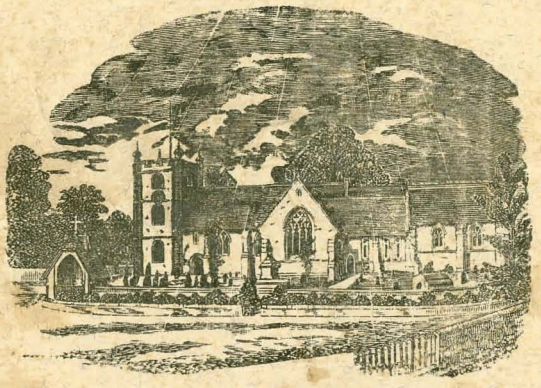
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Baptisms.

Nov. 5.—Hilda, daughter of George W. and E. E. Bourton.
,, Mildred, daughter of Frederick and E. Partridge.

ADVENT.

List of Special Preachers—

PARISH CHURCH. WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M.

Dec. 6.—Rev. M. Mackay, Assistant Curate of Henley.
,, 13.—Rev. J. C. H. Brooke, Assistant Curate of Henley.
,, 20.—Rev. Canon Pinder, Rector of Rotherfield Greys and Rural Dean of Henley.

S. JOHN'S, FRIETH. THURSDAYS, 7 P.M.

Dec. 7.—Rev. J. B. Gunnery, S. John's, Wycombe.
,, 14.—Rev. W. R. C. King.
,, 21.—Rev. E. D. Shaw, Vicar of High Wycombe.

ALL SAINTS', SKIRMETT. FRIDAYS, 7 P.M.

Dec. 8.—Rev. M. Graves, Vicar of Turville.
,, 15.—Rev. B. S. Batty, Vicar of Medmenham.
,, 22.—Rev. B. S. Batty.

There is a special Service at **Turville** on Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

The parishioners in Skirmett may also like to know that on Christmas Day the Services at **Fingest** will be—Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m., Evensong at 3; at **Turville,** Mattins and Holy Communion, 11 a.m.

Notice of Services on Christmas Day in our own Churches will be given in due course.

Rev. H. F. P. Davson having been prevented by illness from coming on December 3rd, the Rector secured the assistance of Rev. L. Hughes on condition that the collections were given to the **National Society**; these amounted to £4 10s.

The New Schools will be opened on December 15th by the Lord Bishop of Reading at a quarter to three. All Parishioners are invited to be present. It is hoped that employers will do their best to render this possible for their work-people.

Might I say a word about *Patrons*. Some boys hear from their Patrons very regularly, others never get a line. It encourages a boy more than one can realize, to get a letter from England, and I think that if Patrons knew this, many more boys would be overjoyed mail times."

Hambleden School. Lady Esther Smith kindly came to the School on Thursday, October 21st, to distribute the prizes which she and Mr. Smith kindly gave for the work of the School year ending June 30th last. Parents and children will like to be reminded that there are four things which go to winning a prize :—(1) regularity of attendance (2) good conduct (3) diligence in lessons (4) the results of the quarterly examinations.

The winners of the general prizes were :—Standard V., H. Metcalfe, W. Sadler, H. Keeley ; Standard IV., M. Silvester, C. Creed, A. Richardson ; Standard III., G. Hurst, S. Webb, F. Keeley ; Standard II., A. Sadler, E. Sellers, A. Partridge ; Standard I., R. Creed, R. Metcalfe, A. Gutteridge ; Infants, P. Webb, T. Plumridge, S. Sherlock ; being 13 boys and 5 girls. For Drawing, W. Sadler, C. Creed, C. Beale, J. Steeves, E. Partridge. Needlework, A. Denham, F. Plumridge, N. Perkins, N. Myhill, M. Perkins. Infants' Needlework, M. Hobbs, N. Metcalfe, C. Sellers. Drawing, H. Small, M. Perkins, F. Higgins. Kindergarten, A. Bunting.

MEDMENHAM.

Marriage.

Oct. 17.—William James Wells and Agnes Mary Gregory.

THE SCHOOL.

It is very sad to think of the complete breakdown in health of our late teacher, Miss White. She spent more than four years amongst us, and during the whole time, was unremitting in the interest she took in the School, and the energy she expended on it— as Her Majesty's Inspector bears ready witness in a letter to the Manager, "She has given her very best efforts to her work." We hope soon to hear that she is less suffering and on the way to recovery.

The Annual Conference of Laity and Clergy in the Deanery of Wycombe, will be held at Wycombe on Friday, November 12th, at 3 p.m. It is much to be wished that Church people should come and make these Conferences really useful. Anyone who has a view of what improvements need to be made, and what mistakes ought to be rectified in the working of the Church system, may have his say and will be patiently listened to.

November 7th, the Rev. C. A. Wells, assistant Secretary to the Church Committee for Church Defence and Church Instruction (the late Archbishop Benson's last scheme), will help us. The Rector hopes to arrange with him for some History Lectures with Lantern after Christmas. He will give a preliminary **Lecture** in the School on Monday, November 8th, at 7.30 p.m.

November 21st, the Rev. L. S. Ryde from Japan, will preach at Hambleden for the Mission, lately under Bishop Edward Bickersteth of Tokio, now under Bishop Awdry, well known to Wykehamists resident in this Parish as formerly second Master of Winchester.

November 28th, the Secretary of the National Society will preach at Frieth and Skirmett on behalf of the N.S., which is practically the Church's Education Office.

The Rev. A. G. Nash will, D.V., occupy **Frieth Parsonage** early in December. Mr. Nash spent several years of his life, after taking his degree at Oxford, in Russia, as tutor to a Russian Prince; he has lately been working in the Parish of Fenton, in the Potteries of Staffordshire. He and his bride will, we are sure, receive a hearty welcome at Frieth.

Mothers' Meetings commence :—Hambleden, Friday, November 5th, at the Rectory. Skirmett, Friday, November 12th.

Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Muirhead will be pleased to see any who are able to come.

Mgosi Wakuli.

Mrs. Barnett informs us that this is the name of the new Hambleden boy in the Universities Mission to Central Africa. Mr. Darley, a lay worker in the Mission writes, "He is a Shambala boy (*i.e.*, one from the mountain district), and has proved very faithful indeed. His story is rather interesting. I had taken all the school-boys to see a large fair that was being held in a village some distance away, last October, and among the crowd I saw this boy. He was very shy, and it took a lot of persuasion to get him to sit by me. I talked to him for ever so long, but he still shook his head, and refused to be a 'Mission boy.' I left him and had not been at home five minutes, when I saw this boy's face peeping round my door. 'May I come in,' he said, 'I want to stay with you, and learn about God.' I then told him all about the dreadful things he would have to do, *i.e.*, sit still in School all day, and keep himself always neat and clean, &c. He at once said he would do all that he was told; and after being shown around, spent his first night under "rule." Next morning he went out to play, and fell over a large bundle of barbed wire, cutting his arm very much indeed. We were afraid that this would frighten him away: but no! He suffered very much for a week, and then asked to be allowed in School to learn his A, B, C. He has been very faithful, and in December I was able to present him to the Bishop as a Candidate for the Catechumenate (*i.e.*, to be prepared for Baptism).