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PARISH REGISTER.

Baptism.

- Nov. 7.—Edith Florence, daughter of S. C. and E. Ladd, Sittingbourne, Kent.
 - " 7.-Leonard Henry, son of Joseph and A. Leaver.
 - " 7.—Edith Winifred Bessie, daughter of John and E. A. Hawkes.

Burial.

Nov. 18.—James Latham, aged 59 years.

Confirmation.

The Bishop of Oxford will administer the holy rite of Confirmation or the Laying on of Hands in our Parish Church on Tuesday, Feb. 15th, at 11 a.m. The Rector desires to receive the names of all who wish to become Candidates as soon as possible, that he may make arrangement for their proper preparation. "Fathers, Mothers, Masters and Dames," should read the three rubrical directions in the Prayer Book at the end of the Catechism. It is a great thing that children should be presented to the Bishop for this solemn purpose before they get away from home.

Parish Notes.

The **Sermons** on Wednesday evenings in Advent, 7 p.m., will be preached as follows :

Dec. 1.—Rev. A. S. Thompson, Vicar of Little Marlow.

" 8.—Rev. A. Browning, S. Luke's, Maidenhead.

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" 22.--Rev. J. B. Kirby, Vicar of Wooburn.

A Lecture on the History of Christianity in Britain down to the year 700 A.D. will be given in the School on Friday, Dec. 10th, at 7 p.m., by the Rev. J. W. Nutt, Rector of Harpsden, formerly Fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford. The Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., hopes to be able to take the chair.

The lecture will be illustrated by lantern pictures. It is intended for grown-up people, though children, if quiet, are welcome. If this lecture seems to be appreciated, the Rector hopes to arrange for a continuation after Christmas.

Thursday, Dec. 2nd, will be observed as the Day of **Intercession** for Foreign Missions. Special prayers will be offered at the Celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and at a Special Service at 12 noon.

Missionary Boxes for the Parochial Association in aid of Missions or S.P.G., A.C.S., E.L.C.F., should be sent to the Rectory at once, in order that the amount may be forwarded before the end of the year. The Church of England Society for providing homes for **Waifs** and **Strays**, received a sum of $\pounds 7$ 10s., the result of a small sale at the Rectory on Nov. 6th, of work prepared by the Misses Stanton, assisted by Miss Charis Muirhead and Miss May Courtney.

The Committee of the County Council for **Technical Education** is providing this parish with a Cookery Class at the Rectory on Mondays, a Carving (not of the meat cooked) Class for the Boys' Institute at the School on Wednesdays, Singing Classes at Frieth and Skirmett on Fridays.

The **Shiplake Ringers** visited our Tower and rang some changes on our bells on Saturday, Nov. 20th.

The Parochial Library.

The books belonging to this useful institution were looked over last winter; a large number were repaired, and a considerable number of new volumes were added. A **Catalogue** was printed to enable persons to choose their own books, and send a list of books required to the Librarian with their name attached. It is hoped that all subscribers will purchase a copy of the Catalogue (price 3d.) It can be obtained at the School when the Library is open, *i.e.* at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoons. This will save the Librarian much trouble, and prevent the same books being sent out again and again to the same person, a thing that must often happen unless a list is sent by the children.

The **Subscription** is One Penny a month, or Sixpence for the twelvemonth if paid in January.

The following is a statement of accounts for the year 1897 :

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The Rector has received gifts for Parochial purposes in general from the names marked with *, from which he has allotted the above amounts for this object. There will be the usual Services in Advent on Thursdays at 7 p.m. The Rev. A. G. Nash will probably make his first appearance on Thursday, Dec. 9th.

Skirmett.-All Saints' Dedication Lestival.

As announced last month, the Rev. F. H. Slocock preached at the First Evensong of All Saints; on Nov. 7th, the Sunday within the Octave, there was a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9, and the sermon in the evening was preached by Rev. C. A. Wells.

The little Church has been much improved by the addition of hangings round the walls of the Sanctuary. For this we have to thank Mrs. F. G. Eyre (of Hatchmans) as the prime mover in providing them, together with other ladies (who have often in various ways shewn their kind feeling towards Skirmett) who contributed in money or in work.

The Parochial Tea took place on Monday evening. The moon would have shone, had it not been for the fog. However the tea was there, and the people who did justice to it, and the conjuror whom Lady Esther Smith was kind enough to send. Lady Esther had hoped to have been present herself, but was prevented; as also Mrs. Muirhead. Mr. F. Stallwood acted as assistant to the conjuror with readiness and good humour. The bad weather and illness also deterred some of our friends from Flint Hill and Fingest House from coming to assist with some music. Mrs. G. F. Eyre, however, sang two very pretty songs.

MEDMENHAM.

We were fortunate in being able to obtain the assistance of Miss Eva Collier in carrying on the School after the last teacher had most unhappily become so disabled. Thus, with some aid from others, there has been no break in the proper times for opening the School, and the teaching has been cared for.

Mrs. Calverley has now taken up the work, and we are glad to welcome her into the Parish.

CONFIRMATION.—The Bishop will hold a Confirmation for this parish at Great Marlow on 15th Feb. next. As the season of Christmas will cause some interruption at least, the Vicar will be glad to receive the names of Candidates as soon as possible. He will arrange Classes of Preparation, both as to time and place, in order to make them as convenient as he can to each.

ADVENT.—During the season of Advent there will be a Service in the Church on Wednesday evenings at 7 o'clock.

Frieth.