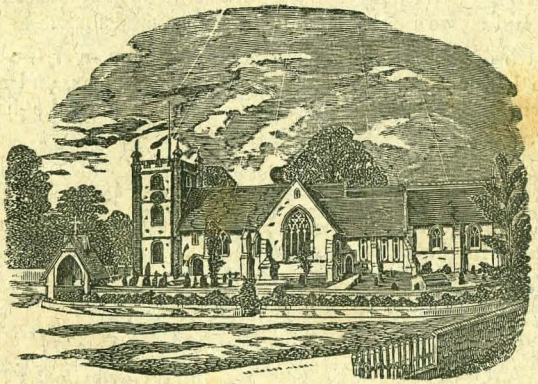
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BAPTISMS.

May 3.—Minnie, daughter of Henry and Cecilia Sainsbury. Greenlands.

„ 3.—Alfred, son of James and Annie Higgs. Pheasants.

„ 3.—Ralph, son of William and Florence Tilbury. Bagmoor.

„ 10.—Mary, daughter of Henry and Caroline Perkins. Greenlands.

„ 17.—Milly, daughter of Walter and Mary Hobbs. Greenwood Cottages.

„ 17.—Archie Christopher, son of Frederick and Annie Bond. Frieth.

MARRIAGE.

May 25.—Harry Bennett to Barbara Helena Harrison.

BURIALS.

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

May 1.—Stella Frances Parkins. Aged 13.

The burial of William Austin was wrongly entered in the May Magazine and so we insert it again in a corrected form.

The death of Stella Parkins cast quite a gloom over the Village as it was the 13th death from diphtheria in ten months, and she was so well known in the Village and at the School where she had been a Monitress.

We deeply sympathize with the parents in their loss which, however, we truly believe is her gain.

We are thankful to be able to say that there is no further outbreak of diphtheria in the Parish, and once more we venture to hope that the disease has entirely disappeared.

THE SCHOOLS.

The time is drawing on towards the Annual Government Inspection, and the end of the School year is near at hand. The Ratepayers are asked to contribute a threepenny rate *as usual*. Although this amount will be scarcely sufficient for our needs. This year has been unusually expensive, especially at Hambleden School. The School was closed for eight weeks and of course the School Fees were lost for that time, moreover the attendance throughout the year has been considerably smaller than usual, so that the income of the School from School Fees will be much less than in past years. It will doubtless be necessary to ask for a higher rate next year but it was thought better to wait and see what effect "Free Education" would have upon the School Funds before asking for more subscriptions. At any rate, Hambleden Schools have been carried on for ten or twelve years by the aid of an annual *threepenny* rate and some independent subscriptions, whereas it is not unusual for *School Board Rates* to amount to tenpence or a shilling. We hope and believe that in the future we shall be able to carry on the Schools efficiently and never exceed a sixpenny rate as the maximum of our call upon the Ratepayers. As the Rector is Treasurer, and so responsible for the School Accounts,

he begs that all subscriptions due for the year ending June 30, may be paid AT ONCE (including the threepenny rate) so that he may be enabled to complete the Accounts for the year in time for the Inspector's visit in July. This is absolutely necessary, and required by the Education Department.

MUSIC LESSONS.

Mr. H. T. Swann, Organist at the Parish Church, gives instruction in playing the Organ, Piano, or Harmonium. Terms on application. Address—Rectory Cottages, Hambleden.

THE CHOIRS.

The Frieth Choir-men are going for their annual holiday on Monday, June 1st. Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight have been chosen for the Excursion.

We hope that Hambleden Choir—which now consists of about 25 members—will be able to have their holiday in a few weeks' time.

One or two of our principal parishioners have already paid their subscriptions towards the "Holiday Fund." Will all others who are interested in the Church and her Services send their offerings either to the Rector or Organist, towards this Fund? If they would do this "spontaneously," it would save the unpleasantness of begging from house to house! It is quite impossible to take a party of 25 for a good day's holiday without a sum of £10 or £12—especially if there be much travelling involved. It is usual now in almost all Parishes for the Choirs to have such a treat (and they certainly deserve it), and we cannot think that the Church people in Hambleden Parish wish their own Choirs to be forgotten. The Choirs do not like begging for themselves, and so the Rector who is somewhat, we fear, a *hardened beggar*, is obliged to do it for them. In a Parish where there are *three* Churches and *three* Choirs the help required is considerable, but then all the *adult members* give their time and services to the Church *gratis!*

SKIRMETT CHURCH.

Account—Jan. 1, 1890, *to Easter*, 1891.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
By Collections	5	2	2
By Special Gifts	9	0	0
	£14	2	2

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Caretaker	5	0	0
Bell Ringer	1	5	0
Coke	2	17	6
Wood, for Stove	0	2	6
Oil for Lamps	0	16	8
Brushes ... ... / Special Cleaning / Washing Surplices / Cloths, &c.	1	1	4
Tuning American Organ ...	1	10	0
Repairs	0	16	6
Fire Assurance	0	9	9
	13	19	3
Balance in hand ...	0	2	11
	£14	2	2

This Account is for a year and a quarter—henceforth it will run from Easter to Easter.

The Account has been made to balance on the right side by the kindness of friends who have paid off what would have been a considerable deficit. The American Organ was hired on the three years' system at £1 12s. 6d. per quarter; this payment has been defrayed by the Rector and is not inserted in the Account. There is only one more payment to be made to fulfil the contract when the Instrument will become *our own.*

We are afraid that the Morning Services on Sunday will have to be interrupted for a time during the summer, as the Clergy will be away in turn for their holidays and two Clergymen cannot be in three places at once. However, when the Morning Service at Skirmett was first started, it was given with the understanding that it could not be held *always as an absolute rule.* Mr. Reade will be away from Frieth during the month of June.

MEDMENHAM.

BAPTISMS.

April 19.—Ellen Ayriss. | May 3.—Joseph Barksfield.
May 17.—Georgianna Carpenter.

BURIALS.

April 14.—Winifred Emma Louise Adby, aged 1 year and 10 months.
„ 17.—Sarah Harding, aged 83 years.
May 30.—Catherine Elizabeth Nixon, aged 83 years.

Two of the above notices are very remindful of Medmenham days as they were in the past. Mrs. Harding was known to many of us, and a more kind neighbourly person it would have been difficult to meet. She has left pleasing recollections, which the absence of some ten years has not obliterated.

Miss Nixon, as far as this Parish is concerned, belonged almost to an earlier generation, and it is only the more aged who well remember her; but she was intimately connected with some of the best traditions of the place, a fact which was not lost sight of at the time when her body was laid to rest in our Churchyard.

The School year has closed with the month of May, and the Visit of H.M. Inspector is to be on Thursday, June 4th. What with the weather, &c., we have had no little to contend with during the year, but we should be less anxious if attendances had been kept which there was every reason to expect would be kept. There can be little doubt that when the Government grants Free Education as it appears to be about to grant in the Autumn, that it will be much more exacting with regard to punctual attendance than it is now.

Cricket. We are glad to see that some little attention is being paid to cricket by the Village lads, but it has been so far carried on under depressing circumstances.