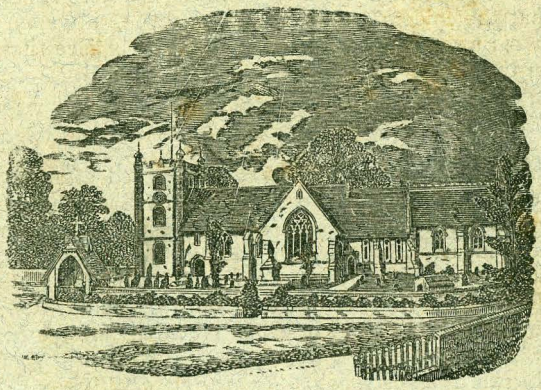
THE

HAMBLEDEN

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BAPTISM.

Jan. 4.—William Henry, son of William and Jane Plumridge. Hide.

MARRIAGE.

Jan. 3.—James Higgs to Annie Maskell.

BURIALS.

Dec. 31, 1890.—Leonard George West. Frieth. Aged 9.
Jan. 1, 1891.—Walter Frank Burridge. Moor's End. Aged 11 months.
,, 3, ,, —James Spiers. Hambleden. Aged 3.
,, 10, ,, —George William Guttridge. Coombe Bottom. Aged 4.
,, 12, ,, —Martha Ayris. Little Frieth. Aged 70.
,, 12, ,, —Matthew Cook. Pheasants Hill. Aged 62.
,, 17, ,, —James Stone. Henley Union Workhouse. Aged 78.

The first month of the year has been marked by many burials. It is seldom indeed in our parish that we have to record so many as *six* in one month. Two children died from paralysis following diphtheria. We are thankful to say that at the present time there is not a single case of diphtheria in the parish, for the last is now convalescent, and we hope that the epidemic which has proved so fatal amongst us has entirely passed away. There is every cause to believe that we have at last seen the end of this sad disease.

THE SCHOOL.

The School at Hambleden has been re-opened after having been closed for eight weeks. We are sure that all will see the great necessity for regular attendance if we are to make up in any way for the loss we have incurred by the long and unwelcome holiday that has been forced upon us. The School building itself has been placed in capital order, both inside and out, and the work undertaken has been nearly completed. The sum of £39 has been subscribed for this special work, and we return our best thanks to all those who have so kindly and liberally assisted. A few pounds are still required to meet the entire outlay. An unexpected addition to the original estimate has been made necessary by an alteration to the sanitary arrangements in the School yard, which was not foreseen when the original estimate was accepted.

FRIETH CHURCH EXPENSES.

Next month we hope to publish the accounts for the past year. We must prepare our readers for a "deficit" as usual. The expenses have amounted to about £35 or £36, and the receipts to only £24, so that there will be from £10 to £12 to be made good! This is very unsatisfactory, as it is our normal condition year by year. Something ought to be done to prevent it, either by more frequent collections or by a more liberal response to those which are already made. The congregation at Frieth is mostly made up of poor people who cannot give much at a time, this is one reason why frequent collections are the more necessary. The sum of £35 is not a large sum in itself—*about half the price of a good carriage horse*—but when half at least of every collection has to be made up of small money, it proves larger than

can be raised in the course of a twelve-month under present circumstances. We hope for better success in the future, and are quite open to any suggestions as to the manner in which this is to be brought about. We think, however, that something ought to be done *at once* to remedy the evil which has become chronic.

FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1890.

Subscriptions.	£	s.	d.
Anon	0	4	0
Archer, Mrs.	0	1	0
Barnett, Mrs.	0	6	0
Dugdale, Mrs.	1	0	0
Feesey, Widow	0	0	8
Glassbrook, Mrs.	0	4	0
Gunnell, Mrs.	0	2	0
Horne, Mrs.	0	2	0
Muirhead, L. Esq., and Mrs.	1	1	0
Piercy, Mrs.	0	6	0
Rixon, Mrs.	0	2	0
Sherwood, Mrs.	0	2	0
Sykes, Miss	0	2	0
West, Mr. E.	0	10	0
Westcott, Mrs.	0	2	0
Wetherall, Rev. L. M.	1	1	0
	£5	5	8

Boxes.	£	s.	d.
Atkins, Mrs. F.	0	3	1½
Barksfield, Walter	0	5	5½
Biggs, Mrs.	0	1	1½
Courtney, Alfred	0	1	1¾
Falkner, Mrs.	0	2	9
Gill, Frederick	0	0	10
Keeley, William	0	1	8½
Lailey, Mrs.	0	9	4½
Rectory	0	7	1
Ditto, Nurse at	0	3	3
Rixon, Misses E. and J.	0	4	1½
Sellers, Albert	0	1	2¾
Thatcher, Miss	0	5	1½
Taylor, Miss	0	5	1
Toovey, The Misses, Parmoor	0	14	3
Five boxes under 9d.	0	1	10¾
	£3	7	6¾

