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Baptisms.

- Oct. 16.—Mabel Ellen, daughter of George and Alice Jane Bunting.
,, 16.—Rose Agnes, daughter of Augustus and Elizabeth Hobbs.
,, 16.—Alice Mary, daughter of Joseph and Alice Leaver.

Frieth.

- Sept. 4.—Thomas Robert, son of Henry and A. Deane.
,, 25.—Charles, son of Owen and Sarah Leaver.

Skirmett.

- Oct. 16.—Frederick, son of Frederick John and Emma Turton.

Frieth.

Marriages.

- Oct. 15.—George Barnett to Alice Eliza Jolley.
,, 15.—Richard Hawes to Emily Marcella Ginger.



On Oct. 26th there passed away one whose name will for many years be remembered with grateful affection by the inhabitants of the village of Hambleden, Helen Schwabe, widow of the late G. C. Schwabe, Esq., whose death was recorded in our issue of Feb., 1897. R.I.P.

We would also here mention the deep sympathy felt throughout the parish with Mr. and Mrs. Small, of Hambleden Rise, and their family, at the loss of their son William, a promising young soldier in the 4th Hussars, in his 23rd year. He died on Sept. 3rd at Bangalore, in India, in consequence of an accident from diving into too shallow water. Happily, he passed away without protracted suffering the day after the accident. R.I.P.



Corrections of our last. The Hymn Board in the Parish Church was given by Mrs. G. F. Eyre. The Cassocks and Surplices by Mrs. F. J. Eyre.

The old Cassocks and Surplices have been sent to the Vicar of Holy Trinity, Woolwich: a very poor parish in the neighbourhood of the Dockyard, which is indeed grateful for small mercies. They are preparing for a Parochial Mission in December; an additional Choir, to aid in outdoor processions, is being organized. It will be indeed a change for the garments to go from the quiet seclusion of Hambleden to the noisy bustle of the streets of Woolwich! But it is well that anything should remind Church people of their brotherhood in the Body of Christ. As English people we are well aware of the importance of Woolwich.

The Bishop of Stepney, as was announced last month, after addressing a Meeting at Greenlands, in the afternoon, on behalf of the East London Church Fund, will address a Meeting in the evening, at 8 p.m., in the School. His subject will be, "The Missionary Work of the Church at home and abroad." We shall hope for a goodly gathering of grown-up people. We have no hesitation in saying that any who do not come will be sorry afterwards. The Bishop of Stepney (Dr. Winnington Ingram) does not come to Hambleden every day. It would be even worth while walking or driving from Frieth and Skirmett.

The Lecture on **Church Music** will be given in the School, on Monday evening, November 7th, at 7 p.m., by Rev. G. H. Palmer, Editor of the Sarum Psalter. It is hoped that all who can sing, and

are interested in trying to render the singing more congregational, will attend.

Sunday, November 13th, the Sermons at the Parish Church will be preached by Rev. W. Sawyer, late Vicar of Taplow. The offerings will be given to Oxford Diocesan Education Society, in response to the *Bishop's Pastoral Letter* for 1898.

Rural Deanery of Wycombe.

The Annual Conference of Clergy and Laity will be held on Wednesday, November 9th, at the Music Room, Marlow, under the presidency of Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall, who succeeds Mr. Hill as Rural Dean. It is much to be wished that the Laity of the Church should make an effort to attend. The Clergy are always anxious to know what the Laity are thinking on matters important to the welfare of the Church. This Conference is a great opportunity for them to express their opinions.

There are two sessions of the Conference, separated by tea; the first from 3 to 5.15. We are glad to hear that the first subject, which is a burning subject, is to be opened by a Layman, Mr. J. Danvers Power, and his topic is "The present phase of the Ritual Controversy from a Layman's point of view."

The members of the Conference entitled to vote have notices sent them: but all Church people, men or women, are free to attend, and to speak, if invited by the Rural Dean.

