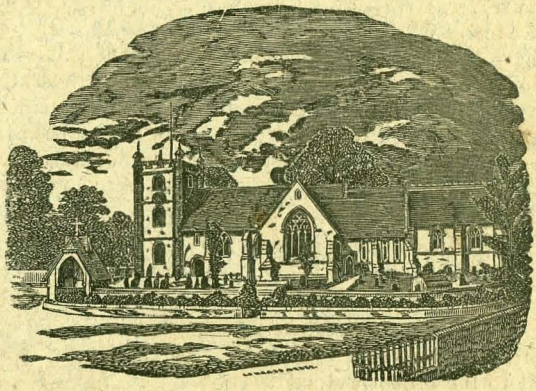
THE

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BAPTISMS.

April 5.—Albert William, son of James and Rebecca Leaver. Frieth.
„ 11.—Hetty Alice, daughter of James and Louisa Annie Small. Lag Path.
„ 19.—Alice Mary, daughter of John Francis and Rosetta Higgins. Coombe Bottom.

MARRIAGE.

April 18.—Fred Shepherd to Florence Fanny Plumridge.

BURIAL.

April 8.—William Plumridge. Pheasants' Hill. Aged 51.

DIPHTHERIA.

We have been once more brought face to face with this terrible disease. The one case now existing in the village has caused quite a sensation in the place, indeed, amongst some very little less than a small panic. The patient, though very seriously ill is, we trust, not hopelessly so, and there are already some signs of improvement.

The cause for this fresh outbreak remains a mystery—as great a mystery as many of the previous cases have been. Of course, many theories have been started to account for it, but nothing has yet been proved, and probably nothing will be proved to the satisfaction of anyone. Hambleden Schools have had to bear the chief loss occasioned by it, as many of the children have for a time been taken away, although without authority, and the School funds must suffer!

Dr. Dyson Wood, the Sanitary Authority for this district, has absolutely refused to close the Schools for one case only, and has also pronounced the cleanliness and sanitary condition of the Schools to be very satisfactory, and he is about to supply a formal certificate to that effect.

Under these circumstances, we do ask our friends and parishioners not to interfere with the attendance of the children at School, but to leave that to the proper authorities.

If Dr. Dyson Wood refuses to grant a certificate for the closing of the Schools because he considers it unnecessary, *there the matter ends.* No one after that has any right to interfere or to prevent children from attending as required by law.

Parents may rest assured that every proper precaution will be taken for the safety and health of their children, but it is of little use having a proper authority constituted to deal with these matters if everyone is going to take the law into his own hands and to nullify the rights of the Attendance Committee at Henley-on-Thames, whose duty it is to see that all children, who have not passed the required Standard, attend School regularly.

THE CHURCHES.

It is satisfactory to be able to announce that all three of our Churches are out of debt. The "deficits" both at Frieth and Skirmett have been met by the kindness of some of our parishioners; and the Church account at Hambleden showed a balance in hand at the Easter Vestry of about £7.

HAMBLEDEN CHURCH CHOIR.

The Hambleden Choir have been entertained at the Rectory—the senior members to supper and the Boys to tea since Easter. On both occasions we believe that pleasant evenings were spent. The senior members of the Choir took the opportunity of presenting Mr. F. Shepherd with a wedding present, consisting of a Carving Knife and Fork and Steel in a leather case. Mr. F. Shepherd has been for some time a member of the Choir, and has been one of the most regular in his attendance at the weekly practices. He is also Foreman in the Belfry, and the ringers as a mark of good will presented him with a Teapot.

His marriage took place in the Parish Church, on Saturday, April 18th, and the choir and ringers attended. There were two hymns sung during the ceremony, and when it was over the ringers gave a merry peal!

We wish Mr. Shepherd and his wife many years of happiness in their married life!

UNIVERSITIES' MISSION TO CENTRAL AFRICA.

School Report for 1890.

Name, Tribe, and Age—Selwyn Ukolo. Kame. 15 or 16.
Class and School—Third Class. Kiungani.
Holy Scripture—Answers well, and good on paper.
Reading—Monotonous.
Writing, &c.—Getting careless.
Arithmetic—Quick, but untidy and inaccurate.
English—Translates and spells well.
General Character and Progress—Has very poor health. Goes on well as before, but is too quick tempered. Very sorry when he has done wrong.

(Signed) P. L. JONES-BATEMAN.

Nov., 1890.

From "Central Africa" Magazine.

The Sisters who superintend the Girls' Schools at Magila, (where there are six with an average attendance of 180 children) will be grateful for a further supply of dresses for children under 7 years of age, and for the older ones, lengths of print or handkerchiefs from 2 to 2½ yards long and 1 to 1½ yards wide. If kind friends in the parish who have the means, will provide material, Mrs. Wetherall will undertake to cut out the garments; then if each woman and girl who can work would make one, there would be a nice parcel to send to Zanzibar. These small dresses are very simple and easily made. Will not some of our people who can only give their time, thus help the Sisters at Magila?

LENT WORKING PARTY.

A large parcel of work done by the ladies during Lent, has been sent to Mrs. Mogg for the New Westminster Mission, and will be forwarded shortly. There were twenty-eight garments in the parcel.

MAGAZINE ACCOUNT FOR 1890.

Receipts	£	s.	d.
Magazines	15	16	2
Postage	1	3	11
	17	0	1
Deficit	0	2	2
	£17	2	3

Expenses.	£	s.	d.
Blackwell's Bills	15	8	1
Carriage of Magazines	0	8	6
Paid to Saleswomen	0	5	0
Book Post Wrappers	0	15	8
Wrappers unstamped	0	0	6
Stamps extra	0	4	6
	£17	2	3

This is the first year that the Magazine Account has so nearly balanced, and it would not do so now but for the kindness of one or more friends who pay more than the cost of one Magazine and postage. Several too who are not parishioners pay 2/6 yearly, and this is a great help.

MEDMENHAM.

Parochial Fund Account for 1890.

Received.	£	s.	d.
In hand from 1889 (See Magazine for June, 1890)	4	4	11
Mr. P. Hobbs	2	0	0
Mr. James Ralston	1	0	0
Thomas Townsend, Esq.	1	1	0
Oxford University Chest	6	6	0
C. A. Scott Murray, Esq. (for Parish)	6	6	0
From Churchwardens	0	10	6
School Pence	2	5	4
Government Grant	10	6	11
William Ivimey, Esq.	2	2	0
Rev. W. and Mrs. Hill	1	1	0
By Offertory	43	10	1
A Friend	4	0	0
	£84	13	9

Expenses.	£	s.	d.
Sums, 1890, credited but not received	3	0	0
Church Expenses	12	7	2
School, including Salary of Mistress	50	9	0
Firing and Clothing Clubs	4	10	11
Alms to Poor	10	9	6
Books, &c.	0	7	0
In hand	3	10	2
	£84	13	9

There were also collected in our Church the following sums:—

	£	s.	d.
For S.P.G.	1	18	10
,, Pastoral Letter D.C.B.S.	1	5	9
,, Reading Hospital	4	0	0
,, Marlow Cottage Hospital	1	1	4
,, Lighting Fund	4	18	3
,, Church Penitentiary Association	0	5	0
,, Warming Apparatus	3	3	1
	£16	12	3

We have much satisfaction in noticing that James Austin of Bockmore End, passed the Cambridge Local Examination before leaving Sir William Borlase's School at Great Marlow. A Medmenham Scholar, if qualified, will now be elected into the place of James Austin.