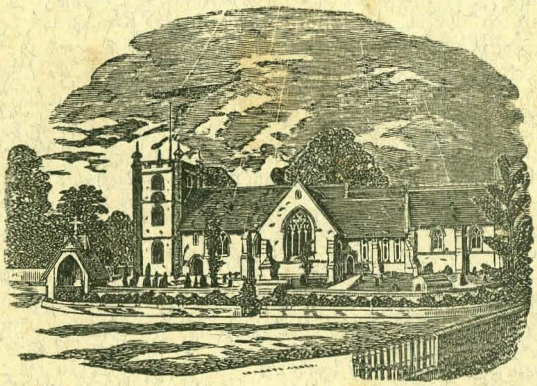
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BAPTISMS.

Mar. 1.—Eva Helen, daughter of Thomas and Mary Jackson. Millend.
„ 1.—Bessie, daughter of Daniel and Mary Ansell. Moor's End.
„ 27.—(Privately) Eliza, daughter of Robert and Hannah Wing. Spurgrove.
„ 29.—Amy Susan, daughter of Owen & Sarah Leaver. Little Frieth.
„ 29.—Victor James, son of James & Elizabeth Hobbs. Perrin Spring.

MARRIAGE. March 30.—George Bunting to Alice Jane Coker.

BURIALS. March 9.—Annie Bateman. Hambleden. Aged 7.
„ 25.—Mary Bateman. Hambleden. Aged 10.
„ 26.—Samuel Bateman. Hambleden. Aged 12.

The three burials recorded this month move our deepest sympathy. It is seldom that parents are called upon to part with half their dear children in less than four weeks, but such has been the case in this bereaved family. Two have, alas! died from diphtheria, which has re-appeared amongst us once more in a very malignant form. We are thankful, however, that at present it has spread to no other home, and we trust now that it will not do so. It is very mysterious what has occasioned this fresh outbreak, and it is quite impossible to give any certain cause. We do, however, sympathize most truly with the Bateman family in this their unexpected trial. May God be with them, and help them to say "Thy will be done."

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

The Services at the Parish Church were fairly well attended during Holy Week, very well on Good Friday, and the congregations on Easter Day were unusually large. There were, on the whole, a good number of Communicants, although we have sometimes had more. The total number at the three Churches was 202.

On account of the coldness of the weather and the early date of Easter day this year, very few out-door flowers could be found. Hambleden and Skirmett Churches, notwithstanding, both looked very bright and pretty, but at Frieth decorations were not attempted, as the good people in that district live too near the North Pole to obtain any flowers at this time of year!

DIOCESAN INSPECTION.

Our three Schools have lately been inspected by the Rev. F. L. Nash, who has been appointed by the Bishop as Diocesan Inspector of Schools, in the place of Mr. Dickson, for the Rural Deanery of High Wycombe.

We give the Reports, which are, we think, quite satisfactory considering the difficulties we have had to encounter lately, especially at Hambleden, in carrying on our Schools as we should wish.

Hambleden.—"The results of the Examination are quite satisfactory. The Catechism is very well known throughout the School, except in Standard I., which is weak in this point. The answering in all the subjects was very fair, and all the written work was creditable, some of the papers being very good. The Infants are a very good little Class."

Commended for Prizes.—Fred Chambers (Bishop's Prize), Nellie Edwin, Willie Metcalfe, F. Slyfield, W. Creed, A. Day, B. Bowles (Rector's Prizes).

Commended (but not for Prizes).—Alice Lovelock, Maud Heath, George Keeley, Harold Westoby, Alfred Rogers, Willie Beale. (These children received some pretty reward cards.)

Frieth.—"This School has passed a very satisfactory Examination. The work appeared to be well known, and the answering was bright and intelligent throughout all the Classes. The written work on slates (Standard II.) was good. All that was done on paper (Standard III. and upwards) was very creditable, some of it remarkably good."

The following are specially worthy of commendation: Hetty Atkins (Bishop's Prize), Agnes Woodward, Alfred Heath, Beatrice Dalton,

Bessie Parrott, Minnie Neighbour, Percy West, Leonard Fulkner (Rector's Prizes).

Commended (but not for Prizes).—Katie Collie, William Atkins, William Higgs, Jas. Leaver, Mary Smith, Lily Purcell, Mary Bates, Ernest West. (These received reward cards.)

Skirmett.—"This little School passed a fair Examination in the rudiments of Religious Knowledge. A considerable part of the Catechism was very fairly known by the elder ones, and a good many hymns and texts were repeated, especially by Lottie Stallwood. Easy Scripture questions were answered very fairly."

Commended.—Lottie Stallwood (Rector's Prize), Emily Heath (Teacher's Prize).

HAMBLEDEN PARISH CHURCH.

