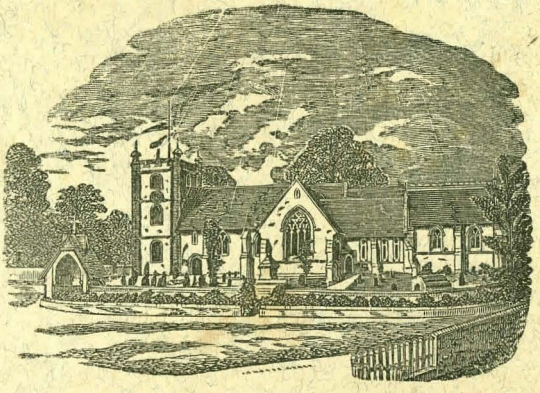
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BAPTISMS.

July 5.—Elma, daughter of Charles James and Sarah Neighbour. Frieth.
„ 5.—Albert Harry, son of Albert John and Mary Brazier. Lane End.
„ 5.—William Sidney, son of Eli and Sarah Sadler. Skirmett.
„ 19.—Charles Herbert, son of Alfred & Annis Sellers. Hambleden.

BURIALS.

July 1. (Died June 27.) Henry Drewett. Rockwell End. Aged 68.
„ 15. (Died July 12.) Mary Goodfellow. Yewden Lodge. Aged 32.

Henry Drewett, whose death is recorded above, had suffered long indeed. For eight years he had kept his bed and been a complete prisoner to his room. Paralysis had so crippled him that for a long time past he had had no power to turn himself, and his case was truly pitiable. We rejoice that his time of suffering and helplessness is at an end, and we hope and believe that his heavy trial was not in vain. He passed away peacefully, and had been praying for some time that he might be released.

HAMBLEDEN CHURCH CHOIR.

The Annual Excursion of the above Choir took place on Wednesday, July 22nd. The Rector of Henley had organised an excursion train to Bournemouth and back, which took nearly 500 passengers, including our own Choir. The day was not perfectly fine, but there was very little rain to interfere with any one's pleasure. Bournemouth was reached soon after 11 o'clock, rather later than was anticipated owing to some unexpected delays by the way. Of course the sea-side was the chief attraction which, together with the beautiful pier, was largely patronised by all the excursionists. The Rector had made previous arrangements respecting dinner and tea for the Hambleden Choir, which gave complete satisfaction to all the members. In the afternoon a good number availed themselves of a trip by steamboat to Swanage and back and very much enjoyed themselves, as the weather during that time was perfectly fine. The homeward journey began at 7.45, and as there were two engines attached to the train a good run was made to Basingstoke without a stoppage.

We very much regret that the return to Hambleden did not end so happily as we could have wished, and this circumstance to some, at any rate, quite spoilt what would otherwise have been a thoroughly enjoyable holiday, but we will say no more.

HAMBLEDEN CHURCH CHOIR.

The Hambleden Church Choir, so far as the Senior Members are concerned, is undergoing re-arrangement and re-organization. Mr. Muirhead has kindly undertaken to act as Precentor. It may be some little time before sufficient members can be found and a fresh start be made, especially as Mr. Muirhead is shortly leaving home for several weeks, and the Organist will be away for his holidays. During that interval we must do the best we can, even if we are reduced to boys only. There are several old members of the Choir who have done good service in the past, and by their help and example have been our bulwark. We hope they will still be willing to give their services to the Church.

SCHOOL FEAST.

The children belonging to Hambleden School, together with the Choir children from Frieth and Skirmett, were invited to a School Feast in the Rectory Meadow on Tuesday, July 28th. The weather was, unfortunately, unsettled, and some rather heavy showers fell at intervals during the afternoon, on the whole, however, everything went off very well, and the children had a good tea out of doors between the showers in bright sunshine.

The Teachers had tea afterwards in the Schoolroom. There were plenty of good things in the shape of buns, cake, bread and jam, and bread and butter, which the children appeared thoroughly to appreciate. After the Teachers' tea, Needlework prizes were distributed to the girls, including 4 little children belonging to the Infant Class. This was a new departure, but as the Needlework had been universally very good, the ladies in the parish, who took a kindly interest in the matter, considered that it ought to be acknowledged, and after very careful consideration awarded the prizes to those whose names appear below. Mrs. Wetherall spoke to the children about their work, and Mrs. Grenfell distributed the prizes. After this, as well as before tea, various games were thoroughly enjoyed by the children, together with some races for the boys, and at about 7.30 a very happy afternoon came to a close.

