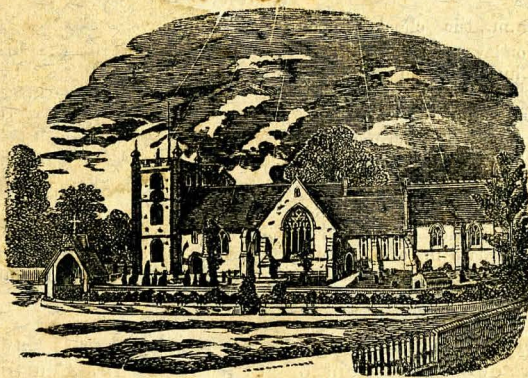


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A Happy New Year to our readers! and the way to attain that is to take up our duties bravely "with both hands," and to go forward in the faith of the support and guidance of a Higher Hand than ours. We leave all those things that are behind: it is vain to regret our failures and omissions now the opportunity is past. Let us press onward, "considering one another, to provoke unto love and good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is."

PARISH REGISTER.

Baptism.

- Dec. 5.—Florence, daughter of George and Julia Mott.
,, 5.—Ida, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth Partridge.
,, 11.—(Privately) Doris, daughter of Charles H. and Miriam M. Honeysett.
,, 27.—Henry Robert, son of Robert and Marian Henstridge.

Burial.

- Dec. 3.—Thomas Wye, aged 72 years.
,, 14.—Victor George Metcalfe, aged 6 months.
,, 23.—Doris Honeysett, aged 10 months.

Ordination.—In the Cathedral Church of Christ in Oxford, December 19th, Rev. G. F. Eyre was ordained Priest by the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

Fixtures.

- Jan. 10.—9 a.m., the Schools re-open after the holidays.
,, 10.—Monday—Second Lecture, by Rev. J. W. Nutt, on the History of the Church in England (Anglo-Saxon and Norman period), 7.15 p.m. Chairman, the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P. Entrance free. Children only admitted with their Parents.
,, 23.—Sunday—The Sermon in the Evening at Hambleden will be preached by the Rev. H. G. J. Meara, Vicar of S. Luke's, Maidenhead.
Feb. 7.—Concert in the School at Hambleden. Proceeds for the Choir and Church-workers' Outing.
,, 22.—Confirmation in the Parish Church. The Bishop has had to arrange this date instead of Feb. 15th, as the Archbishop of Canterbury has arranged for the Meeting of Convocation (that is, the Church's Parliament) in the preceding week.

Subscriptions should be paid without delay to Miss May Courtney. Our readers owe a great debt of gratitude to Miss Courtney for the trouble she takes in collecting the subscriptions and distributing the Magazines. We trust they will not give her the trouble, as too many did last year, of making repeated application. Mrs. Purcell and Miss L. Brown also deserve our thanks for acting as agents at Skirmett and Frieth.

Copies of the **Hambleden Almanac** can be had at One Penny of Miss Thatcher, Messrs. Webb & Collier, and Mr. Turton.

S. John the Evangelist, Frieth.

The Rev. A. G. Nash came into residence on Tuesday, December 7th, and on Thursday, at 7 p.m., was formally installed at a Special Service in the Church by the Rector. After a procession (hymn 391) the Rector said some special prayers, and gave an address, based on the solemn Exhortation in the service for "the Ordering of Priests,"

in the Prayer Book. Evensong followed, intoned by the newly-installed Curate-in-Charge. The Rector has great pleasure in being able to gratify the wishes of some in Frieth, who have for a long time wished for an Evening Service, without having to walk any distance. The 3 p.m. Service has always been very well attended: and he hopes that the change will not be inconvenient to any of the regular worshippers. The Evening Service will be continued till Trinity Sunday, and discontinued till Michaelmas.

All Saints', Skirmett.

The Services for the present are as follows:—

- Holy Communion, 8 a.m., second Sunday in the month.
 " " 11 a.m., fourth " "
 Morning Service every Sunday at 11 a.m.
 Evening Service every Sunday at 6.15 p.m.
 Sunday School at 5.30 p.m.

Cookery Classes.

The Committee for Technical Education has arranged for the course of Cookery Lessons to be continued in February, beginning Monday, February 7th, at the Rectory, at 5 p.m. Applications to be made to Mrs. Eyre,

There will also be a Class at Skirmett on the same days, beginning at 2.15, provided that at least 6 and not more than 12 persons join. Names may be given in at the Mothers' Meeting. Fee, One Shilling for the course of 12 lessons.

Contributions for Missions, &c., during 1897, from the whole Parish, by Offerories, Subscriptions, and Boxes.

