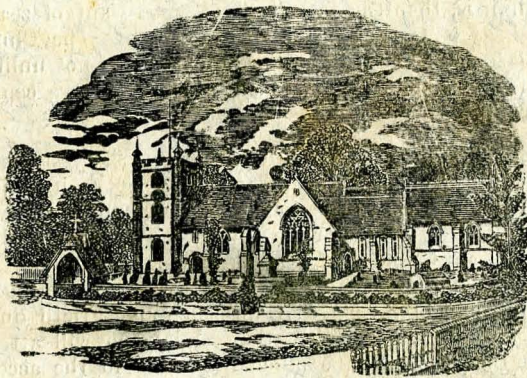


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Baptisms.

Sept. 4.—Edmund Colstrope, son of Louis W. F. and Harriett Deane.

Marriage.

Frieth.

Sept. 15.—Frederick William West and Emily Alice Collier.

Forthcoming Events.

We hope that by the time this goes to press a **Church Army Van** will be in the parish. There are two or three Vans belonging to the Diocese of Oxford, the Evangelist in charge being at the disposal of a Diocesan Committee. The object is to endeavour to bring home the truth and obligations of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who do not, as a rule, frequent a Place of Worship; there are alas! in this parish a great many to whom this applies. The Rector hopes that all Christian people in the parish will give their hearty sympathy to this effort, and will pray that abiding good may ensue. There is always a danger lest the effect of such "revivals" should be superficial. It will probably be less the fault of the Church Army Evangelist if it is, than the lukewarmness and want of zeal on the part of the body of Church people in the parish. The Church is a body, and if some of the members are lifeless, it is not unlikely that the cause of this is lack of life and warmth in the more central part of the body.

The Brotherhood of S. Andrew is a Society started on the other side of the Atlantic. It is a layman's society: its object is to give laymen their rightful place in the Church, and to help them to fulfil their duties. The Rector has invited Mr. Carleton, who comes from Toronto, in Canada, and is an undergraduate of Brasenose College, Oxford, and a resident of the Oxford House, Bethnal Green, to address meetings of laymen at Hambleden and Frieth during the latter part of October. He hopes that all laymen will attend. He is quite sure that they will be much interested in the account Mr. Carleton will give of the origin and progress of this Society. Due notice will be given of the day, hour, and place of meeting.

The Bishop of Stepney will address a meeting on Friday, November 11th, in the School, on the duty of Churchmen in regard to Missions; and an address on the musical rendering of the Church Service will be given by Rev. S. H. Palmer, a great authority on this subject.

Mothers' Meetings.

Mrs. Stanton hopes to re-open the above meetings in October, and will be very pleased to see anyone in the parish who is able to come. All will much miss Mrs. Muirhead's pleasant reading, and kind help and sympathy. Materials for Mission work will be provided, and those who like to do their own needlework can bring it with them.

Patterns of materials can also be seen, the goods ordered being paid for as convenient, and taken home when the last payment has been made. The meetings will be held fortnightly, beginning at Hambleden Rectory, Friday, Oct. 7th; Skirmett, Friday, Oct. 14th; from 2.30 to 4 o'clock.

Harvest Festival.

Skirmett led the way with a hearty Service at 7.30 p.m. on September 21st, S. Matthew's Day. The Church was beautifully decorated. The Rev. J. N. Blagden, from Marlow, preached on I. Cor. iii. 6. The offerings amounted to £2 6s. 8d.

Sunday, Sept. 25th, was kept as the general day for Harvest Thanksgiving throughout the parish. The offerings will be given for the establishing a Church Mission at Khartoum. It has always been true that the blood of the Martyrs is the seed of the Church. Surely Gordon was a martyr. We must at least try to shew the people of the Soudan what the difference is between the religion of the English people and that of the Dervishes. The Mission will probably be furnished by the Church Missionary Society, and subject to the English Bishop in Jerusalem and the East. £13 12s. 2d. was the sum offered: £6 18s. 5d. at the Parish Church; £3 8s. 7d. at Frieth; £3 5s. 2d. at Skirmett.

