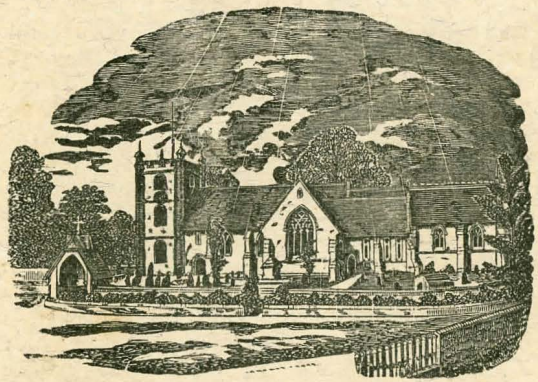
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Baptisms.

Easter Day — Stella Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas G. and M. A. L. Clark.
(April 2.) —Alfred Sydney, son of Alfred and Edith Irvine.
„ —Walter Henry, son of Walter and Emily G. Barksfield.
„ —Arthur William, son of William and Elizabeth Butler.

Marriage.

April 1.—William George Stratford and Flora Lucas.

Burials.

April 15.—Elizabeth Underwood, aged 52.
„ 22.—Alice Margaret Ryder, aged 5 months.

Easter Day. Thanks to the energy of the ladies who arranged the plants and flowers so bountifully supplied from Greenlands, and to Mr. F. Shepherd, who did the wreathing of pillars, &c., the Church really looked like keeping "the Queen of Festivals." The services were well attended, and we may venture to hope, heartily and devoutly rendered, the number of Communicants being about the same as usual. The weather was lovely. A great feature of the day was the number of babies—four—who were baptized in the afternoon; no day could be more fitting for "the death unto sin and the new birth unto righteousness."

Ascension Day, or Holy Thursday, will fall on May 11. The services in the Parish Church will be at the same hours as last year. Holy Communion at 5 a.m., and after Mattins at 11. Evensong and Sermon at 7.30 p.m. The revival of the 5 o'clock Celebration of the Holy Communion last year seemed acceptable: it was a revival, as the older parishioners will remember that this was the regular hour during the last ten years—at any rate—of Canon Ridley's time; and there were always more than 20 Communicants at that hour.

The Rector has two copies of a short, plain tract, by the Rev. W. H. Ridley, M.A., Rector of Hambleden, Bucks., entitled: "Why is not Ascension Day better observed?" He points out that if we are loyal to the Church's system, it would be as much observed as the other great Holy-days which do not fall on a Sunday, viz.: Christmas and Good Friday. "It is a day," he points out, "to be much observed, because of the great things which Christ obtained for us by His Ascension—(1) the gift of the Holy Ghost, whom He sends to dwell within us and make us holy, (2) a place prepared for us in heaven. 'I go to prepare a place for you.' (3) the forgiveness of our sins and a continual answer to our prayers; that is, He intercedes for us with God. 'Christ, who is at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.'"

There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at Skirmett at 7.30 a.m.

The day will be observed as a holiday at the schools.

The Rector and Mrs. Stanton invite all the children in the school at Hambleden to tea in the afternoon, and hope their fathers and mothers will also manage to come to the Rectory to have some tea before the children leave.

The Easter Vestry was held on Monday, April 3rd, at 11 o'clock. The Church Accounts for the past year were examined and passed: they are printed below. It will be observed that the cost of the new gravel on the churchyard paths is not entered; for this we have to thank Mr. Smith and the Churchwardens—Mr. Smith for the

gravel, which came from Remenham; Mr. Beever and Mr. Mason for making themselves responsible respectively for the cost of carting and laying it down. The thanks of the Vestry were expressed for the beautiful flowers for decoration from Greenlands, and to Mr. Mason for the trouble he takes in regard to the Church Accounts. Mr. Beever and Mr. Mason were re-appointed Churchwardens for the ensuing year; and Mr. Jess as Sidesman for Frieth. It was decided to put the repair of the Church Clock in hand. It suffers from the not uncommon complaint of having been made too soon. An inscription on the face records that it was given by Mr. Raymond Barker, and made in 1828.

