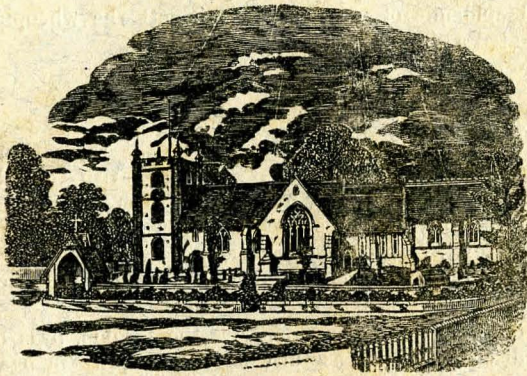


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Baptism.

- Jan. 2.—William George, son of Edmund and Esther Jemmett.
„ 2.—(At Frieth.) Mary Rose, daughter of Charles and Annie Wakefield.
„ 2.—(At Skirmett.) Frank, son of William and Annie Eliza Deane.
„ 5.—(Privately.) Emma, daughter of Thomas and Amy Stephens.

Forthcoming Events.

The **Confirmation** will take place at 11 a.m. on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 22nd. Candidates should be at the Church at least by 10.45. The female candidates can put on their veils under the tower. It is to be hoped that employers and others will be able to arrange so that the Ringers, the Choir, and parents and friends of the candidates may be present, and that the Bishop may have a proper reception.

The **Concert** announced in our last for Feb. 7th will not come off in consequence of the amount of illness in the place just now.

The **Cookery Classes** will not take place, a sufficient number of names not having been given in.

The **School** at Hambleden was closed on Jan. 26th on account of the general epidemic of measles; at Skirmett the whooping cough has necessitated a similar measure.

Lenten Services.

Courses of Sermons will be preached in the three Churches on Sunday nights; on Wednesday nights at the Parish Church by the Rev. A. G. Nash; on Thursday nights, at Frieth, the first three by Rev. G. F. Eyre, the last three by the Rector; on Friday nights, at Skirmett, by Rev. A. G. Nash. There is also a Service at Mr. Clark's, at Rockell End, on Wednesday evenings. The weekly Services are at 7 p.m.

In these days, when short sermons are the fashion, it is often impossible to discuss subjects as fully as they require in *one* sermon. It is generally agreed that it is more profitable to the hearers that some subject should be taken, and thoroughly worked out in all its bearings, which can be done in a course of sermons. It is desirable however, when this is done, that the hearers should try to make a point of hearing the whole course.

Lent is a call and an opportunity to cultivate the higher life. As an American Bishop well says, "We are not called in Lent, or at any other time, to an objectless starving of the body, to an aimless denial of natural desires, to a whimsical withdrawal from social intercourse. Abstinence from earthly pleasures, of whatever kind, must always be with a view to something higher—an element of hungering and thirsting *after* righteousness. Self-discipline is for the rescue of the true self, for its development and culture." Let us then "hunger and thirst after righteousness," and regulate our life, particularly at this time, with a view to satisfying this hunger and thirst.

We have had (like other places) a great deal of influenza, and colds and coughs, in spite of the mild weather. Many families have had a very trying and anxious time. They seem to be rather better off in this respect at Frieth, where they have enjoyed sunshine, while the valley has been wrapped in fog.

Central Africa.

The Rev. P. H. Chambers, Secretary to the U.M.C.A., will (D.V.) preach at Hambleton at 11, at Skirmett at 6.15 on March 6th, the second Sunday in Lent. He will also give a lecture (illustrated by lantern pictures) in the School on Monday, March 7th, at 7 p.m.

Church History.

The Rev. J. W. Nutt gave a very interesting lecture in Hambleton School as announced last month. It included short biographies of three famous Englishmen, King Alfred the Great, Archbishop Thomas à Beckett, and Bishop Grosstête, of Lincoln, in whose diocese Hambleton was. The lantern views included the beautiful Cathedrals of Durham and Lincoln, and a *fac-simile* of the beginning of Magna Charta. The Hon. W. F. D. Smith, who presided, introduced the lecturer, and proposed a vote of thanks in a few felicitous and well chosen phrases.

Frieth.

On January 8th the new Village Room was used for the first time, when a tea was given to the children of the Day and Sunday Schools by C. A. Cripps, Esq. The young people from Parmoor afterwards performed charades, &c., to the great delight of the children. A dance for seniors suitably closed the afternoon's entertainment.

