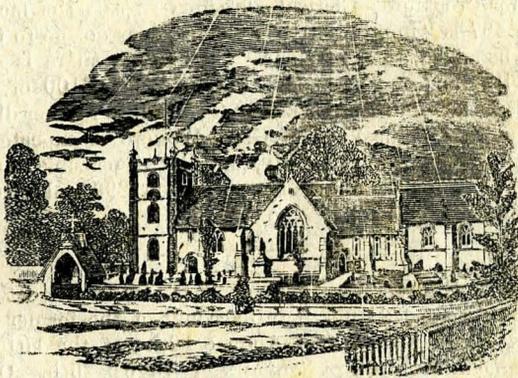


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### Baptisms.

- August 7.—Dorothy Clare, daughter of John Narracott and Clara Prince.  
,, 7.—Edward Frank, son of James and Alice Plumridge.  
,, 7.—Ernest Frederick, son of George and Alice Marie Batchelor.  
*Frieth.*  
,, 14.—Harry, son of James and Maria Austin.

### Marriage.

- August 13.—James Lee and Fanny Pratt.

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**Old Friends.**—Many of our readers will be interested to know that the Rev. F. W. Reade, M.A., Curate-in-Charge of Frieth, 1889-94, was, on August 12th, inducted by the Archdeacon of Worcester, on the presentation of Merton College, Oxford, to the Vicarage of Great Wolford, in the County of Warwick and Diocese of Worcester. The acreage of Wolford is 2620, population, 534, Church accommodation, 460. They will be sorry to know that the term "living" is scarcely applicable, for Crockford's Clerical Directory reveals the fact that of the Tithe, £467 is "impropriated": that is, does not go to the Vicar, nor, it may be added, to the farmer. The Vicar's share is stated to be £139, with 36 acres of glebe. Inasmuch as £100 of Tithe on paper means in fact now less than £69 (before it is further diminished by rates and taxes), the Vicar of Great Wolford is expected to live and maintain his wife and family, and be responsible for all the expenses that fall upon a Vicar of a parish, on £96 and what he can get out of 36 acres of land.

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**The Flower Shows** were held at Parmoor, on August 6th, and at Hambleden, August 24th. A full account of the former appeared in the *South Bucks Standard* of August 12th; of the latter in the *Henley and South Oxfordshire Standard* of August 26th. Our space will not permit us to insert the details here. The Committees of both deserve to be congratulated upon the excellence of the Shows, and to be thanked for the great trouble they take to encourage an industry which is—with the needlework which accompanies the flowers—the source of so much profit and pleasure to the majority of the parishioners. At Parmoor there was also an interesting exhibition of lace, and other industries. The bouquets of wild flowers are always a great feature at these Shows. The judges at Hambleden were astonished to find in one of these a rare wild orchid, *epipactis latifolius*, or purple helleborine.

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**Skirmett.**—The Rev. G. F. Eyre got up a Concert in the Parish Room here in July; and in August, with the proceeds, took the Church helpers in Choir and Sunday School, by steam launch, to Windsor and back, and spent a very enjoyable day.

### Visitors from East London.

On August Bank Holiday a party of boys from East London, sent by the Oxford House, was entertained by Mrs. F. J. Eyre in Greenlands Park, kindly lent. As on the two former visits, considerable interest was taken in the event by many of the parishioners. Boating, fishing, and a cricket match with Miss Thomson's Class (the cricket was mostly on our side, E. London, in the person of Box, scoring 9) filled up the time till tea, when our boys joined the visitors. Joint sports and a tug of war followed—this time, after a great struggle, London won. The party were (some of them) towed up to Henley by E. Metcalfe and G. Goodall, in charge of the Greenlands waterman; the remainder being rowed up by Mr. Roberts, of Oxford House.

The entire establishments of The Cottage and Logan Cottage spent the day in the Park. Many children, as well as their elders, sent nosegays of flowers, which were carried off in hampers lent by Greenlands. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins did their utmost; and conspicuous in good works were Mr. Mason's horse and van, which conveyed the entertainers and the entertainment to and from the scene of action, under the guidance of Mr. Mason, who, with his family, gave up the day to help Mrs. Eyre in her task as hostess.

The same day a large party from the Women's Branch of University Club, in charge of Miss Harrington, were invited to Greenlands, and entertained by Lady Esther in the Park. They were taken through the greenhouses at Greenlands, and for a trip on the river, and like the boys' party went home happy with country flowers.

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### Boys' Cricket Club.

On Aug. 1 the Hambleton Day School C.C. were kindly taken by Mr. H. Barksfield to Harpsden for a third Bank Holiday match with Harpsden Choir. Though the first match was easily won by Hambleton, Harpsden can now claim a double revenge. After the match Mr. J. Hodges entertained both teams right royally, as his manner is.

On Aug. 13 the Hambleton XI. were very kindly driven by Mr. Mason in his van to Moor's End for the return match with Frieth. The home team, which was almost entirely composed of raw recruits, was in no way disgraced by being beaten. Hambleton boys secured a record bowling analysis in both innings of Frieth, but with the exception of C. Beale and B. Hurford, the visitors' batting was poor. F. Keeley (Capt.) and C. Beale bowled and fielded well.

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**Frieth School.**—Parents and children will be sorry to hear that we are to lose the services of Miss Caulcher, who has accepted a post nearer home, and Miss Stevens, who is about to take up her abode, we believe, at Lane End under another name. Their departure will be a loss to the School: and we wish them both happiness in their future spheres.

## MEDMENHAM.

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### MARRIAGE.

August 20.—Edward James Cooke to Mary Ann Turner.

### BURIAL.

August 19.—Arthur Charles Blackborne, aged 18.

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Yet another case, within about four months, of boating fatality in our immediate portion of the river, and this time to one of the visitors sojourning at Medmenham. The death of young Mr. Blackborne gave a great shock to the whole village, and caused real sorrow for his early loss, and profound sympathy for his parents. The circumstances are particularly sad. It is at the same time pleasing to remember how much the lad endeared himself to everyone here with whom he came in contact.

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This village did not contribute so much to the Marlow Fête week as in past years, but there were some few to show a public spirit which we hope in many respects—gardens especially—may be developed.

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