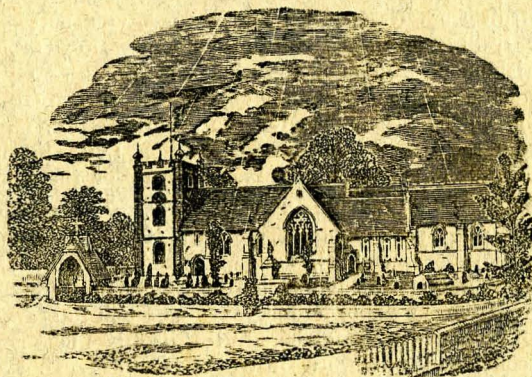


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Baptism.

- Sept. 5.—Charles, son of William and Florence Tilbury.
,, 5.—William George, son of George and Louisa Gutteridge.

In S. John Ev., Frieth.

- Sept. 12.—Margaret Victoria, daughter of George and Emma L. Edwards.
,, 19.—George Bertram, son of Edward R. and Annie Collier.

Harvest Festival.

Sunday, September 12th, was the day appointed for Hambleden. The weather was perfect: if any fault could be found with it, it was that there was not wind enough to stir the flag—a contrast to the rough and boisterous day last year. Dr. Cobb, who assisted us in Advent last year, after Mr. Dewey's departure, and whom in consequence we may call an old friend, preached both morning and evening. The offerings amounted to £7 2s. 2d.

The Church, as usual on such occasions, looked beautiful, with the plants and fruit from Greenlands, and the contributions of bright flowers and trailing clematis, Virginia creeper, etc., brought by different Parishioners. Some of the usual decorators were away, but a strong detachment from Hatchmans supplied their places; Mrs. F. Eyre being chiefly responsible for the Altar, Miss Thompson for the Pulpit, and the Misses Courtney for the Font: Mr. F. Shepherd, as usual, doing, what is such a prominent feature on these occasions, the wreathing of the pillars and the arches and string course.

Skirmett followed on Sunday, September 19th. A crowded and hearty congregation assembled, and were addressed by the Rev. A. E. Brown-Constable. As it was his last opportunity of speaking to this congregation, in whom he has taken so much interest, and by whom he will certainly be remembered with gratitude for many years to come, he concluded by a word or two of practical exhortation, to make the most of the opportunities afforded them of joining in the worship of Almighty God in the little Church of All Saints. The offerings were for the Bishop of Calcutta's special fund for repairing the damage done by the recent earthquakes in his Diocese, and amounted to the total, which deserves the epithet "grand," of £2 7s. 8d.

Tuesday, September 21st, the Feast of S. Matthew, the Apostle and Evangelist, made a suitable day for the Thanksgiving at Frieth. There was a crowded congregation. The offerings, as at Skirmett, were given to the Bishop of Calcutta's special fund, and amounted to what we consider a satisfactory sum of £4 9s. 4d. The preacher, Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall, Vicar of Marlow, based an impressive sermon upon the subject of David's determination to purchase, rather than receive as a gift, the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. In the course of his sermon he aptly pointed out that it was a great thing when the gifts offered on such an occasion went right away, so that there could be no expectation of getting any advantage back.

Hambleden Church Expenses.

The Rector and Churchwardens are glad to say that the Church accounts are now evenly balanced: thanks mainly to an altogether unexpected donation of £5. The Rector regretted that it was necessary to look to the support of Church expenses at a Festival, but the Church must not give way to a very common form of temptation, to be more ready to give presents to one's friends than pay just debts. We shall now again be incurring the additional expenses of fire and lighting. Ours is a difficult Church to warm, and the warming is a very expensive item, but a very necessary one. Some people think it is rather extravagant to keep up the fire all through the week, but this costs very little more than lighting it fresh each Saturday, and is far better for the organ, let alone those who value the Church as a House of Prayer in the week.

The Flower Show.

