad to see Poynetz occupied again; and will welcome Mrs. Constable with the children. We shall all be glad to hear through her of Mr. Constable's work in India.

The **Schools** in the parish will shortly re-open. There have been certain changes in the staff. Miss Abraham will take Miss Nation's place at Hambleden. An additional trained Assistant Mistress will take the place of the Monitresses at Frieth. Miss Edith West will take the place of Miss Greenwood (now Mrs. Plumridge) at Skirmett.



## MEDMENHAM.

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The children of the village have for the most part met with an unusual amount of attention and kindness during the last few months. After affording them teas on several occasions with presents, useful and valuable, such as jubilee mugs, etc., Mrs. Hudson, of Danesfield, most kindly engaged a steam launch to take them down to Windsor, on Monday, August 9th. This was quite a new experience for all, and was carried out by Miss White with commendable care. The State Apartments of the Castle were visited, and the Round Tower ascended. The children spent a day of lively and astonished interest. As everything was done for their refreshment and comfort, they have every reason to look back upon their treat with particular pleasure.

It may also be added that the Fife and Drum Band, by invitation, accompanied the party, and were recipients of all the good things in the day's programme.

It is most gratifying to notice the way in which some of our fellow parishioners distinguished themselves at the Marlow fête of last month.

The judges at the Flower Show reported that "H. Carpenter's flowers were highly creditable to him", that "all the cottage gardens entered for competition were exceptionally neat and clean, and Russell's showed special industry"—He has taken first place again this year. In the cut flower section the three prize-takers for Dahlias were all Medmenham men. 1 Russell; 2 Smallbones; 3 Carpenter. Most heartily do we wish them future successes, and we trust that others may be encouraged in a pursuit so elevating and honourable.

With pleasure too we have heard of the success of Walter Young at the August Regatta at Henley-on-Thames. He won the open race for Junior Sculls, and secured as a memento a most useful prize.

Our School difficulty is still unsettled, but has to be faced.