Frieth

was enlivened on Sept. 15th by the wedding of Mr. Frederick W. West, son of Mr. Thomas West, and Miss Emily, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Collier. The Lych Gate and Church were prettily decorated; the wedding was Choral. The Rector, supported by Rev. A. G. Nash, read the Service, and an impressive address, which is often used on similar occasions, written by Dr. Walsham How, late Bishop of Wakefield. The bride and bridegroom, after taking leave of their friends, drove off to Henley, in order to proceed to their home at Winchester. Mr. and Mrs. Collier entertained a large party, including the Clergy and Choir, at tea in the Memorial Hall, where the festivities of the occasion were continued by a dance in the evening.

Mr. Thomas West. Most of our readers will already know that Mr. West has been obliged to get leave of absence from his duties at School in consequence of increased ill health. Mr. West has been connected with the Schools of this parish for about 30 years; it will naturally be a great wrench to him to give up a work to which he has given such careful and earnest attention for so many years. He took charge of Frieth School in 1867, on the death of his mother. From 1872 to 1874 he was Assistant Master at Hambleton under Mr. Faulkner. For three years after this he went to a School in Devonshire, where he gained his certificate, and then came back in 1877 to take charge of Frieth School, where he has remained for the last 21 years. We sincerely hope, and are sure that we are expressing the universal feeling in the parish, that he may be granted a restoration of health and strength, and that he may be able to find a home amid the surroundings which have been familiar for so many years. Mr. West has contributed much by his character and his energy towards making the Church life at Frieth what it is. Besides his work as Organist and Sexton, he has done all in his power towards promoting healthy occupation and amusement for those who have left School in the evenings. It may be said that it has not been his fault if the education of the young has ceased when they leave the Day School at an age when education in a true sense is just beginning.

Gifts to the Church. Mrs. F. G. Eyre has very kindly presented a set of Cassocks and Surplices for the Parish Church Choir, and a Hymn Board, which will be much appreciated by those who are "hard

of hearing." Skirmett Church has been wonderfully improved by a rich Oriental Sanctuary Carpet, which covers the steps from the rail to the Altar, the gift of Miss Thomson.

A Silver Paten is being made also for Skirmett Church (Rev. G. F. Eyre could say by whose order) to go with one of the old Chalice given by some members of the Ridley family early in the century. The paten hitherto used there will thus be restored to use in the Parish Church with the chalice to which it belongs. It bears the Scrope Arms, and is the earliest piece of plate belonging to the Church.

By way of making more suitable provision for the security of the Church Plate and the Registers, the Rector and Churchwardens hope to purchase a **Safe**. It will cost about £10, towards which they have about £2 10s. by offertory. They will be glad to receive contributions for this important purpose. The iron chest in which the Registers are kept will then be available for the Frieth Registers, which have hitherto, in spite of Archdeacons and Rural Deans, been allowed to remain in the study cupboard at the Parsonage.

The Bastick Cup. Hambleden is justly proud in the possession of this trophy of the cricket field, which was carried off from Ailesbury by our team, ably captained by Mr. Maurice Molloy. The captain entertained the team and other representative persons, such as the Rector, Mr. Mason, etc., at the Stag and Huntsman, on Sept. 5th, at a sumptuous supper, when the cup was duly admired and used.

A **Testimonial**, consisting of a purse containing £13, has been sent by Rev. G. F. Eyre to Miss Wilson on behalf of about 50 subscribers, as a mark of their appreciation of her services as Organist and Mistress of the Infant Class. Miss Wilson is much gratified with the kindness shewn her.

MEDMENHAM.

BURIAL. Sept. 16th.—Arthur Ernest Hollier, aged 8 years.

In little Arthur we have lost a child that was very promising, both in the School and in the Choir. He had much intelligence for his age, and took the greatest interest in all he had to learn. His body was laid to rest amid general and sincere grief.

On September 11th we had our Harvest Thanksgiving, and made the most of it, as indeed we ought to do this year, for it is doubtful whether there has been a harvest equal to it within the memory of man. For the beautifying of the Church flowers came in abundance from Danesfield, Lee Cottage, and many places. We had, besides, the great advantage of the help of Mr. Gibson, the head gardener at Danesfield, in arrangement and tasteful setting. We thank all for their assistance. The Choir did not spare themselves in doing their best. As the result of offerings we were able to send £8 to the Royal Berkshire Hospital, and £2 13s. 9d. to the Cottage Hospital at Marlow. Afterwards fruit and vegetables were sent to the sick.

The drought, while we are writing, still continues. Whoever in these parts has seen such a condition of dusty roads and parched fields? We are afraid there must be considerable suffering in places. Truly joy will be to all when rain falls.