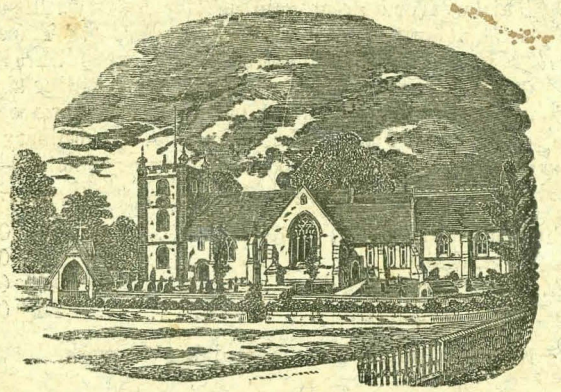
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BAPTISMS.

Sept. 6.—Harry William Turner, son of George Samuel and Annie Maria Bass, London.

„ 13.—Phyllis Norah, daughter of Frederick and Esther Louisa Pain, Pheasant's Hill.

„ 20.—Edward Charles William, son of Edward John and Louisa Mary Harris, Skirmett.

„ 20.—Alan Francis, son of Louis William Francis and Harriet Deane, Huttons.

FRIETH SCHOOL.

Some alterations have been going on at Frieth School during the past month. The Class Room at the back of the School has been enlarged by the removal of a brick partition, and a new lobby has been built. The Enlarged Class Room will now become the Infants' School Room where they will be taught apart from the bigger children. This will be a great gain as Her Majesty's Inspector has several times found fault with the former arrangement. The estimated cost was £39 10s., but as several extra items of expenditure have been incurred beyond this amount the probable outlay will be about £50. The ordinary School Funds cannot bear this, but if we could raise £40, the remaining £10 might be charged to the ordinary account. The following subscriptions have been received or promised—will not other kind friends supply the rest of the money required :—

Right Honourable W. H. Smith, M.P.	£10	0	0
Mrs. W. H. Smith	2	0	0
C. A. Cripps, Esq., Q.C.	10	0	0
The Rector	5	0	0

Mr. Harris, of Bolter End, has been doing the work.

FRIETH CHURCH.

Frieth Church has been undergoing a thorough cleaning from roof to floor. It had got into a very bad state. Some repairs have been also absolutely necessary. The folding doors have been re-covered with red baize, cracks in the walls have been stopped, the west window has been repaired, and a wire-guard is to be fixed to it. The Bell Turret is in a bad condition, and will shortly have to be re-constructed at a cost probably of £35. We have, however, postponed this work until another year, as we did not wish to be doing two works—at the School and Church—at the same time. The Bell is being re-hung, which will, we hope, make all safe for the present, so that the re-construction of the Bell Turret may wait a little longer.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL.

The stormy and unsettled weather has delayed so considerably the ingathering of the Harvest, and placed all things connected with it in a state of uncertainty that it has been quite impossible to fix a date for the Harvest Festival. We hope, however, that that date is now near at hand, and full notice will be given in the Churches on the Sunday previous. The Collections will be divided throughout the Parish between the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society and the Oxford Diocesan Spiritual Help Society. The latter is the object recommended by the Bishop in his Pastoral Letter for 1891, for assistance throughout the Diocese. It is a kind of Home Mission Society for the Diocese of Oxford, and helps to provide additional Clergymen in these Parishes where they are most needed.

We commend these two most excellent objects to the support and charity of our Parishioners at this coming Harvest Festival, and we trust that we shall not appeal to them in vain.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN CONFERENCE.

The Diocesan Conference will be held at Oxford on Thursday and Friday, October 8 and 9.

The Rector, Mr. Muirhead, and Mr. C. A. Cripps, are the elected Members of it in this Parish.

THE PAROCHIAL CLUBS.

The last payments for the year in connection with the General Clothing Club and Coal Club must be made on Monday, October 26.

Tickets will be given out *at the Rectory* on Monday, November 2, from 11 o'clock till 1. It is requested that those who live in the Frieth and Skirmett District will come in good time.

The Sunday School Clothing Club Tickets will be given out a month later as usual.

SKIRMETT CHURCH.

November 1st, All Saints' Day, will be the Dedication Festival at this Church. We hope to mark it by Services more than usually joyful. The Morning Services have been from time to time interrupted during the Summer months, but it is very difficult to keep up *three* Morning Services in the same Parish and at the same hour without interruption. If the Skirmett people attended the *Morning* Service in greater numbers the Rector would be pleased to secure help from outside, when possible, but since so few adults attend in the morning this cannot be reasonably expected, and all three Clergy cannot be always in the Parish—that is to say they are entitled to a holiday in turn. The Sunday School is flourishing, and Miss Bruce, who has taken charge of the Day School will, we are sure, do her utmost to promote its welfare. Miss Sykes, who has served us faithfully for so many years, has been compelled by ill-health to give up her charge.

MEDMENHAM.

MARRIAGE.

Sept. 5.—Henry George Hall to Emily Stevens.

There has been, unfortunately, only too much reason for delaying the Harvest Thanksgiving. People in other parts may have been more forward; but certainly here there has been no chance of securing the barley in particular. Perhaps the recent improvement in the weather will enable us to have the Thanksgiving early in this month.

It is as well that every publicity should be given to the movement now being advanced in the direction of Technical Instruction. There is a class for drawing at Great Marlow, held every Wednesday evening, and the fee is five shillings for twenty-eight lessons. It is purposed also to have lessons in some useful branch given at Medmenham, at which the fee will be considerably lower. We heartily recommend this movement to the consideration of those who wish to study economy in household management. They may find themselves able by a little attention to make up for many disadvantages in the past. Information on this important subject will very soon be made more fully known.

With regard to School attendance we can only say that it is being more diligently looked after by the Government, and graat pressure is now being placed upon the teachers. We hope that both employers and parents will be careful to prevent any unpleasant consequences.