Archdeacon Shears, of Natal, came to give us an address on Missions in the Schoolroom on January 12th. In spite of short notice, the room was well filled. We feel sure that much interest was aroused by the Archdeacon's lecture.

School Prize Giving.

The prizes provided for Frieth School by the kindness of C. A. Cripps, Esq., Q.C., M.P., were distributed on Monday, Jan. 24th, by Miss Slocock in the absence, through indisposition, of Miss Cripps. The Rector, who was accompanied by Mrs. Stanton, gave a brief address, in which he explained that the general prizes were given to all who obtained a certain amount of marks, irrespective of the numbers of the class.

MEDMENHAM.

BURIAL. Jan. 8th.—Reginald Ralston Hobbs, aged 8 years.

Most of us in Medmenham were well acquainted with the little friendly boy who has been laid in our Churchyard. We were very sorry to notice his failing health, and sincerely grieve for his early departure.

On January 13th Archdeacon Shears, late of Natal, came and addressed a meeting in our old Schoolroom in behalf of the S.P.G. We have seldom had a more edifying meeting. The Archdeacon's address was full of fresh information, calculated to awaken and quicken interest in the work of the Church abroad. The collection, 17s. 6d., has been sent up to the Society.

We are much concerned at the prevalence of influenza, the attack for the most part is not severe but very general.

The mild weather of January has been most remarkable.

GARDENING NOTES FOR FEBRUARY.

THE ROSE.—*Continued.*

Planting.—Planting can be done any time from November to March, although November planted roses are generally the best. If you have to procure them from a nursery, and the roots are some time out of the ground, make a puddle of soil and water of nearly the consistence of paint, dip the roots in this and plant them immediately. Should the border for the roses be narrow, plant the strongest growers in the back line, medium in second row, and dwarfs in front row. Standard roses look well on grass, but to have them fine they want manure-water all through the growing and flowering period. After planting, spread three or four inches of long manure over the roots as a protection from frost and drought.

Autumn Pruning. Summer roses—Provence (including the moss rose). These require to be pruned to three or four eyes, according to the strength of the shoots. Damask—These require only sufficient pruning to keep them in shape. Climbing—These require a different mode of pruning to all other roses. We shall describe it as the spur system. Train in young shoots during summer; in the autumn shorten those shoots one-fourth of their length, that is, supposing the shoot is four feet long, cut one foot of it off, and so reduce it to three feet, and in the same proportion for longer shoots; the shoots will then during summer produce side shoots, these are the spurs. In March, prune these side shoots to three eyes, and nail securely to the wall, or tie to whatever support they have. From the spurs the blooms come in an abundance. Hybrid perpetuals are, as a rule, weak growers, and should be pruned into two or three eyes, and all weak wood cut away. In summer it often happens, where the roses are growing in good ground, that some of them produce branches that grow so strong and fast as to rob the rest of their due support. Those branches are what rosarians call gluttons. Only stop them at first, and cut them clean away in autumn. When the rose stocks throw out an equal number of strong shoots, as they sometimes do in such sorts as Baron Rothschild, then thin out a few shoots to keep them from crowding, and to get the others well ripened, always bearing in mind that unless you have good ripe wood you will not have good blooms.

Plenty of good manure, and skilful handling of the knife, is what the rose requires to give good blooms. Nottinghamshire is known far and near for her fine grown blooms on the exhibition table, and the name of Dean Hole and the rose are so much associated with each other, that one cannot mention a rose without thinking of his great achievements in rose growing, and we would ask all those who would like to grow good roses to buy his book on roses. We will give the names of a few good sorts that can be depended upon. Hybrid Perpetuals—Abel Grand, Alfred Colomb, Anna Laxton, Baronne de Maynard, Bessie Johnston, Boule de Neige, Camille Bernardin, Cannes la Coquette, Captain Christy, Charles Lefebvre, Docteur Andry, Duke of Albany, General Jacqueminot, Gloire de Bourg la Reine, La France, Madame Olympe Tereschenko, Madame Rambaux, &c. Tea Scented—Belle Lyonnaise, Cheshunt Hybrid, Gloire de Dijon, Homère, Isabella Sprunt, Grace Darling, Perle des Jardins, etc.

W. M. G.