	£	s.	d.
S.P.G.	7	10	0
A.C.S.	5	0	0
Oxford Diocesan Missionary Studentship	2	0	0
Rockhampton (Australia)	2	0	0
Calcutta	1	10	0
Japan	5	3	4
East London	14	6	4
	£37	9	8
Education of African Boy (per Mrs. Barnett)	7	0	0
Indian Famine (Mansion House Fund)	10	17	6
" " Bishop of Calcutta	6	17	0
Oxford Diocesan Clergy Sustentation (Jubilee)	16	16	6
" " Spiritual Help Society	4	1	0
" " C.E.T.S.	6	11	0
Royal Agricultural Benevolent Association	9	9	5
Royal Berkshire Hospital	3	3	0
Waifs and Strays Church Society	6	4	0
Church Penitentiary Association	2	0	0
*National Society for Education of the Poor	1	10	5
Church Committee for Defence and Instruction	4	11	2
	£116	10	8
*National Society, Collection at Meeting at the Rectory	2	11	9
" " Annual Subscriptions promised	7	1	0

Church Expenses.—This is the heaviest quarter for fire and lighting. There is a great deal of space in the Parish Church, all of which must be equally heated, if the effect is to be generally felt, unless we screen off some portions. The Offerings each Sunday ought to average not less than £3, which, at present, they do not.

MEDMENHAM.

BAPTISMS. Nov. 28.—Elizabeth Mary Thorne.

„ 28.—Frances Maud Russell.

MARRIAGE. Dec. 25.—Roland Percy Burton and Kate Elizabeth Brown.

The Church has lately received much attention from the western door to the eastern wall. New curtains have been hung under the tower and great care taken to prevent the draughts of cold air which made that end of the Church more than uncomfortable. The nave has now been well supplied with hassocks and excellent seat mats by Messrs. West and Collier, of Frieth. The Chancel with new hangings, &c., and the Altar on Christmas Day was truly in keeping with the great Festival, having a new Altar Frontal, Super Frontal, and covering to Re-table, all of rich material and beautifully worked by the Clewer School of Embroidery, of 72, Gower Street. Mrs. Hudson, of Danesfield, has very kindly made these gifts and borne the whole cost of the improvements.

On the 23rd December the children of the School and their mothers were entertained at Danesfield with a Tea and Christmas Tree. The presents were of all kinds, and each child also received a new sixpenny-piece.

We have lost well-known neighbours in the departure of the Barksfield family. We wish them all success in their new home.

It will be interesting to remark that during 1896 only one person died in Medmenham, and again in 1897 one only. There is no such record to be met with in the Registers for many years back, if at all. It certainly is a great testimony to the healthfulness of the place.

THE GARDEN.

We contemplate giving a few hints to Cottagers every month on gardening matters, and should any one be in doubt as to any matter which may arise, the writer will be pleased at any time to answer any questions. January is generally a dull month in the cottage garden, and very little can be attempted except trenching and digging, and getting the ground into good condition for planting and seed sowing when the time arrives. I will begin by giving a few notes on the rose.

THE ROSE.

Though in Scotland the wild roses excel those of our southern hedges, yet ever since the Wars of the Roses, England has borne the rose as her badge. In history, romance, and poetry, the rose has held the highest position of any flower, and is now the ideal flower of our country. Though commonly known as the flower of England, the most beautiful varieties are of French origin. La France, the Queen of roses for size, beauty, and scent, is inimitable; Maréchal Niel is triumphant over yellow roses; and Gloire de Dijon is the glory of every English village. The rose has borne a great part in the history of our country; in 1485, on Lancaster marrying Elizabeth of York, the white rose and the red rose bloomed on one stem (so we are told); but we must leave it to our readers to read history, and try in this paper to give a few useful hints to those who would like to cultivate the rose successfully. The first point is soil and situation. The best soil is a rather heavy loam, the deeper the better. It should be well drained: such land as will grow good wheat will grow good roses. Next it should be rich to grow them well: if it has it not already, it ought to have thoroughly decayed manure added to it. To make a good rose bed, trench the ground two feet deep, throw out all bad or inferior soil, and add good turf as the work proceeds, give a good dressing of phosphate of lime, or six lbs. of inch bones to the square yard, then dig in six inches of old cow manure. Let the ground stand for a few weeks before planting to get consolidated. The rose garden (or where you plant roses) ought to be open to the south and sheltered from the north and east if possible. Roses should not be planted near large trees if you can avoid it, nor should they have any shade during any period of the day, as they want all the sunshine and air possible in this country to ensure good blooms.

To be continued

W. MURRAY GEDDES.