Offertories.	£	s.	d.
Hambleden, Nov. 9	7	19	4¾
Frieth, ,,	1	1	9¾
Skirmett, ,,	0	11	6¼
	£9	12	8¾

Meetings.	£	s.	d.
Hambleden, Nov. 10	0	9	1
Frieth, ,, 11	0	10	3
	£0	19	4

Waste Paper, Sale of ... £0 4 7

I.—SPECIAL MISSION.

Central Africa.

For support of "Selwyn Ukolo."

Boxes.	£	s.	d.
Hobbs, Miss E.	0	2	1
Sunday School	1	2	9¾
Subscriptions	5	15	1¼
	7	0	0

Drug Fund.	£	s.	d.
Lailey, Mr.	0	10	0
Mc.Connell, Rev. E. A.	0	6	0
Wetherall, Mrs.	0	6	0
	£8	2	0

II.—SPECIAL MISSION.

St. John's, Kaffraria.

Donations.	£	s.	d.
Dugdale, Mrs.	1	0	0
Smith, Mrs. W. H.	1	0	0
Subscription.			
Wetherall, Mrs.	0	2	6
	£2	2	6

III.—SPECIAL MISSION.—NEW WESTMINSTER.

Subscriptions.	£	s.	d.
Friend, A	0	1	0
Sykes, Miss	0	5	0
West, Mr. T.	0	2	6
West, Mr. E.	0	5	0
White, Mr. J.	0	2	6
	£0	16	0

Boxes.	£	s.	d.
Anon	0	1	7½
Wetherall, Masters Ridley and Sumner	0	3	2½
White, John	0	5	1
	0	9	11
Offertory Guild.			
Frieth, Nov. 1st	0	1	6
	£0	11	5

SUMMARY.

	£	s.	d.
General Fund, S.P.G.	19	9	10½
Central Africa	8	2	0
St. John's, Kaffraria	2	2	6
New Westminster	1	7	5
	£31	1	9½

LENT.

The season of Lent falls very early this year, and Easter Day will come round once more before March is out.

There will be the usual Special Services held in our Churches during this solemn season. On Wednesday evenings there will be a Sermon at Hambleden, on Thursday evenings at Frieth, and on Friday evenings at Skirmett. There will also be a Special Service at Rockwell End on Tuesdays. We hope to have the assistance of some special preachers, but we may not be able to form a complete list, as it is no easy matter to supply three Churches with assistance from outside the parish.

We trust that many of our parishioners will be able to use, and to profit by, the additional opportunities for public worship which will be afforded them.

It is a good old saying that "Where there's a will there's a way," and if only people will make the effort to give up a little additional time to the service of Almighty God, they will in the end be *gainers, not losers*, by so doing.

ORGANIST.

The Rector has not yet been able to meet with an Organist for the Parish Church, to fill Mr. Mountford's place. He hopes, however, before long to be successful.

MEDMENHAM.

BURIAL. Jan. 27.—Johanna Day, aged 69.

The break-up of the frost has been a great relief, except, perhaps, to a few skaters. It was a spell of severe weather that will not be forgotten, reminding us more of the severity of the winter during the Crimean War than that of any other. It remains yet to be seen whether much harm has been done.

It was an anxious time for the new heating apparatus at the Church, and quite necessary to keep a slow fire banked up during all the worst of the weather. This was carefully seen to. If such care has necessitated, which it has, the use of a larger measure of fuel, no one will complain. The Church was nicely warmed on Sundays, and the apparatus is unharmed.

The Ringers and Choir had a gathering on Jan. 1st; in the first place at the Church, where, after a short Service, the Vicar gave an address to them as Church helpers; after that, at the Vicarage, where all sat down to supper and to spend a social evening.

It is our duty to say that besides the outstanding debt still upon us for Church warming apparatus, which, however, a kind gentleman has given us much hope and reason to believe he will manage for us, there is also the serious obligation to Messrs. Wellicome of over £8 for the cleaning and painting of the School. This latter was an expense that was positively ordered by H.M. Inspector at his last visit. It had to be, and has been, done: and now it has to be paid for. We shall be glad to hear that assistance is forthcoming quickly.

We have been fortunate in securing an outside preacher for each Wednesday in Lent, excepting in the Holy Week. The Services will be at 7 p.m., and the "Story of the Cross" sung immediately after the Sermon.