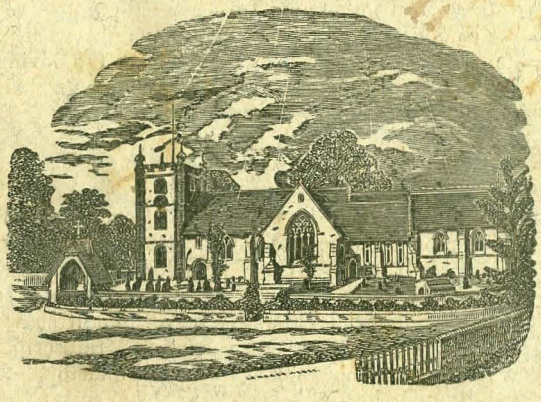
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BAPTISMS.

Oct. 4.—Euna Eda Elizabeth, daughter of Owen and Elizabeth Sears. High Wycombe.
„ 25.—Alice, daughter of Daniel and Matilda Davis. Fingest.
„ 25.—Edith Rose, daughter of Joseph and Ellen Brazier. Moor's End.

MARRIAGE.

Oct. 10.—Arthur Cook to Louisa Futter.

BURIAL.

Oct. 10.—William Henry Smith. Greenlands. Aged 66.

After the universal tribute of regard and admiration that has been paid by the people of this Country, from the highest to the lowest, to the memory of him, whose burial it is our sad duty to record this month, it would be superfluous to add more. As parishioners, we have lost a dear and kind Friend who ever took a lively interest in the affairs of this parish, whether civil or ecclesiastical, and who was always ready to give them his most generous help.

We pray God that He will bind up the hearts of those that bleed, and give us *one and all* in our varied spheres of life, not only the power to *remember* the good example left behind, *but also grace to follow it*, so that when we in our turn are called to give back the several talents committed to our trust, we may do so with joy, having improved the same, and await in humble faith the loving word of approval from our Divine Master—"Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

A Public Meeting was held in the School Room at Hambleden on October 20th, to propose some suitable Parochial Memorial to the late Mr. W. H. Smith. Mr. Scott Murray presided. The Rector was unfortunately away from home. It was decided to erect a Lych Gate at the entrance to the Burial Ground, and a Committee was formed to collect subscribers and carry out the work. Subscriptions were to be limited to the parishioners of Hambleden, and to the tenants of Greenlands residing on the Remenham Estate. As Mr. W. H. Smith gave the site for the Burial Ground, and his grave is very near the entrance to it, no more suitable memorial could possibly have been chosen, and, moreover, it may prove very useful in wet weather, as well as being an ornament to our new Cemetery.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

The Harvest Festivals at our three Churches have been held during the past month, and though unusually late there is still a little corn left uncarried here and there in consequence of the long spell of unsettled and stormy weather.

Skirmett was the first this year to lead the way. The Festival there took place on Friday evening, October 9th. The Vicar of Cadmore End preached, and there was a very fair congregation, although the Church was not full. It was a new departure holding the Festival on a week day.

The Festival at Frieth was held on Thursday evening, October 22nd, and continued on the following Sunday. There were large con-

gregations on the Sunday, and a very good one on the Thursday, notwithstanding the wet evening. There were no special preachers. The Church was very completely decorated, and did very great credit to those who must have spent so much time in preparing it for the festal occasion.

The Festival at Hambleden was held on Sunday, October 25th, and passed off very satisfactorily notwithstanding a wet evening. The preacher in the morning was the Rector of Henley, and in the evening the Vicar of Marlow. The congregations at all the Services were excellent, and had it not been for rain in the evening there would probably have been an overflowing number.

The decorations at Hambleden looked exceedingly pretty, but there were not so many flowers as usual on account of the lateness of the Festival. The Offertory collections at the three Churches have resulted in a good round sum—£16—which has been divided equally between the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and the Oxford Diocesan Spiritual Help Society.

HAMBLEDEN WORKING MEN'S INSTITUTE.

