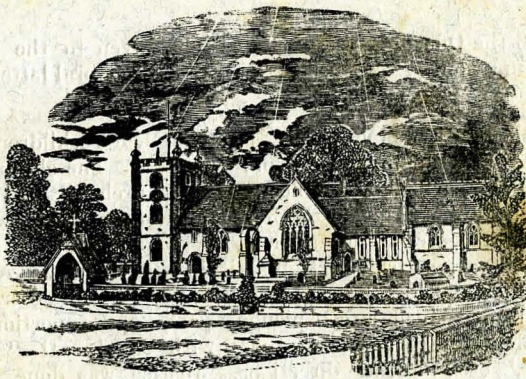




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### Baptism.

May 29.—(Frieth) Frederick Arthur, son of William and Emily Janes.  
June 5.—(Frieth) Ellen Eliza, daughter of Jesse and Rose Ann Munday.

### Burial.

June 22.—John Williams, aged 66 years.  
June 24.—Jesse Davis, aged 46 years.

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**Correction.**—June 2, 1849, should have been given in our last as the date of the Consecration of S. John's, Frieth.

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### Church Notices.

On July 10 the Rev. J. T. Christie, the Organising Secretary for the Diocesan Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, will preach in the **Parish Church** in behalf of the Society.

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On August 7 the Sermons and Collections will be in behalf of the East London Church Fund.

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On July 3 the Offerings at **Frieth** will be given to the Diocesan Board of Education, in response to the Bishop's Pastoral letter.

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**A School Feast** was held for the Hambleden children on the Rectory lawn on Thursday afternoon, June 19. The children, marshalled by their teachers, assembled at the Church at 3.45; after a brief Service they marched to the Rectory, where they were welcomed by the Rector and Mrs. Stanton, who were supported by Mr. and Mrs. Wetherall and various friends from within the Parish. A cricket match, in which the Rev. C. M. Wetherall, Miss Eyre, Messrs. Barksfield and Wilson played a conspicuous part, kept a portion of the young people "going"; while others with equal zeal "gathered nuts in May," etc., in other directions. Justice was done (when is justice not done?) to the tea which was served under the cedar tree. Several of the parents joined the party; it is hoped that another year more parents and fathers as well as mothers will accept the invitation.

The Rector gave away Certificates to those who had been specially mentioned in the Diocesan Examination. He at the same time expressed his regret and that of the children and parents that Miss Wilson was leaving. She has got an appointment as Organist and Assistant Teacher at Nuthurst, near Horsham, in Sussex. Though practically Miss Wilson was quite equal to her duties here, she does not possess the Certificate which the rules of the Education Department require where there is an average attendance of 50 infants. She will leave at the end of July; the best wishes of all with whom she has had to do with here will go with her.