A very successful **Entertainment** was given under the superintendence of Miss Eyre in the School in Easter Week, and repeated at Skirmett. The takings at each were £7 8s. and £2 5s.; the profits are for the funds of Miss Thomson's Boys' Institute.

The **Reading Room** at **Skirmett** wound up the year with a Social and a Supper. We hope to have a statement of accounts in our next.

Parish Church Accounts.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
By Church Collections (34 Sundays)	86	3	3
,, Rector, Fees for monuments in burial ground ...	2	4	0
,, Rector, Sale of fir tree cut down in Churchyard...	0	13	0
,, Subscriptions:—			
Hon. W. F. D. Smith	12	8	0
Mr. Beever ...	2	16	0
Dr. Acland ...	3	3	0
Mr. Grenfell ...	3	4	0
Mr. Clark	0	16	0
Mr. Vernon ..	0	16	0
Mr. C. Gray ..	0	7	6
Mr. D. Williams	0	10	0
Dr. Coates ...	0	16	0
Mrs. F. J. Eyre...	5	0	0
Mrs. G. F. Eyre...	3	0	0
Mrs. Piercy ...	1	12	0
Mrs. Barnett ...	2	8	0
Mrs. A. Deane...	1	4	0
Mrs. Courtney ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Maunder...	1	4	0
Miss White ...	0	2	6
	128	17	3
Deficit... ...	2	5	9
	£131	3	0

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Deficit last year				11	7	1
Fees at Archdeacon's Visitation				0	18	0
Churchwardens' Expenses at ditto				0	10	0
Fire Insurance				4	4	0
Holy Communion—Bread	0	7	10			
Wine	1	16	0			
Choir:—				2	3	10
Organist	27	5	4			
Organ Blower	2	12	0			
Choir Boys	6	16	3			
Washing Surplices ...	2	0	0			
Mrs. Dyer, Mending ...	0	7	0			
Music and Printing ...	0	12	7			
				39	13	2
Feesey—Churchyard, Fires, etc.				17	17	0
Heating:—						
Dunlop, Coal and Coke	18	1	10			
Firewood	0	5	0			
Haden, Repairs to Apparatus	1	18	0			
Lighting:—				20	4	10
Hill, Candles	1	12	5			
Biggs, Oil, etc.	1	15	1			
				3	7	6
Clerk, Salary and Lamps				12	0	0
Ringers (Subscription to)				1	0	0
Diocesan Inspection Fund (Contribution to) ...				0	15	0
Safe for Church Plate ...				5	11	3
Mason, Repairs, etc. ...				4	15	6
Sundries				2	8	4
Roberton, Repairs to Clock				1	10	0
New Matting				2	3	0
Harris, Bell Ropes				0	2	6
Williams (Smith)				0	12	0
				£131	3	0

Note.—The total Offertory for the year ending Easter, 1899, amounted to £187 9s. 10d., of which £30 4s. 1d., in addition to the £86 3s. 3d. above, went to Parochial purposes, Sick and Needy, Sunday School, &c.; £16 18s. 10d. to Foreign Missions, £54 3s. 8d. to Home Missions or Charitable Institutions.

A report of **the Exhibition** is inserted from the pen of a correspondent on the hills. The parish in general, and Frieth in particular, is to be congratulated on its success. The names of Mrs. H. S. Barnett, who won two prizes for embroidery, and Margaret Sylvester, who was highly commended for knitting, should be added to the list of successful competitors in this parish.

FRIETH.

The Annual **Vestry** Meeting was held in the Schools on Wednesday, March 29th. Mr. T. Jess presented the Church Accounts for the last twelvemonth, which appear in this issue of the Magazine. He was able to shew a smaller deficit than last year, *viz.*, £10, which has been covered by a cheque from C. A. Cripps, Esq., M.P., in accordance with his generous custom. Mr. T. Jess, having received a vote of thanks for his services, was unanimously re-elected for a second term of office.

The expected **Mothers' Union** Meeting was unavoidably postponed by sickness. We hope shortly to announce a fresh date in May, with the same programme and speaker.

