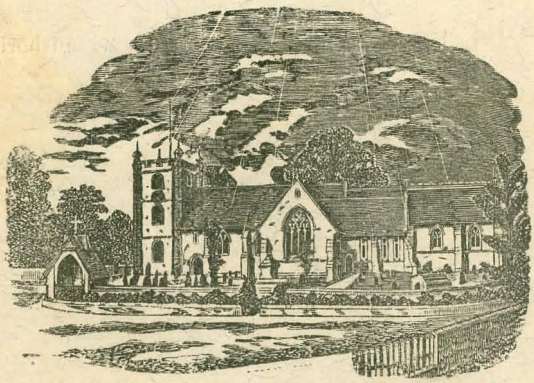
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Gifts to the Church. We have to thank Mrs. F. J. Eyre for a red silk Burse and Veil for covering the Sacred Vessels in Holy Communion; the old ones will be used at Skirmett. The Misses Stanton are working the same in white. We have a nice green set made by Mrs. Muirhead. The violet set is incomplete; in fact we much want a complete set of violet, Altar Frontal and all. There is no violet frontal at Skirmett, if we had a new one at the Parish Church, the old one might be handed on.

Two coloured **Windows** have been placed in the Nave, one on either side, as a memorial to Mr. W. H. Smith, by the Hon. W. F. D. Smith and other members of the family. These will not only add dignity to the Church, but will serve to remind those who visit the Church of his connection with the place. They represent incidents in the life of S. John the Baptist; (Mr. Smith's birthday was June 24th, the festival of the birth of S. John Baptist.) On the South side: his baptism of our Lord, and pointing his disciples to Jesus as "The Lamb of God." On the North: his mother Elizabeth instructing him as a boy in the Word of God; and the incident described in S. Luke iii. 14, "And the soldiers likewise demanded of him saying, and what shall we do? And he said unto them, do violence to no man, &c."

They were dedicated with a special prayer, by authority of the Bishop, immediately before Matins on Whitsunday.

Waifs and Strays.—Thirteen Lent Savings Boxes have gathered in the sum of £2 12s. 6d., which Miss Stanton has forwarded to the Secretary in London.

Skirmett Church Expenses.—We have to acknowledge with many thanks the handsome donation of £5 from Mr. C. A. Cripps, towards the deficit (£5 3s. 6d.) reported in our last.

C. E. T. S.—Oxford Diocesan Branch.

The Rev. F. Corden Nash, Organising Secretary, will preach on behalf of the Society on July 2nd.

U. M. C. A.

The Rev. E. Seymour L. Randolph preached in behalf of this Mission on Whitsunday, in the morning at the Parish Church, in the afternoon at Skirmett. He gave a thrilling description of scenes he had witnessed almost daily in Zanzibar and on the mainland, when he was out with Bishop Steere, 1875-79, and testified to the effect of the example of Christian life (rather than of preaching). It gave the Arabs and the natives generally a totally new conception of life, involving a thought which was strange to them, the thought of mercy,

as shewn in the Christian treatment of slaves, and sick, and suffering. At Skirmett he laid stress upon the value of the restraints that our religion laid upon us, which we sometimes feel irksome; it was only necessary, he said, to see what human life without these was like, to convince men of their value. Mr. Randolph was unable to stand the climate more than four years, though in his younger days he had had strength enough to row for three years in the Light Blue boat.

The Rev. S. S. Browne, a retired Naval Chaplain, took Mr. Eyre's duty at Skirmett. It was a curious coincidence that Mr. Browne had visited Zanzibar at the very time that Mr. Randolph was there.

Mr. Randolph also pleaded earnestly for help to the people round Magila, who are suffering unspeakable horrors through **famine.** It would, he said, not require more than £800 to feed the people till August, when it was hoped that there would be a crop. If any of our readers would contribute towards this they should write to Rev. D. Travers, 9, Dartmouth Street, Westminster. The collections, which were for the General Fund of the Mission, amounted to £4 6s. at the Parish Church, and £1 10s. 7d. in Skirmett. £1 2s. was also collected at the Parish Church for the same object on Lady-day.

Cricket.

Mr. Hodges again brought his boys over on Whit-Monday to play against the Hambleden Juniors. Hambleden went in first, and got out for 14. Harpsden then made 56. Hambleden went in again and were out for 33, being beaten by an innings and 10 runs. The defeat was not the fault of the bowlers, F. Tilbury and F. Keeley. The Hambleden boys must improve their fielding as well as batting before the return match.

The Frieth eleven also won a match on the same day against Wycombe Church Room Club.

We are requested to publish the following Statement of Accounts of the Hambleden Vale C.C. for the season 1898.

1898. RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
By Subscriptions from Honorary Members	8	4	6
,, Subscriptions from Playing Members	1	11	0
	£9	15	6

1898. PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
To debit balance brought forward from 1897 A/c ...	1	15	3
,, Gunn & Moore, bats, &c.	3	4	9
,, Eustace, cricket balls ...	1	13	0
,, Sherlock, conveyance to Reading	1	10	0
,, Expenses of Umpire, Scorer, and conveyance to matches at Wycombe, Reading and Bisham ...	0	7	6
,, Paid for labour on Cricket ground, &c.	0	12	0
,, Mineral Water for visiting teams	0	5	0
,, Stamps, stationery, and postal orders...	0	5	6
	9	13	0
Balance in hand	0	2	6
	£9	15	6

FRIETH.

BAPTISM. May 7.—Arthur James, son of James and Edith Cook, Pargrove.

BURIAL. May 13.—Ephraim Webb, aged 94 years.

The village has lost one of its oldest inhabitants in the person of Ephraim Webb. Death came as a gentle friend to one so full of years, and he passed away happily on the eve of the Ascension. His funeral was attended by a large number of friends and relatives, and the last office rendered by the Church to her children was performed by the Rector and the Priest-in-Charge, assisted by the Choir. He was "gathered to his fathers." May he rest in peace!

On Ascension Day a meeting of Mothers was held in the Village Hall, when Lady Montagu Pollock addressed a little assembly of thirty on the subject of the Mothers' Union. At the conclusion of the address, twelve names were given in to Mrs. Nash of those desirous of becoming members. A tea appropriately followed, at which Mrs. and Miss Slocock kindly assisted.

On and after Trinity Sunday, the Children's Service will be discontinued, and Evensong will be held at 3 instead of 6 p.m. This is necessitated by Clerical holidays.

We are glad to hear that Mr. W. Barksfield has been appointed Local Agent for the S. Bucks Provident Association in the place of his late uncle. A.G.N.

June 2nd.—**50th Anniversary** of the Consecration of the Church of S. John the Evangelist, then known as Frieth Chapel. The Rev. F. Menzies, who was from 1840 to 1850 Assistant Curate to Mr. Ridley, is still living at Bournemouth. The Communion Plate was his gift. We are sorry that we cannot have him present amongst us on this occasion. A Special Service will be held at 7.30 p.m. and a sermon preached by one who was connected for thirty years with the place—the Rev. C. M. Wetherall.