The Flower Show was held in the School on August 31st. Those who had seen the Committee toiling amid scaffold planks and a confused array of desks in the early morning, were agreeably surprised to find the room, not only in order, but very prettily arranged. The judges, Messrs. Stanton, of Park Place, and Tonbridge, of Culham Court, spoke in high terms of the excellent general quality of the exhibits. Vegetables, especially potatoes, attracted the largest number of entries. Another year we hope to see a large increase in the number of flowers staged. Fruit was also good. We have not space to particularise, but must say one word in praise of H. Rose's champion collection: although the only entry, it was well worthy of the prize, and obtained high praise from the judges. We noticed that the prizes were well distributed. An excellent tea was served by Mr. and Mrs. Turton. The Wargrave District School Band was fetched by the Greenlands van, and richly deserved the praise they evoked. In the intervals of a rather stormy afternoon an enjoyable cricket match was played in the Dean, by permission of the squire. The attendance was good in spite of the weather, and the one opinion seemed to be that the first revived Show was a great success.

Abbreviated Statement of Accounts.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENSES.	£ s. d.
Receipts	26 15 2½	Prizes	13 5 0
		Printing	3 9 4½
		Band	1 10 0
		Tea, etc.	1 14 0
		Cleaning, etc.	0 10 9
		Balance	6 6 1
	£26 15 2½		£26 15 2½

Our warmest thanks are due to the Committee for the energy with which they worked. Those who only saw the Show in the afternoon have no idea of what was involved. The miles walked to collect subscriptions and solicit entries, after their day's work, required no little effort, while the arrangement of the room and its clearance was a task which is best estimated by looking at the sums often spent on such occasions in providing tents and stages.

South Bucks Technical Education Classes.

A course of twelve lessons on Cookery for Cottagers, will be given at the Rectory, on Monday afternoons, at 2.15 p.m., beginning October 4th ; fee 1s.

The class is arranged at this hour to enable mothers to come, while their children are at School.

Any persons wishing to join should communicate at once with Mrs. G. F. Eyre, Logan Cottage.

The National Society.

The Rev. F. J. Chandler, Organising Secretary of the N.S., gave a very interesting Address upon the history of educational progress and of the part the National Society, the Church's organisation for education, has played, at what was intended to be a garden meeting, at the Rectory, on Thursday, September 9th. The weather was cold and the party were glad to take refuge indoors. A vote of thanks to Mr. Chandler was proposed by Mr. Danvers Power, and seconded by Rev. W. Hill, R.D. A collection brought in £3 11s. 9d., and annual subscriptions to the amount of £7 1s. were promised.

MEDMENHAM.

Baptisms.

Aug. 1.—Frederick William Martin.

Sep. 26.—Ada Florence Adby.

Our Harvest Festival was held on the 19th September, and the collections of the day, according to custom long established, were made for the Royal Berkshire Hospital and the Cottage Hospital at Marlow. The former received £2 2s. 3d. (with some help from the Offertory Fund), and the latter received £1. The collections were certainly disappointing ; but in the absence of many from the village, we could hardly expect otherwise. We were fortunate to have the services of the Rev. J. N. Blagden, who came over from Marlow and preached us an excellent Sermon in the morning from S. Luke xvii., 17-18. Particular thanks are due to those who so kindly sent flowers, and fruit, and corn, and also to those who spent many hours in the Church for the sake of decorating the building. We thought the effect was exceedingly good. Afterwards the fruit was distributed among the sick and aged and the Cottage Hospital.

The Schoolroom can now be used nearly every evening by the men and elder lads of the village as a Reading Room. Some Magazines are already there, and they will accumulate as weeks go by. Of course the greatest care has to be taken not to interfere with the apparatus, appliances, &c., &c., of the School.

We are very sorry that the Cricket Club had such a poor share of attention during the late season. There was the ground, and all things, and for some time even a good bowler and instructor ready, but players were wanting, so much so, that match fixtures had to be given up, to the disappointment no doubt, of Clubs that expected us to meet them. As things are the Secretary is much out of pocket.