The Rev. W. Hill leaves Medmenham for Mollington, in the extreme north of Oxfordshire. Medmenham has undergone more changes than most places of late years; so that Mr. Hill, who has been there since 1872, was one of the oldest institutions. It is not for us to speak for Medmenham, but his kindly face and agile form will be much missed in cricket field or District Council in this place. No Rectory or Vicarage can be "a bed of roses," that is if the flowers are intended. We may, however, heartily wish that the thorns may be conspicuous by their absence at Mollington.

Presentation. Mr. T. West was presented with an address and a purse containing £56 5s. Owing to Mr. West's state of health there was no public ceremony: the Rector presented it privately. About a hundred names were appended to the address, which was as follows:—

"To Mr. Thomas West."

"The past and present parishioners of Hambleden, whose names are appended below, hereby desire to express their personal esteem for yourself, and their hearty appreciation of the faithfulness with which you have discharged your several duties as Organist, Clerk, and Schoolmaster at Frieth, during the past 30 years. They are also sensible of your untiring exertions to promote the social life of the village. And in token of this they beg your acceptance of the accompanying purse, with the wish that you may enjoy a well-deserved rest in the 'Sunny South.'"

Mr. West was much affected and surprised at the kind feeling thus shown him. In case he should be unable to thank some of the signatories personally, he desires us here to say how deeply grateful he is for this expression of their sentiments.

The Church Army Van has been conspicuous at Skirmett during the last fortnight of October. Mr. Garner kindly permitted it to stand in the meadow in front of his house. During the first week the "Captain," Mr. E. R. Rippingale, and his assistant, Mr. Roberts, worked at Skirmett. After Evensong on Sunday the congregation adjourned in procession, singing a hymn, to the Parish Room, where the Captain delivered an address. On Monday and Wednesday a Mission Service was held; on Tuesday and Thursday an address, with lantern slides. The "Captain's" time during the day was much occupied with the necessary work in the van, and with correspondence with headquarters, and Clergy into whose parishes he was invited to go. Mr. Roberts visited the cottages, and sold Bibles and Prayer Books and other literature. During the second week when the weather was better there were services at Mr. Clarke's, at Rockall End, on Monday and Tuesday; at Moor's End, in an empty cottage belonging to Mr. Townsend, on Wednesday and Thursday: this, we are informed, was crowded both inside and out. These services seem to have been much appreciated by many of the people, but not as much as was hoped by those for whom they were specially intended.

The efforts of the Church have to face competition from two quarters: some people prefer the worship of the Gospel Hall, others the temples of Bacchus, alias, John Barleycorn. Bacchus flourishes none the less when his followers are divided: but it is a pity that the servants of Jesus Christ should not realise that their strength lies in unity!

Mr. Beever kindly arranged for horses to convey the van to Bix. We wish them God speed, and in token of this sent £5 10s. to the Society which they represent, as result of offerings in the Parish Church and Skirmett on Sunday.

All Saints', Skirmett.

The Parochial Tea will be held on the Feast, Nov. 1st.

There will be a special Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7.30 a.m. on Sunday, November 6th, at which it is hoped that the parishioners will "offer thanksgiving, and pay their vows unto the most highest." The offerings will be given to the Church Building Society, towards which the Rector and Churchwardens promised an annual collection when the Church was built.

Frieth.

The Memorial Hall (which is now appropriately furnished with a portrait at either end of Mr. C. A. Cripps, Q.C., M.P., and the late Mrs. Cripps) is justifying its existence. The ladies have a Dress-making Class, inaugurated by Miss Slocock with a tea. The Reading Room is in full swing. We are very glad to hear that the Committee are taking the question of finance seriously in hand, and mean to pay their way. A Concert is being arranged for Nov. 28th, which we hope will be a success. Mr. Cripps has generously arranged for the payment of the caretaker. There is plenty of room for other pictures on the wall. A map of the British Empire would be instructive; and perhaps in the Cooking Department some of the charts now published, setting forth the comparative value for health of different foods and drinks, would be edifying.