Communion Offertory Collections. Accounts.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1st, 1890, Balance ...	1	13	10½
Offertory Collections, 1890	33	19	10
	£35	13	8½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Given in Money...	4	9	0
Paid for School Fees	1	0	11
Communion Wine	2	15	0
Wine and Brandy in Sickness	4	8	6
Organ, special	0	13	0
Given in Meat	2	19	9
Washing Surplices	1	2	6
Communion Bread	0	12	1
Towards Water Bed for special case	1	0	0
Sundries	0	13	10
Given in Money ...	1	13	0
Given through Rev. F. W. Reade ...	6	13	4
Washing Surplices ... (Frieth)	0	10	6
Orders on Grocer ... (Frieth)	3	5	0
Choir Boys and Music (Frieth)	1	14	2
Sunday School ... (Frieth)	1	4	9
Communion Bread ... (Frieth)	0	8	1
	35	3	5
Balance in hand, Jan. 1st, 1891	0	10	3½
	£35	13	8½

This is the first time that the above Account has been published in the Magazine. The Rector intends for the future to publish it Annually, as it is only right that the Communicants should know how their offerings are spent. The Communion Offertory Collection at Frieth comes to a very trifling sum indeed, so that it is absolutely necessary to supplement that largely from the Mother Church, especially as there are many very poor people in that district.

It was not possible this year to carry any balance towards the expenses of Skirmett Church as has been the case most years. The Rector would be glad of help from time to time for this object, as he does not receive a single subscription from any one in the Parish towards the expenses of this Church, (probably because it has not occurred to any one that help is needed.) The annual expenses generally amount to £10 or £12, which have chiefly to be defrayed by the Rector, and by what little help he can get from an occasional Collection, unless he can obtain assistance from the Offertory of the Parish Church. Unfortunately nearly all those best able to help attend the Parish Church, and so are not specially interested in Skirmett.

FRIETH WATER SUPPLY.

The Rector has received the following notice for insertion.

Our friends at Frieth during the summer months for several years past have suffered from a scarcity of water, both for drinking and domestic purposes. Last summer this scarcity was so great, that it became necessary to make some provision, to secure, if possible, an increased and regular supply. Accordingly, at a Public Meeting held

on the 27th of December, a Committee was appointed to consider, and take action in the matter. This Committee, having obtained permission from the proper authorities, decided to store the water falling on the Church, as some provision to be used in a time of drought, and for this purpose a large tank is now being constructed in the yard on the other side of the roadway, opposite the Church. The yard not being of quite sufficient width, C. A. Scott Murray, Esq. has kindly given two or three feet from the adjoining field. The tank will be twenty feet deep, and fifteen feet in diameter, and is calculated to hold 20,000 gallons. The annual rainfall on the Church is estimated at 26,000 gallons. On the North side of the Churchyard, through which the water will be conducted, there are no graves, neither will there be in the future any burials there. The estimated cost of the work is £55.

The Committee have much pleasure in stating that Mr. C. A. Cripps, Q.C., of Parmoor, has kindly promised to aid the efforts of the Committee by making up any deficiency, and the Committee now respectfully appeal to their fellow-parishioners and friends to aid them by their kind subscriptions, which will be gratefully acknowledged by Mr. Thos. West, Frieth, Secretary, or Rev. F. W. Reade, Frieth Parsonage.

The following subscriptions have been already received or promised.

	£	s.	d.
C. A. Scott Murray, Esq. (and part of site)	2	0	0
The Rector	3	0	0
Messrs. Wethered & Sons ...	5	0	0
Messrs. Brakespear & Sons...	1	0	0
Messrs. Ive Bros....	0	10	6
Messrs. West & Collier ...	10	0	0
Rev. F. W. Reade	1	0	0
Mrs. House	0	5	0
Mr. Bird	0	2	6
Mr. C. Bond, sen.	0	10	6
By small subscriptions in Frieth	1	5	3
	£24	13	9

MEDMENHAM.

BAPTISM. March 19th.—Henry Charles Bernard Lathom.

The Wednesday Evening Services in Lent were attended by numbers much exceeding those of any previous Lent that we remember. We were fortunate in obtaining Preachers from without on each occasion. All thanks to them for their trouble so generously undertaken.

The Holy Week with Good Friday, and the Great Festival of Easter were observed with marked care. Flowers for Easter were most scarce, but enough were provided by those who kindly sent them to make our little Church appear in joyful beauty.

The usual Vestry Meetings have been held. At the meeting on Lady Day, Mr. James Ralston and Mr. George Field were nominated Overseers of the Poor; the following were named as eligible to serve the office of Constable—Robert Young, James Maskell, and Alfred Smallbones, and Mr. James Hobbs was appointed Surveyor of the Highways.

At the Meeting held on Tuesday in Easter Week, the Churchwardens Accounts were produced, examined, and approved. Balance due to late Churchwardens, £21 7s. 6d.

Mr. Frederick Wright was appointed Vicar's Churchwarden, and Mr. Philip Hobbs, Churchwarden for the Parish.

It was agreed to ask for a Subscription when required by the Churchwardens.

The Churchwardens were requested to levy a Rate on the Great Tithe Owners. Balance due on their account to the late Churchwardens, £12 9s. 4. as audited, there being also due, sundry other payments.

We have received a very kind donation of £5 from Mrs Smith, of Greenlands, towards the amount (£8 13s.) required to pay for the Painting, &c. of our School Room.