Needlework Prizes.

	s.	d.
Standard VII.—Ellen Edwin ...	3	6
,, VI.—Ada Clayton ...	3	0
,, VI.—Louisa Lucas ...	2	6
,, V.—Alice Langford...	2	6
,, V.—Emily Collins ...	2	0
,, V.—Lucy Creed (commended) ...	0	3
,, IV.—Kate Webb ...	2	6
,, IV.—Alice Lovelock...	2	0
,, IV.—Ada Webb (commended) ...	0	3
,, III.—Gertrude Plumridge	1	6
,, III.—Annie Lovelock	1	0
,, II.—Mabel Keeley ...	1	6
,, II.—Ada Plumridge	1	0
Standard II.—Jane Webb (commended)	0	3
,, I.—Ethel Heath ...	1	6
,, I.—Ada Charlton ...	1	0
Infant Class.—Mary Higgs ...	0	3
,, —Clara Sellers ...	0	3
,, —Henry Perkins ...	0	3
,, —Nelson Beale ...	0	3

Knitting Prizes.

Ellen Edwin	1	6
Louisa Lucas	1	6
Alice Langford	1	6
Kate Webb...	1	0

FRIETH CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Teachers of Frieth Sunday School accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Reade went to London on Monday, July 27th, for a day's holiday. They paid a visit to the Naval Exhibition, and altogether spent a long but pleasant day notwithstanding the showery weather. As the Rector has not received any detailed account of the day, he is unable to send more than this bare notice to the Magazine.

FLOWER SERVICE.

On Sunday, July 19th, a Flower Service was held at Skirmett. A very good congregation of children and adults assembled in the little church to join in it, and a great number of lovely flowers were brought, principally by the children, as an offering to God, for St. Peter's Home, Kilburn. The flowers were sent off to London the next morning, so that they might arrive at their destination that day. We very

quickly received from the Home warm and hearty thanks for the same. Flowers appear to be always appreciated by the different Homes and Hospitals to which from time to time we send them.

SELWYN UKOLO.

Miss Katie Rixon has kindly consented to collect the money for Selwyn Ukolo's education, as Miss Smith who formerly did so has, we regret to say, left Mill End. We hope that she will be able to collect the £7 required, as it would be a pity not to be able to complete our undertaking now that we have thus far succeeded; though not without difficulty.

MEDMENHAM.

DEATH.

July 25th.—James Ralston, aged 69.

THE death of Mr. Ralston absorbs all thought in the Parish while we are writing. Many months ago it was quite evident that a serious illness was coming upon him; and though he battled against it with great courage, his friends were all alarmed at once by what they could see for themselves as well as by the efforts he made to do as ever. Truly, at last, the end came with great rapidity; and now the absence of the well-known figure, as we used to see him driving from place to place, causes a feeling of silent painfulness.

Viewing our loss in its strong reality, it simply seems as though the Parish can't get on without Mr. Ralston. He had been here so long—some 43 years—and everybody has been brought in contact with him. We say advisedly that we do very much doubt whether the Parish can "get on" as the saying is, unless there is a large measure of the excellent qualities of Mr. Ralston left here, viz., a genial kindly spirit, warm sympathy, and conciliating tact. It must be allowed that his was no easy place to fill, nor will it be easy for any one to be to the majority of people what Mr. Ralston was to them.

The disappointment caused by the removal of his remains from our midst cannot be disguised. So many people in the neighbourhood would have been only too glad to show the regard they truly feel for an old and most valued friend. But the decision of his friends in this matter is both reasonable and to be respected. At their desire he will rest with members of his own family in Scotland, the land of his birth and boyhood, where his affections always lay, near Stranraer.

We have, at any rate, the satisfaction of announcing that it is proposed to place a memorial stone in Medmenham Churchyard. A fund for the purpose is now being raised, the subscriptions to which are limited to 5s. each for ordinary subscribers, and 6d. each for those of the labouring class. Mr. James Hobbs, of States, will gladly receive the names of subscribers.