**Church Workers' Outing.**—Children have a "feast": grown up and growing up persons an "outing." The "River Queen" (Mr. Cawston, Caversham) was again chartered, and took 86 "precious souls" on board at the Lock. The weather was Queen's weather: what else could we expect of a day marked in the Kalendar as both the Feast of the Translation of Edward, King of the West Saxons, and the Accession of Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India. The sun was hot, but the clouds supplied a parasol: and there was a lovely breeze. The party looked with interest upon the Abbey of Medmenham, renewing its youth; and, with a feeling almost akin to envy, at the commodious and picturesque new cottages on Mr. Hudson's Berkshire domains. The first stop was at Hedsor, where Lord Boston had kindly permitted us to land, and in other ways made us welcome. It had been part of the programme for those who were inclined to active exercise to visit the beautiful grounds of Dropmore. Though time was lost in landing owing to the water being low, the Rector led a party, which had a tendency to diminish in size, up Hedsor Hill; others were discouraged, as on enquiry of each passer-by the distance never seemed to grow less than "about a mile-and-a-half." However, those who came in at the finish (and among these Messrs. E. West and Wilson, and Mrs. Metcalfe and Steeres deserve honourable mention) felt themselves fully rewarded for their perseverance. The mass of colour of the rhododendrons and azaleas among the dark foliage of the trees; the picturesque quaintness of the old fashioned Italian garden, the grandeur and rarity of many of the pines and other trees evoked much admiration. Appetite for dinner supplied sufficient incentive for the walk back, an appetite which was well catered for by Mr. Dulley, of Wooburn. Others of the party visited the Church at Hedsor and saw what a Church and Churchyard may be. The Church is a gem. Every detail showed that much care and affection had been expended upon it, the fresco painting on the walls, the tasteful oak chancel screen, the oak seats with each end carved in different pattern, the font canopy, the marble steps, the lovely baptistery, the seven lamps "before the Throne," the ornaments of the Altar, all went to render the sense of perfection and to give what might be called with some justice "the beauty of holiness." One of our party, with better sight than hearing, was most struck with the board for list of hymns, such as we have in Frieth but not in Hambleden. The Churchyard was mown like a lawn, the graves being marked with small flat stones let in the grass. As we left Hedsor we must all have felt a hearty sense of gratitude to Lord Boston and Lady Louisa Fortescue for their generosity in so freely admitting others to visit their beautiful properties. On returning to the launch the journey was continued to Windsor. The State Apartments were not open, but about 30 paid a hasty visit to S. George's Chapel, where a Verger, specially told off for our party by the Dean, explained all the features of interest and pointed out the graves of various Kings. The return journey was commenced soon after 4.30 and the time passed pleasantly in the cool evening, Mrs. Stanton and some of the ladies devoting themselves with unceasing energy to quenching the hunger and thirst of the party with first tea and then supper—other members of the party using their vocal gifts for the charm and entertainment of the



company. The customary toasts were heartily responded to, "God save the Queen" was sung, and the party landed after a very enjoyable day soon after 9 p.m. It added much to the pleasure of the party to have the company of the Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Wetherall.

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**G.F.S.**—On Tuesday, June 21, Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Barnett, who are the working Associates for this Parish, took 12 members for the annual Festival of the Henley centre, which was held this year at Peppard. They will retain for a long time a happy recollection of the day spent in Miss Minett's pretty grounds and the service at the little Church on the hills.

The collections for the enlargement of the **Church School at Lane End** on June 19 amounted to £7 12s. 6d; £5 4s. 7d. at the Parish Church; £2 2s. 1d. at Frieth; and 5s. 10d. at Skirmett.

The collection at Frieth on Whitsunday for the **Oxford Diocesan Clergy Sustentation Fund** amounted to £1 0s. 2½d. The claims of this fund (which are very urgent) will be brought before the congregation of the Parish Church in due course.

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#### **Hambleton Institute Flower and Needlework Show.**

We are requested to state that entries for the garden and allotment prizes should be sent by the end of July; and that schedules for the needlework can be obtained of Miss Thatcher; other information of Mrs. G. F. Eyre.

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### **MEDMENHAM.**

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On June 16th Mr. Spikes, H.M. Assist. Inspector, visited our School and put the children through their annual examination. The result we have not yet heard, but we have no reason to expect that it will be otherwise than favourable. While we are speaking of the School let us try and engage the interest of all in promoting the regular and punctual attendance of the children. It is a matter that requires to be perpetually kept alive—for children so easily get into ways of coming late or coming irregularly; and thus not only do they lose ground themselves but hinder the advancement of the whole School.

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We are very glad to see that the zeal for cricket is sustained. The weather certainly has been for the most part adverse; but the season is not yet very old, and there may be good practice in July and August. With regard to the interesting match of Married against Single, we shall not be surprised if the triumph of the Married is of short duration. The prosperity of the Club, pleasantness of play and enjoyment of the members has our heartiest good wishes.

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We have to thank the Rev. C. C. Potts for having taken the trouble to come over from Marlow and preach a very interesting Sermon on the evening of Sunday, the 19th June.