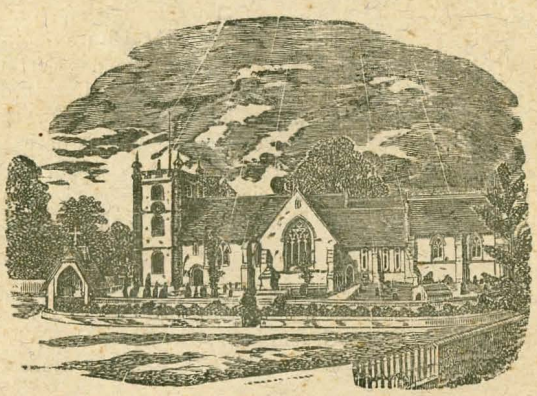
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Baptisms.

March 5.—William Thomas Scott, son of Arthur and Louisa Cook.
,, 16.—Valentine Arthur, son of Job Townsend and Thirza Silvester.

Burials.

Feb. 27.—Agnes Tressy Hobbs, aged 11 months.
Mar. 23.—Arthur Henry Lovelock, aged 1 month.

The **Sermon** at the Parish Church on Sunday Evening, April 9th, will be preached by the Rev. William Sawyer, of Maidenhead.

The **Special Services** have been well attended in spite of the severe cold and the influenza, which has attacked so many houses in the parish.

There was a good congregation on the eve of Lady-Day; but, considering it was the Festival of the Dedication of our Parish Church, and considering that the preacher was the Rev. E. D. Shaw, formerly of fame in the cricket field, now the busy head of a busy parish of 14,000 people, we were surprised that it was not larger. It shews a lack of interest in the Church, and also a lack of response to the trouble that others take in our behalf. The fact is that we, most of us, have a very deeply ingrained prejudice that Church-going is an occupation only intended for one day of the week. Certainly the first day of the week is the special day for worship, but it does not follow from this that we should be shy of the Church for the other six days. There are exceptions to every rule. Let us here take the opportunity of reminding our readers that not only Christmas Day and Good Friday are week-days specially to be observed, but Holy Thursday, the Ascension of our Lord (May 11th this year), is on a level with these.

The Church was nicely decorated for the Dedication Festival. The Altar vases (arranged by the Misses Courtney) were filled with beautiful white azaleas from Greenlands; the Rev. G. F. Eyre lent some choice plants in pots, hyacinths, &c., to stand in the Sanctuary and Chancel.

The **Nurse** has found plenty of occupation during this month; her services have been found very welcome. Those who require her should apply to Mrs. Eyre, at "The Cottage."

The Parish Council has appointed Mr. Littlewood, of Henley, to succeed the late Mr. H. Barksfield as **Clerk** of the Parish Council and **Assistant Overseer.** Mr. Percy Keene has undertaken the duties of **School Attendance Officer.**

The **Schools** re-open after the Easter holidays on April 10th.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

The Mothers' Meetings at Hambleden and Skirmett are now closed for the summer months. We are glad to be able to despatch to Central Africa six dresses made of white calico and trimmed with Turkey twill (the style the native women most appreciate), which have been made by

some of the members at these meetings. The whole cost of the materials has been paid by the members, and there was a sum of 4/6 over in the missionary box after the materials were paid for, which was placed in the Offertory on the Festival of the Annunciation for the "Central African Mission."

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The usual quarterly meeting is postponed to **Sunday, April 23rd.** All members of the Society who are at home are invited to the Rectory at **3.30** for the meeting and to remain to tea.

Mrs. Willis, who has become a branch helper of the G.F.S., hopes to start a Branch for Candidates after Easter, all girls over 10 years of age may join.

Church of England Society for Providing Homes for WAIFS AND STRAYS.

The Rev. Johnson Barker has appointed Miss Stanton local secretary for the above Society. She will be glad to receive subscriptions and donations, and the boxes given out for "Lent savings" should be returned to her at the Rectory at the end of April. Children over seven may join the "Children's Union" which supports the "Homes for Crippled Children." No subscription is necessary, but the members are expected to use the prayer and do *some* work for the Society.

Anyone wishing to join either branch can receive all papers, etc., from Miss Stanton, also the Magazines of the Society.

We think the following kindly-written letter may interest some of our readers: and as it concerns so many besides ourselves, we venture to publish it.

12, Armagh Street,
Christchurch,
Canterbury,
New Zealand.

Rev. Sir,—Enclosed please find P.O.O. for six shillings in payment of enclosed account for Hambleden Magazines, and two years in advance. Although it is nearly 25 years since I left Hambleden to come out here, I still feel interested in the place and am pleased to receive the Magazines. There are several old Hambleden residents here, most of whom were young when they left, and they often ask after the old place. With best wishes for yourself, also kind regards and wishes to all old friends,

Yours faithfully,
Richard Leaver,
per Ernest Leaver.

14*th February*, 1899.

FRIETH.

The **G.F.S.** has taken a new lease of life, we hope, in Frieth. Ten girls attended a preliminary meeting this month, and while we are writing we are expecting a promising assembly of candidates at the first of the fortnightly meetings on Saturday, the 25th. The Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin is indeed a day of happy omen for the work of a Society whose object is to help pure and modest maidens to persevere in the Way.

Mothers' Union.—A meeting will be held in the Village Room on Friday, April 7th, for Mothers, with a view of forming a Frieth division of the Parish Branch of the Mothers' Union. Lady Montague Pollock, who is deeply interested in the Mothers' Union, will address the meeting. All married women are cordially invited.

We have received a very welcome gift in the shape of two sets of silken veils and burses for covering the sacred vessels in the celebration of Holy Communion. These were worked in response to an appeal by Rev. A. E. Brown Constable, at S. Andrew's Sisterhood at Clewer, in behalf of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. We have hopes of getting a white one from the Mother Church, and then if some friends will work a green set we shall be in the position of every well ordered Church in this matter.

We do, however, want a white and a green altar frontal as well.

A. G. N.

[Could not some of the energetic ladies at Frieth ask Mrs. Nash to start a working party for this object? It would be a suitable offering on the part of the ladies to the Church on attaining its 50th year on June 2 next. If the ladies don't, we must ask the gentlemen to give us a carved oak front which will render needlework unnecessary!]

A. H. S.

OFFERTORIES FOR TWO MONTHS.

		Coins.	s.	d.	
Jan.	22	78	13	9½	Church Expenses.
,,	29	65	8	8½	,, ,,
Feb.	5	64	10	3	,, ,,
,,	13	72	11	6½	,, ,,
,,	19	85	16	0	Church Penit. Assoc.
,,	26	73	9	5	Church Expenses.
March	5	72	10	1½	Sick and Poor.
,,	12	64	9	11	Church Expenses.
,,	19	61	9	9	Church Expenses.