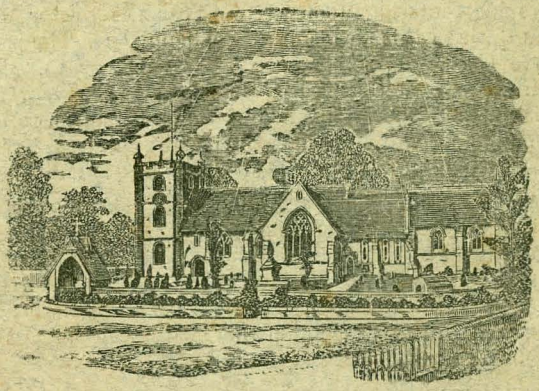
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BAPTISMS.

Dec. 2nd (Born Nov. 4th).—Anthony John, son of Lionel and Grace Muirhead. The Cottage.

Dec. 20th (Born Dec. 19th).—Edith Mary, daughter of Henry and Emma Deane. Frieth.

MARRIAGES.

Dec. 24th.—Leonard Keeley to Alice Sheppard.

Dec. 27th.—James Coker to Kate Eva Barnes.

Dec. 27th.—Alfred Butler to Martha Brinton.

Dec. 27th.—Thomas Price to Mary Ann Butler.

BURIALS.

Dec. 10th.—Alfred Henry Bond. Frieth. Aged 2.

Dec. 15th.—Mary Ann Coker. Pheasants Hill. Aged 50.

Dec. 24th.—Edith Mary Deane. Frieth. Aged one day.

As we are just entering upon a New Year the Rector wishes his parishioners through this Magazine a very happy one. The past twelve months have been remarkable for sickness and death. Influenza, measles, whooping cough, and diphtheria have been very prevalent in the Parish, and to the last named of these maladies we have paid a heavy penalty in deaths—no less than eight children having died. This fact alone has occasioned a sad Christmas to not a few of our people, and has drawn out the sympathy of many.

We rejoice, however, to be able to say there is every sign at the present moment that this sad disease has died away, and we sincerely trust that no new cases will unexpectedly arise to crush this New Year's hope. There has been one isolated death at Frieth during the past month, but with this exception there has been no fresh case in the Parish for nearly five weeks.

It may be interesting to some of our Parishioners, who did not hear the Rector's "Old Year Sermon," to know the particulars of the Church and Parish Registers for the year 1890, and so we will give them.

Baptisms - 49. (Including 7 children privately Baptized.)
Marriages - 16.
Burials - - 36.

Nine old people have died whose ages varied from three-score years and ten to fourscore years.

Seventeen children have died whose ages have been under ten years.

The death rate has therefore been very remarkable and is much above the yearly average for this Parish. The New Burial Ground at Hambleden has only been open for a year and a half, and yet during that short period there have been 35 Burials. May the year 1891, through God's blessing, bring us better health and prosperity, and be to us all a period of true joy and gladness.

CHRISTMASTIDE.

We have had a really old-fashioned Christmas. The cold has been very severe and the ground has been covered with snow. The Services at the Churches were not so well attended as usual, and the Communicants were much fewer than customary at this blessed season. No doubt this is partly to be accounted for by the severity of the weather and the bad condition of the roads which prevented many from coming to Church who would otherwise have been there as usual, and then, moreover, we were again forsaken by many of our kind and principal Parishioners who were absent from home.

There will be no Midnight Service on New Year's Eve, as in the midst of the snow and frost few would be likely to attend it at that hour.

SPECIAL OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS.
1890.
THE PARISH CHURCH.

		£	s.	d.
Feb.	23rd.—Church Expenses	6	18	11½
April	4th.—Church Penitentiary	3	9	0¼
June	1st.—Church Expenses	9	5	1¼
,,	29th.—East London Church Fund...	16	16	8
July	27th.—Church of England Temperance Society ...	3	13	3¾
Aug.	31st.—Church Expenses	5	6	3
Oct.	5th. Agricultural Benevolent Institution	4	9	4
,,	5th. Diocesan Church Building Society	4	9	4
Nov.	9th.—Foreign Missions, S.P.G.	8	8	5¾
Dec.	25th.—Royal Berkshire Hospital	5	11	10
		£68	8	3½

There must be two collections for Church Expenses by Easter, as there have as yet only been two since last Easter. We generally have these quarterly, but having them so seldom it may just happen —as it does very often happen—that they fall on an unfortunate Sunday when many of our people are away, and so we come off short at last. If Hambleden would but follow the good example set by so many Churches and consent to have a *weekly* Offertory from the whole congregation, we should then be able to place our good Sundays and our bad Sundays together, and probably find that our *grand Total* at the end of the year was sufficient for our needs. This might not commend itself to all, neither do St. Paul's words which may apply to all!—"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."—I. Cor. xvi., 2.