The **Jumble Sale** to get funds for the piano, was an unqualified success. Contributions arrived from all quarters, and ranged from bedsteads to baby linen. The stall-holders, who represented the whole village, had a very busy time for an hour and a half, at the expiration of which nothing remained to be sold. We are pleased to say that the nett result of the Sale is over £11, a detailed account of which will be furnished to the Committee at an early date.

The **Reading Room** is proud of its accounts, lately presented by the Secretary, Mr. W. Barksfield. They shew a balance in hand of £2 0s. 8½d.—a pleasant contrast to the deficit last year of £6 2s. 5d. The number of members has increased from 27 last year to 43.

A. G. N.

The women and girls of Frieth must be congratulated on their success at **the Exhibition,** held at Henley on April 13th and 14th. In the local classes for lace, open to women residing within 8 miles of Henley (the 8 miles being elastic), six prizes were offered by Lady Esther Smith; of these 5 came to Frieth and one to Lane End, as follows:—For wide lace: 1, Mrs. G. Barlow, Frieth; 2, Mrs. White, Lane End; 3, Mrs. G. Barlow, Frieth. Highly commended; Mrs. Shurvall. For narrow lace; 1, Mrs. Shurvall, Frieth; 2, Mrs. Poole, Frieth. 3, Mrs. W. Barlow, Frieth. Highly commended; Mrs. Tilbury.

In knitting Miss Lucy Brown obtained a 1st, and Miss Susan Atkyns a 3rd prize. In needlework Miss Lucy Brown and Mrs. Jolly both obtained prizes.

The school-children were also successful, Lizzie Barksfield obtaining two prizes for knitting and needlework.

An attractive feature of the Exhibition was Mrs. George Barlow at work on her pillow; she had nearly three yards of beautiful wide lace on it, which was very much admired. Miss Slocock was much gratified in taking orders for lace to the value of £18.

M.S.

CHURCH EXPENSES, EASTER, 1898, TO EASTER, 1899.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
36 Offertories	25	14	1½
C. A. Cripps, Esq., to balance Account	10	0	6½
	£35	14	8

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Organist	10	0	0
Choir Boys	2	6	6
Organ Blower	0	9	9
Music and Notices	0	6	6
Washing Surplices	1	13	6
Sexton	5	10	0
Caretaker	4	17	6
Coal and Coke	2	16	3
Oil and Lamp Glasses ...	1	19	7
Boy (Choir duties)	0	3	0
Wine for H.C.	1	10	0
Organ Tuning	1	12	6
Insurance	1	13	0
Sundries	0	11	7
	£35	14	8

CHARITABLE OBJECTS.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
6 Offertories	4	19	6
10 Offertories	17	6	0
	£22	5	6

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Sick and Poor	4	19	6
Dioc. Clergy Sust. Fund...	1	0	2½
Lane End Schools	2	2	1
Bishop's Pastoral Letter ...	2	4	3
Additional Curates' Society	1	5	5
Church of England Temp. Association	1	9	0
Khartoum Mission	3	8	7
Cancer Hospital	0	19	9½
Waifs and Strays	3	5	4
Soc. Prop. of Gospel ...	0	15	5
Church Penitent Assoc. ...	0	15	11
	£22	5	6

March 30th, 1899.

(Signed) ARTHUR G. NASH.
THOMAS JESS.

SKIRMETT.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
By Church Collections ...	6	11	11
Balance due to Rector ...	5	3	6
	£11	15	5

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Sadler	4	0	0
Washing, Firewood, etc.	1	16	6
Sundries	0	3	6
Sellars—Ringing	1	0	0
Insurance..	0	9	9
Toomer—Coal	1	10	8
McBean—Oil	0	10	0
Turton—Candles	0	9	0
Seymour—Repair of Stove	1	16	0
	£11	15	5

The total Offertory during the year ending Easter Day, 1899, amounted to £19 10s. 8d. Of this £4 9s. 11d., in addition to the £6 11s. 11d. above, was for Parochial Purposes, *viz :* Sick and Needy, Sunday School, Lantern Services, Ornaments ; and £8 8s. 10d. for outside purposes, Missions, etc.