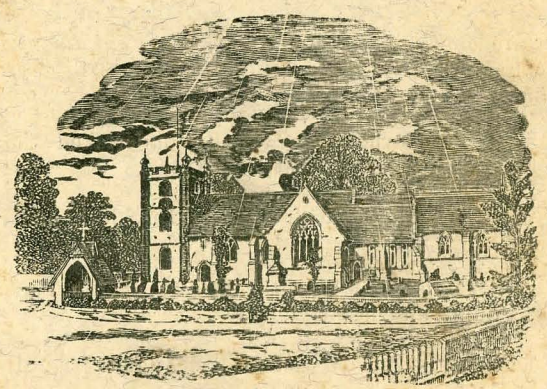
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Baptisms.

July 2.—Rose, daughter of Thomas and Annie Harris.
,, 2.—(At Frieth), Arthur John, son of George and Emma Louisa Edwards.
,, 9.—(At Skirmett), Ernest, son of George and Julia Mott.
,, 9.— ,, Elsie, daughter of George and Julia Mott.

August 20th.—Sermons will be preached and collections made on behalf of the **East London Church Fund.**

We were indebted during the last month for sermons in each of our Churches by the Rev. John Jones, Vicar of S. Bride's, Bridgend, Glamorganshire.

Mr. Donald, of Poynets, has kindly undertaken the office of Warden or **Sidesman** for Skirmett.

Holidays.—The Schools will close on July 28th, and re-open on September 4th.

Mr. Darrell Collier will play the **Organ** at the Parish Church during Mr. Pullin's absence.

Flower Shows.—Parmoor, on Friday, August 4th. Hambleden, on Tuesday, August 15th.

G.F.S.—Mrs. Barnett and Mrs. Stanton attended the Annual Meeting for the Diocese, at Oxford, on July 4th. The proceedings began with a Service in the Cathedral, with an impressive sermon by the Bishop of Stepney. We note with pleasure and pride that of the five **needlework** prizes, which fell to the lot of the Henley Branch, four were carried off by this Parish, and to narrow the ground still more, by Frieth: Miss L. Brown (the Needlework Teacher at the School) taking two, the first prize for marking, and the second for patching and darning. Edith Edwards and Fanny Higgs, candidates, got each a third prize for plain needlework.

DIOCESAN INSPECTION OF THE SCHOOLS.

The Rev. F. L. Nash examined the School, as announced in our last. We append his Reports :—

"**Hambleden.**—The children answered fairly well, except in Standards II. and III., which are still the weakest part of the School, as I said last year. The written work was creditable."

COMMENDED.—Hubert Hurford (Bishop's Prize), Frank Keeley *(prox. acc.)*, Nellie Perkins, George Hurst, Edith Perkins, Herbert Metcalfe, Ada Partridge, Anne Haynes, Elizabeth Futter.

Second Class.—R. James, R. Creed, Maud Hurford, Kate Stephens, Maud Perkins, Nellie Harman, Amy Stephens.

Third Class.—Minnie Hobbs, Hetty Small, Eva Elliott, Ralph Tilbury, Alice Bunting, Edward Huckins.

Infants.—W. James, Phyllis Payne, H. Partridge, N. Metcalfe, R. Stephens, R. Keeley, W. Rogers, T. Plumridge, A. Cook.

"**Frieth.**—The children answered very well throughout, especially in the Upper Division, where they are very ready and well instructed. I find, however, that the Infants have been taught no form of Private Prayer: this, I hope, will be remedied during the coming year."

COMMENDED.—Edith Belcher (Bishop's Prize), Edith Edwards (has had Prize), Mabel Collier, Elizabeth Barksfield, Fred Hobbs, Arthur Brooks, Arthur Deane, Thomas Seymour, Percy Janes.

Lucy Edwards, Polly Ansell, William Brooks, Percy Verlinden, Frank Meskell, Arthur Leaver, George Latham.

William Barlow, Alfred Higgs, Daisy Adby, Louisa Dean, Frederick Saunders, Sidney Sadler, Joseph Humphries, Albert Leaver, Constance Collier.

"**Skirmett.**—It is difficult to know what to expect of children so very young. On the whole I think they have been taught, and know, nearly as much as can be expected: but more attention is required to the recitation of Hymns, etc., in order to make the children recite *together*, and also to get the words *correctly*."

Walter Lawrence did best and promises well, considering his age ($4\frac{1}{2}$ years).

The Church Clock.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the Easter Vestry, the clock has been examined by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Church Turret Clock Manufacturers, Croydon. Their report is as follows :—

"We have made an examination of the above, and find it is 70 years old, and is therefore a good deal worn, and in need of some substantial repairs. The flys which govern the striking train are bent and broken, and must be renewed, and also the great wheels and pinions are much worn and cut, and require reversing, many of the brass bushes in which the trains work have worn loose, which creates friction, these must be removed and new ones take the place of them. What I recommend is as follows—

"To send a clockmaker down to take down, pack up, and forward to our factory all the works of the clock in the inside of the tower, except the weights and rope-lines.

"To take the clock to pieces, and thoroughly clean and restore same, put new flys to striking train, new ratchet spring, new bushes, as required, re-paint and re-lacquer, return to you and re-fix in good working order, and leave clock going and striking to your satisfaction, and guaranteed for 12 months, pay carriage of clock to and from Henley station, and all man's time, railway fares, and his other expenses. Net £20.

"Not including cartage to and from Henley, nor packing case."

"Clock Face."

"Copper is very dear just now, we recommend galvanized sheet iron backing as being less expensive, and what is generally used, although sheet copper would be more durable in the remote future. Our swing scaffold is a great heavy thing, and block and fall to match. We think you could manage something locally at less expense. Our price for taking down the 5ft. skeleton iron dial and hands, paying carriage of it to Croydon, cleaning off all rust and corrosion, re-painting (four coats) and re-gilding equal to new, backing the whole of the dial with galvanised sheet iron, painted black, and varnished, pay carriage of dial back to Henley station, and re-fix same on tower, and connect hands up with the clock, will be, exclusive of scaffold, £7 10s. 0d. If we provide scaffold, extra £2 10s. 0d.

"Of course, in above price, you must bear in mind you are getting the face done up as new, as well as getting it backed.

"Copper instead of sheet iron would be £2 more."

The restoration of the clock face would be an extra, and might or might not be undertaken at present. The dial seems to require some better back-ground than it has, in order that the hands and the figures might be seen more clearly. But why should it be black?

Subscriptions will be received by the Rector or Churchwardens. Donations may be placed in the boxes in the Church.

The clock, as we reminded our readers in June, was given by Mr. Raymond Barker, then the occupant of Bacres. It has done its duty well for the greater part of this century. We hope the parishioners and others interested in the Parish will come forward generously, in order that it may be able to give the time of day properly to the XXth century.