It is never a very thankful office—which the Rector has fulfilled for some years—viz. when the Church Accounts at Hambleden or Frieth are about to be made up, and a "*deficit*" is imminent, to be obliged to write off to some kind and liberal parishioner to ask him to make it good and to bear the burden *alone* which should be shared by *all* according to their means.

HAMBLEDEN SCHOOL.

The work at the School is drawing near to its completion, so far as the interior is concerned. Some of our Parishioners have been very kind in supplying the necessary means. About £5 is still required to cover the expenditure. Will not some, who have not as yet helped, supply this need? We hope that before long it will be possible to re-open the School, and when that time comes the children will find everything beautifully clean and bright!

HOME MISSIONS, 1890.

ADDITIONAL CURATES' SOCIETY.

Subscriptions.	£	s.	d.
Miss Sykes	0	2	0
Wetherall Rev. & Mrs. C. M.	1	5	0
	1	7	0
Boxes.			
Anon	0	3	1½
Austin, Mrs.	0	4	0¼
Brace, Mrs....	0	2	11
Collier, Mrs. Thos.	1	17	0¾
Dyer, Widow	0	1	10¾
Freeman, Miss	0	4	5
G. J.	0	0	10½
Carried forward	2	14	3¾

Boxes—continued.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	2	14	3¾
Gill, Mrs.	0	0	11½
Hobbs, Miss E.	0	1	6½
Janes, Widow	0	0	11½
Mason, Mr.	0	1	8¾
Plummer, Harry	0	1	6½
Plumridge, Mr. G., Fingest	0	7	7
Read, Mrs.	0	1	9½
Rectory The	0	6	8
Riscon, Misses A. and K. ...	0	3	11¼
White, Widow M., Lag Path	0	1	6½
Webb, Mrs., Frieth	0	3	7½
	£3	6	2¼

EAST LONDON CHURCH FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Offertories, June 29th—Hambleden	16	16	8
Frieth	1	8	6½
	£18	5	2½

Subscription.	£	s.	d.
Barnett, Mrs.	0	7	6

Boxes.	£	s.	d.
Barnett, Mrs. A. P.	0	7	11
Bradford, Mrs.	0	4	4
Chambers, Miss M.	0	3	0
Deane, Mrs. L.	0	7	3
Minchin, Miss	0	11	1
Carried forward	1	13	7

Boxes—continued.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1	13	7
Perkins, Mrs.	0	14	11
Powell, Miss	0	8	8
Wetherall Miss H.	0	6	4½
	£3	3	6½

SUMMARY.

	£	s.	d.
Additional Curates' Society	5	13	2¼
East London Church Fund	22	16	3
	£28	9	5¼

The amounts collected during the year for Foreign Missions, will be published next month.

MEDMENHAM.

MARRIAGE.

Dec. 25.—Frederick Thomas Austin to Annie Maria Bradfield.

BURIAL.

Dec. 27.—Richard Brown, aged 83.

By the notice immediately above it will be seen that we have lost the oldest of our Parishioners. But it is not on account of distinction through age that we make mention of him. Richard Brown was ever looked upon as a genuine reliable faithful man. He had an honourable and most useful calling—that of a shepherd. He worked hard till late in life and only gave up work when he was too worn to continue it. The example of a man who is uniformly steady and industrious and withal quiet and neighbourly, is of untold advantage. Such was Richard Brown to those who knew him. He will be much missed at Woodend, and not least in the little Mission Church where he was in the habit of ringing the bell for Service.

The Advent Services were on the whole well attended, and so justified the request made to preachers, living at a distance, to come and help us. We hope the same may be done in the coming Lent.

Certainly Christmas this time has had the weather on its side—for if winter is seasonable we have plenty of it. Not often in a lifetime does Christmas clothe itself with such ideal beauty and cause everyone to think that not even our forefathers were more favoured. It was difficult to get flowers, but all that was possible was done for the Church.

We cannot close this without expressing a devout hope that among all changes and chances everything may be over-ruled for the peace and welfare of the Church and Parish during the coming year.