Balance Sheet: October 1st, 1890, to October 1st, 1891.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance in Hand October 1st, 1890	11	1	1
Honorary Subscriptions ...	10	18	6
Ordinary Subscriptions ...	5	14	0
Coffee and Cocoa Receipts	2	16	4
Waste Paper Sold		3	0
	£30	12	11

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Caretaker, 35 weeks at 6s. / ,, 4 ,, at 3s. \	11	2	0
Toomer and Co., Coal ...	6	13	3
Newspapers	2	11	3
Oil for Lamps	2	1	0
Wood for Fires	1	0	6
Coffee and Cocoa Expenses	2	2	2
Fire Insurance		7	0
Sundries		19	4
	£26	16	6
Balance in Hand October 1st, 1891	3	16	5
	£30	12	11

The above account is a full statement of the receipts and expenditure for the year ending September 30th last. We have now begun again, and new officers are about to be appointed for the coming year. Subscriptions are now due, if not already paid, from both Honorary and Ordinary Members. It has been proved that the selling of coffee and cocoa inflicts a heavy loss upon the funds, and so it will have to be given up. In the account it would appear that there are abotu 14s. to the good from the sale of coffee and cocoa, but this is deceptive, as it necessitates a kitchen fire all the winter, and the presence of the caretaker to supply the coffee or cocoa when wanted, and all this of course involves much additional expense.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLOTHING CLUB.

The last payments to this Club must be made at Hambleden and Skirmett on the last Sunday in November, and at Frieth on the second Sunday in November. Tickets will be given out at the Rectory on Monday, December 7th, from 11 to 1 o'clock.

BIBLE CLASS.

Mrs. Wetherall will hold a Bible Class for girls (who have left Sunday School) at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoons, beginning Sunday, November 8th.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Sermons will be preached on Sunday, November 15th, at all three Churches in behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and Missionary Meetings will be held at Hambleden and Frieth on the Monday and Tuesday evenings following. We do not help "Foreign Missions" so much as we used to do a few years back, when we connected them with the Harvest Festival, but it is most sincerely to be hoped that all those in the Parish who are thankful to God for their Spiritual blessings at home will not be unmindful of the many heathen and others abroad, who are not so highly blessed. "Preach the Gospel to *every creature*" is a *Divine command.*

PENNY BANK.

Rev. F. W. Reade has opened a "Penny Bank" at Frieth, which has made a capital start. It is in connection with the Post Office Savings Bank. There has been a "Penny Bank" at Hambleden for many years, which is connected with the Savings Bank at Henley. Now that school fees are abolished "Penny Banks" may be made more useful than ever if parents and children will lay by the pence saved by "Free Education."

The Bank at Hambleden is open from 12 to 1 o'clock every Wednesday, and that at Frieth every Monday.

FRIETH SCHOOL.

The work at Frieth School is nearly completed, and the improvement is very great. The only response to the appeal in last month's Magazine was two guineas from Messrs. West and Collier, for which we are very grateful. Will not others lend a helping hand, especially as we only ask for *a three-penny rate annually*, which is *very low* compared with most schools.

MEDMENHAM.

A wet October has of late years not been, to say the least, unusual—but the last month must have been one of the wettest that the oldest inhabitant can remember. Moreover, in this year the autumn rains have been exceedingly disastrous to the crops. A large portion of corn in this Parish remains ungathered and very much damaged—indeed while we are writing a good many acres of barley and oats are even yet not cut. In the allotments and gardens much has yet to be done before winter sets in in earnest. We had our Harvest Festival on October 11th, and collected £2 10s. 6d. for the Berkshire Hospital. The occasion had quite a cloud of gloom over it, for one could not help feeling how much property was still exposed to the inclemency of the weather. Since then we have had a flood which has almost reached the high mark of former years.

The lads in the village have this year resorted much more than usual to the School Room for reading, &c., during the long evenings. The Vicar would be thankful for any sound edifying books with which this practice may be encouraged and the lads' evenings improved.

A Children's Savings Bank has been started at the School. This movement is particularly urged by the Education Department. Surely if thrift can be promoted among the children a great point is gained. Eleven children entered their names and paid their pence on the first day.