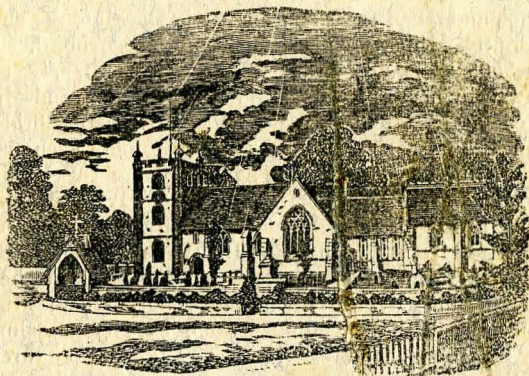


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Baptism.

Feb. 20.—Harry, son of Stephen and Rose Cook.

Marriage.

Feb. 15.—Richard Vernon and Alice Gertrude Rixon.

Burials

Feb. 11.—Ella Constance Freeman, aged 33 years.

Luxters. ,, 21.—Violet Higgins, (Luxters), aged 11 months.

At Frieth. ,, 18.—Cecil Harry Cook, (Pargrove), aged 1 year.

Feb. 15. The **Wedding** of Mr. Richard Vernon with Miss Alice Rixon deserves more than a formal record : as well on account of the prominent position of both in the Parish, as of the Service in the Church, by which their separate spheres were drawn into one. Mr. Vernon has for many years been a member of the Choir, and Miss Rixon has been a valuable Churchworker, both as assisting Mrs. Barnett in her district, and as an occasional helper in the Sunday School. The Service in Church, which was fixed for 2 p.m., was choral. It began with Hymn 350, "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden." The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Wingrave Rixon ; and Mr. Robert Vernon acted as best man. We may say that the bride looked extremely nice, but we must leave it to our more secular contemporaries to describe her costume. The Choir sang the Psalm as the Rector, followed by the newly-married couple, advanced towards the Altar. After the prayers the Rector read an address, often used on such occasions, written by the late Dr. Walsham How, Bishop of Wakefield. While the registers were being signed in the Vestry, Hymn 351 was sung by the Choir and congregation : after which Miss Wilson played the Wedding March, by Mendelssohn, as the bridal party left the Church. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon endured courageously the time-honoured reception, customary on such an occasion : and while regretting that such a relic of barbarism should remain in this civilised country, must have had the satisfaction of feeling that they had considerably encouraged the rice trade. After spending a few minutes in bidding farewell at Mill End, they started on the journey to Torquay, from whence they returned with hearty welcome to Hutton's Farmhouse on February 23rd.

We are requested to add that Mrs. Barnett desires to thank all her friends and neighbours for the great kindness shewn to her on the marriage of her niece on the 15th inst.

The Confirmation.

The day (Shrove Tuesday) was begun with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, to plead God's blessing upon the great Service of the day. The Confirmation Service was fixed at 11. The Bishop was welcomed by the bells, and the new flag (for which we have to thank Mr. Smith) waved gracefully in the breeze. There were 42 candidates from our

own Parish, and 10 from Turville: the sexes being equally divided. The hymns sung were 358, 157, and 391. The Bishop delivered an impressive address to the candidates, laying great stress upon the need of believing firmly in the Fatherly love of God, and in the necessity of regular Holy Communion. To help to this we hope the newly confirmed and others will attend regularly the monthly Classes for instruction upon and preparation for the Blessed Sacrament.

March 7th.--A **Lecture** will be given in the School on "Central Africa," by the Rev. P. H. Chambers, Organizing Secretary of the U.M.C.A., illustrated by Lantern Slides. Doors open at 6.45, to begin at 7. Admission free.

Parish Magazine Account.

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Parish Almanac Account.

	£	s.	d.
300 Almanacs	2	13	6
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Skirmett Social

Took place on Thursday, Feb. 10th. We were sorry not to see more Skirmett people there, but those who did come thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Songs and dancing were kept up to a late hour. Our best thanks are due to Mrs. A. P. Barnett for her indefatigable work at the piano, and to the visitors, who helped to make the evening very successful. The proceeds, which came to about £2, will, after expenses have been paid, be applied to extinguishing the debt on the Skirmett Reading Room.

The Cottage Garden Society.

A General Meeting was held on Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, when there was a discussion as to the arrangements for the next Show. A bronze medal presented by the Royal Horticultural Society was exhibited, and some pictures of daffodils and other flowers. Papers on "Window Gardening," and on "various flowers," written by Mr. Perkins, were

then read, and a series of lantern slides shewn, illustrating the value of cut flowers for use indoors.

The Committee have been re-elected, with Mr. Knowles, gardener to Lady Sheffield, as an additional member. They hope to meet with a repetition of the cordial support given last year. The Show will probably be held in the last week of August. The advance schedules will probably be published by the time this appears.

Another General Meeting was held on Wednesday, Feb. 16th.

MEDMENHAM.

BAPTISM. Feb. 6—Charles Edward Collison.

Owing to the prevalence of influenza, the Annual Christmas Festival of the Choir and Bell-ringers had to be deferred till the occasion presented itself of the greatest number being able to attend. Thursday, the 17th February, was therefore chosen. The customary order was still observed; Service in Church with an Address from the Vicar, and then supper and social evening at the Vicarage. Fourteen in all were present, several being absent through illness.

At the Confirmation held at Great Marlow on the 22nd ult., six males and five females were presented from Medmenham.

LENT SERVICES.

On each Wednesday evening at seven o'clock there is a Service with an Instruction. On each Friday evening the Litany with the 51st Psalm is said.

GARDENING NOTES FOR MARCH.

Preparation for seed sowing now requires prompt attention. If the weather should be changeable, the important operation of getting in the crops may have to be done gradually, but on no account should seeds be sown in sodden and unworkable soil. Better to wait than to have the seed destroyed and the ground injured, which is sure to be case if it is trodden down when wet. We have, however, more than once, on heavy soils been obliged to get in seeds when the ground was wet, but the after results were far from satisfactory. A full crop of Peas should now be sown, Dickson's Favourite being the best second pea. Two or three sowings during the month will keep a continuous supply. Spinach, Early Turnips, and Radish, may be sown between the rows. Sow Broad Beans in rows two feet apart, also sow in rows, Parsley, Early Carrots, Cauliflower, Lettuce, Cabbage, Brussels Sprouts, Savoys, and Broccoli. The demand and means of growing the quantity of these vegetables can alone regulate the quantity to be sown. Sow Leeks, Onions, and Parsnips towards the end of the month. Red Cabbage should be planted now on well-manured ground. Plant a few early Potatoes towards the end of the month in a sheltered situation. Try all means to keep small birds away from fruit trees, plums and gooseberries especially. We hear numerous complaints about spring frosts, but our small feathered tribe are often the depredators; and we would advise everyone to do their best to reduce the number of sparrows about our gardens and farms. We can destroy their eggs; but on no account destroy those of the robin and wren, for these do more good than harm. Birds pick out all the bloom buds, so watch them. A few flower seeds may now be sown in small boxes or pots, and only exposed on mild days, any light covering can be put over the boxes on a frosty night. Those who possess a very small garden can sow a good many sorts in one box, such as Stocks, Asters, Pansy, Mignonette, which can be planted out into flower borders when the weather gets warmer. Keep borders of spring flowers clean, and stir up the ground occasionally with the hoe.

W. M. G.